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No. 4(2).]

ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 4

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Ports and Airports Development Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs and Minister of Lands,— Land Acquisition Act,— That the Regulations under Paragraph (f) of Sub Section (2) of Section 63 of the Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) relating to the amendment of Land Acquisition (Payment of Compensation) Regulations 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1977/8 of 26th July 2016, which were presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1968/19 of 26th May 2016, which was presented on 24.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1971/5 of 13th June 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1971/6 of 13th June 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1973/21 of 28th June 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1975/40 of 12th July 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Institute of Personnel Management (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

375/15

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in relation to the Sri Lankan delegations that attended the United Nations General Assembly in the years from 2005-2015,—
 - (i) as to who headed the delegations;
 - (ii) the number of delegates;
 - (iii) the names of the Members of Parliament among the delegates, if any;
 - (iv) the number of officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
 - (v) the total amount of money spent; and
 - (vi) the breakdown of that expenditure under Heads such as Air fares, Hotels and accomodation, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

811/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of persons recruited to various institutions of the Provincial Council after the Present Chief Minister of the Uva Province assumed duties on that post;
 - (ii) the names of those persons and the institutions to which they have been recruited, separately;
 - (iii) the procedures followed in recruiting those persons;
 - (iv) whether those recruitments have been made without any political affiliation?
- (b) If not, why?

820/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a shop was maintained by the person called Somadasa Sellahewa on the land bearing Map No. 280007, Lot No.686 and Permit No. අම/ව/බ 1369, situated at 4th Avenue, D. S. Senanayake Mawatha in Senanayakepura Grama Niladhari Division of Ampara Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) the said land was acquired by the government in 1991 for some public purpose; and
 - (iii) Mr. Somadasa Sellahewa has been granted permission by the Assistant Commissioner of Lands of Ampara to enjoy the said land again after charging Rs.171,050/-, the valuation for 30 years and Rs.1,450/- as surveyor's fee, as it was not used for any public purpose?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the land mentioned in (a)(i) above is a land belonging to Mr.Somadasa Sellahewa;
 - (ii) of the extent of that land;
 - (iii) of the first and last dates of the period within which a shop was maintained there;
 - (iv) whether acquisition of the said land by the government has been done; and
 - (v) of the public purpose for which the said land was acquired?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

608/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the policies made by the previous government in regard to admitting the children of Army personnel who are not in officer grades to the schools for the children of members of Armed Forces?
- (b) If not, why?

832/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a database in relation to the posts and grades of Accountants in the Ministries and Departments of the Central Government and Provincial Public Service;
 - (ii) the total number of vacancies for Accountants in the Ministries and Departments of the Central Government and the Provincial public Service as at 30th June 2015;
 - (iii) the places where vacancies mentioned in (ii) above exist; and
 - (iv) the number of vacancies out of the above number that have been filled by 31st December 2015?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of approved Posts of Accountants of Grade III as at 31st December 2015;
 - (ii) the total number of approved Posts of Accountants of Grade III as at 30th June 2015; and
 - (iii) the number of Posts of Accountants of Grade III being maintained despite being not approved by the Management Services Department as at 31st December 2015?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, September 21, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

611/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately in relation to each year from 2010 to date —
 - (i) the quantity of karunka (dried arecanut) that has been exported from Sri Lanka to India;
 - (ii) the value of the aforesaid quantity of karunka;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the exporters of the aforesaid quantity;
 - (iv) the quantity and the value of the karunka that has been exported by each exporter; and
 - (v) the value of the tax that has been paid to the government by each exporter?
- (b) Will he also state separately in relation to each year from 2010 to date —
 - (i) the quantity of karunka that has been imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the value of the aforesaid quantity;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the importers of the aforesaid quantity;
 - (iv) the quantity and the value of the karunka that has been imported by each importer; and
 - (v) the countries from which the aforesaid amount of karunka has been imported; and
 - (vi) the value of the tax that has been paid to the government by each importer?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) separately in relation to each year from 2010 to date, of the quantity of karunka that has been produced in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he admits that an illegal process of re-exporting karunka via Sri Lanka is taking place and that the local karunka producers and exporters have been greatly inconvenienced due to this illegal process; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken by the government to stop such illegal re-exporting of karunka?
- (d) If not, why?

(6)

812/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Local Government Institutions coming under the purview of the Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) the political parties that wielded power in those Local Government Institutions from 2010-2016;
 - (iii) the allocations made and other development aid granted to each of those Local Government Institutions after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province assumed duties on that post; and
 - (iv) whether the present Chief Minister provides the assistance required by other Local Government Institutions as he does to the Bandarawela Municipality Council?
- (b) If not, why?

819/16

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) A housing project funded by a non-governmental organization in Saudi Arabia for the Tsunami affected people in the Ampara District constructed at the Norochcholai village in Akkarapattu was suspended on a Court Order bearing Number 178/2008 delivered by the Supreme Court prior to houses being distributed amongst beneficiaries and though more than six years have lapsed since the delivery of the above judgment on 02.12.2009, the houses have not been distributed in accordance with the said court order resulting in the entire property becoming uninhabitable and therefore will he inform this House whether he instructs the Ampara District Secretary/Akkarapattu Divisional Secretary to act in accordance with the said court order?
- (b) If not, why?

821/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of families that have not been provided title deeds for the Tsunami houses constructed in state land through the National Housing Development Authority;
 - (ii) of the number of such families in Matara District;
 - (iii) whether there is a programme to provide title deeds to the families mentioned in (i) above;
 - (iv) of the qualifications to be met in providing the title deeds in the said manner;
 - (v) if so, of the number of families that have been provided title deeds under that programme by now; and
 - (vi) of the time it may take to provide title deeds to the owners of houses who have not been provided title deeds?
- (b) If not, why?

(7)

823/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of vacancies existing in National and Provincial Schools in the Matara District for Tamil medium teachers?
- (b) Will he also inform the House —
 - (i) what measures have been taken to fill those vacancies;
 - (ii) the date on which teachers will be recruited for this purpose; and
 - (iii) whether priority will be given to volunteer teachers in making recruitments?
- (c) If not, why?

776/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the villages of Damanayaya, Seegirimulla, Humbasgete and Arunodaya situated in the Nikawatana Grama Niladhari Division belonging to the Dambulla Divisional Secretariat Division are faced with a grave threat from wild elephants; and
 - (ii) that the lives and cultivations of 4500 families living in these villages are at risk as a result of this?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the reason why the electric fence established across the wilderness from Wewala to Dehigaha Ela, Diyakeppilla is not extended to cover the villages of Moragodagama, Seegirimulla, Aluthyaya, Mayilalthewa, Kalapuraya, Pollalthewa and Seegiriya;
 - (ii) whether financial provisions for this purpose have been allocated to the Dambulla Divisional Secretariat; and
 - (iii) if so, of the amount thus allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

606/16

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of foreign tours in which the Members of Parliament in the Government and Ministers have participated;
 - (ii) of the names of the Members of Parliament and Ministers including the Prime Minister who have participated in the aforesaid tours;
 - (iii) of the countries which they visited; and
 - (iv) out of the aforesaid foreign tours, separately of the official and personal tours taken;
- during the period from January to December in the year 2015?

(8)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether public officers have participated in the tours mentioned in (a) (i);
 - (ii) if so, of the number of aforesaid officers; and
 - (iii) of the total expenditure borne for the foreign tours in which Members of Parliament representing the government and Ministers have participated during the above period?
- (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, September 22, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

777/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he admits that the State Distilleries Corporation established in 1973 was sold to the private sector in 1992;
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that the service of a large number of employees was terminated after paying a meagre sum as compensation;
 - (iii) whether the report of the Presidential Commission established in this regard on 20.10.1994 will be tabled; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to provide a reasonable amount as compensation to approximately 2000 employees those who faced injustice when their service was terminated?
- (b) If not, why?

813/16

Hon Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the provincial roads developed up to now by the Present Chief Minister of the Uva Provincial Council since assuming power;
 - (ii) separately, the expenditure incurred on each such road;
 - (iii) the companies which were awarded contracts for developing the roads concerned;
 - (iv) whether such contracts have been awarded in a transparent manner;
 - (v) whether any follow-up action has been taken on the condition of the roads concerned; and
 - (vi) the measures to be taken, if the roads do not meet the required standards?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he accepts that the field officers of each district of the island were given in accordance with a budget proposal of year 2014;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that even if an advance should be paid for the motorcycles accordance with the circular issued by the Ministry of Finance pertaining to aforesaid budget proposal, an issue arose due to the fact that the field officers of the Ampara District were not given an opportunity in that regard;
 - (iii) whether he accepts the fact that 5000 field officers of Ampara District, are unlikely to get motorcycles due to aforesaid reason; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to provide aforesaid field officers with motorcycles as a relief measure since there are no transportation facilities in the difficult by roads of Ampara District?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the names of the institutions that have been permitted to provide armed security for the ships that sail in International Maritime Route of Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) of the names of the institutions that have been permitted to provide Armed Security Guards for foreign trawlers that are engaged in fishing in the Indian Ocean;
 - (iii) of the methodology adopted in granting permissions to aforesaid institutions, mentioned in aforesaid (i) and (ii); and
 - (iv) as to why the permission cannot be granted, in a transparent manner, following an open tender procedure?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Sports had given funds to governing bodies of sports targeting the SAF Games 2016, which was held in India;
 - (ii) how much was given to each respective sports associations/ federations, separately;
 - (iii) whether each association/ federation has reported to the Ministry the manner in which the funds concerned have been spent; and
 - (iv) if so, whether he will Table the reports concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the present management led by the Chairman has a systematic programme to recover the loans of Lankaputhra Development Bank;
 - (ii) whether any progress has been achieved in recovering the loans of more than 600 million rupees found in the list of persons who have not repaid loans when compared with the previous year;
 - (iii) whether the bank has given loans more than 20 million rupees even though it is not able to grant loans exceeding that limit; and
 - (iv) whether the Bank Regulations Act has been contravened by acts such as recruitment of employees in contravention with the rules of the Central Bank, giving promotions outside the proper procedure and opening information centres in Thambuththegama and Akuressa?
- (a) If not, why?
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Friday, September 23, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

795/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit—
- (i) that the Public Services Commission granted approval to the Secretary of the Ministry of Health to grant promotions to Grade 1 outside the 6:1 ratio from 01.10.2001 to 31.12.2005 to officers of Para Medical Service which include Public Health Laboratory Technologists as per the recommendation of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 28.07.2001 bearing No. අම/11/0129/509/023; and
 - (ii) however, several provincial councils have not granted salary arrears to some Public Health Laboratory Technologists who were promoted to Grade 1 in accordance with the above method?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the time to be spent for the payment of the said salary arrears?
- (c) If not, why?

828/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it is admitted that paddy can be cultivated as an alternative crop in the lands in the possession of Hingurana Sugar Company during the season in which sugarcane is not cultivated in them and in plots of lands where sugarcane is anyway not cultivated;
 - (ii) whether it has been observed that steps can be taken to cultivate paddy in Norochcholai Yaya and Deegawapi Zone without incurring any damage to the sugar industry;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that letters have been sent by the Galoya Plantation Company which manages the Higurana Sugar Company at present, to the effect that lands would be re-acquired from the farmers who engage in paddy or other cultivations other than sugarcane cultivation; and
 - (iv) whether a programme to protect the lands of the farmers who engage in paddy cultivation without making any hazardous impact on the sugarcane cultivation will be implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

796/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the approval of the Cabinet has been granted to start a tyre factory jointly by an Italian Company and Lanka Steel Private Limited at Olaboduwa Watta, Gonapala, Horana;
 - (ii) if so, the investment to be made in this regard;
 - (iii) the extent of private lands to be acquired for this purpose; and
 - (iv) measures taken as of now for the acquisition of lands?
- (b) If not, why?

830/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether action has been taken by the Committee to inform the decision that was taken regarding the Petition Number COM/PP/2015/208 submitted to the Committee on Public Petitions by Mrs. S.S.B.K.M.S.C Namarathna of the Department of Immigration and Emigration regarding a Grade 1 post in the Sri Lanka Administrative Service;
 - (ii) whether the Controller General of Immigration and Emigration was informed by the Additional Secretary (Public Administration), Mr. B.P.P.S. Abeygunarathne through the letter dated 11.05.2016 to take action in accordance with the aforementioned decision and report back to him; and
 - (iii) of the response that has been received with reference to informing the aforementioned decision?
- (b) If not, why?

831/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the maximum period the officers of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service can remain at a place of their choice;
 - (ii) whether their transfer procedure is functioning properly;
 - (iii) if so, as to how Mr. Sarath Rupasiri (S.L.A.S. - 1) and Mr. Nihal Ranasinghe (S.L.A.S. Special Grade) have been serving in the Department of Immigration and Emigration for 22 and 14 years respectively; and
 - (iv) whether he admits that the officers who have joined the department as their substitutes have faced an injustice owing to them remaining in the Department of Immigration and Emigration for a long period?
 - (b) If not, why?
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