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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, May 05, 2016 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

9/15

1. Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(2)
 - (a) Is he aware that weapons and bullets were discovered in the ship named “Mahanuwara” which was berthed at Galle Harbour and at the Southern Naval Base of Sri Lanka and in a building belong to its Seva Vanitha Unit at a search carried out by the Galle Harbour Police on 18.08.2015?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the individual or the institution with legal ownership of the weapons and bullets disclosed by the Police;
 - (ii) of the Act under which those weapons have been transferred to an individual or an institution;
 - (iii) if so, the authority who authorized such transfer;
 - (iv) of the country and the year in which those weapons were manufactured and the license obtained; and
 - (v) of the method adopted in purchasing those weapons and the amount spent for that purpose?
 - (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether permission has been granted for maintaining this floating armoury in harbour premises;
 - (ii) the authority who granted such permission;
 - (iii) whether Avant-garde pays any fee in that respect; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount paid in that manner?
 - (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he, as the Minister in charge of the subject, accepts the conclusions of the Attorney General in this regard; and
 - (ii) whether a Parliamentary Committee will be appointed in this connection?
 - (e) If not, why?

(2)

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2. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the forests coming under the Department of Wildlife Conservation get destroyed owing to Chena cultivation, poaching and various development projects;
 - (ii) it is due to the interference of higher officials and politicians that the aforesaid destructions cannot be prevented; and
 - (iii) the above destruction of forests brings about political, economic and social repercussions on the entire Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of persons who have been found guilty by law for committing the offenses of engaging in poaching and Chena cultivation in these forests during the period of last two years;
 - (ii) whether steps have been taken to put an end to poaching and Chena cultivation conducted inside conservations; and
 - (iii) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the human and physical resources currently available for the protection of the conservations are satisfactory; and
 - (ii) if not, of the steps that will be taken to tighten the protection of conservations?
- (d) If not, why?

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3. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the fishing boat named “Thushari” was subjected to terrorist attack on 29.11.2000 at the sea along Trincomalee area and in that attack the boat was destroyed and the fishermen on board went missing;
 - (ii) the Director General of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Mr. G. Piyasena in his letter No. ධූෂරි/සැ/02/06 ධූෂරි dated 10.01.2003 has admitted that the aforesaid incident is true and that the dependants of the missing fishermen deserve receiving compensation; and
 - (iii) of the dependents of those who went missing, those of the fisherman named Mr. Kumarage Don Piyaratne have neither been paid compensation nor been issued with a death certificate?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he admits that it is a grave injustice that a fair measure has not been taken in that regard despite that the widowed wife of Mr. Piyaratne, Mrs. K.M. Bridget Kanthi had submitted written requests to the former President and to the former Minister; and
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to pay compensation to Mrs. Kanthi and to issue her with the death certificate of her deceased husband?
- (c) If not, why?

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4.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that with the involvement of the previous government, money has been collected for prior propaganda activities and the other affairs, so as to make Sri Lanka, the host country in the Commonwealth Games 2018?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether tours were organized to West Indian Islands, St. Kitts and Nevis, with the money, so collected;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the participants and the total expenditure;
 - (iii) separately, of the names of the persons who were paid and the amounts paid; and
 - (iv) whether the investigation report that was prepared on the complaint lodged with the Financial Crimes Investigation Division in this regard, will be submitted?
- (c) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
- (i) the Structural Committee of Hambanthota Education Zone has taken a decision that it was appropriate to establish a Tamil Medium Primary School to provide primary education for the Muslim children living in Siribopura (Suchi Village), the village where the families displaced by the Tsunami in Hambanthota district were resettled; and

(4)

(ii) the recommendation of the Zonal Director of Education of Hambanthota bearing No. H/Ham/Zonal/Savi 01/Struc./08 and dated 29.04.2009 was referred by the Southern Provincial Director of Education through his letter bearing No. SP/Savi 01 dated 29.06.2009 for the approval of the Provincial Secretary of Education?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the steps taken and the progress with respect to the matter mentioned in (a) (ii) above;

(ii) of the reasons for not implementing the proposal that had been approved; and

(iii) whether the line ministry would look into this matter and take the necessary steps in this regard?

(c) If not, why?

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6.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether government has taken a decision to privatize Litro Gas Company and Lanka Hospitals; and

(ii) whether government draws its attention to privatize profit making state institutions as well?

(b) If not, why?

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7.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the total number of registered Pre-schools in each Provincial Council area in the country at present; and

(ii) of those Pre-schools, the number of Pre-schools with more than 50 children?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) of the total amount of money allocated to pay the allowance of Rs. 250/- to Pre-school teachers by the interim budget of February 2015;

(ii) the number of Pre-school teachers who are eligible to receive that allowance; and

(iii) whether that monthly allowance has been paid to those teachers?

(c) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of graduates who sat for the examination conducted by the Western Provincial Council in 2011 to give teaching appointments to the graduates;
 - (ii) the number of graduates who passed the examination;
 - (iii) whether appointments have been given to every person who passed the examination; and
 - (iv) if not, why?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the number of graduates who sat for the examination conducted by the Western Provincial Council on 27.12.2014 to recruit graduates to the teaching service;
 - (ii) the number of graduates who passed the examination;
 - (iii) the number of appointments given by now;
 - (iv) if appointments have not been given the reason for that; and
 - (v) the date on which the appointments will be given?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether he is aware that Development Officer Appointments in the Western Provincial Council were given to those who did not acquire necessary qualifications in the examination mentioned in above (a) (i) to get teaching appointments;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to recruit the graduates, who did not pass the above (b) (i) examination, as Development Officers in the Government Institutions in the Western Provincial Council; and
 - (iii) if not, why?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the criteria adopted to select schools under the project titled “Closest school best school” implemented by the Ministry of Education;
 - (ii) the schools selected from the Ganga Ihala Korale and Pasbage Korale education divisions in the Nawalapitiya electorate, under this project; and
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that the schools selected by the Gampola Education Zone and the Ministry of Education under the stipulated criteria have been changed on the intervention of the Minister of Education?

(6)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the two new schools nominated on the involvement of the Minister of Education were selected under the criteria mentioned in the (a) (i) above; and
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for that?
- (c) If not, why?

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10.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) separately, in respect of each country, the number of Sri Lankan citizens who have died in the countries of the Middle East region during the five year period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014;
 - (ii) their names, ages, addresses in Sri Lanka and the jobs engaged in the above countries;
 - (iii) the immediate reasons for their deaths; and
 - (iv) the reliefs granted for them by the government?
- (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, in respect of each country, the number of Sri Lankan citizens who have become fully or partially disabled in the countries of the Middle East region during the five year period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014;
 - (ii) their names, ages, addresses in Sri Lanka and the jobs engaged in the above countries;
 - (iii) the reasons for them becoming disabled; and
 - (iv) the reliefs granted for them by the government?
- (c) If not, why?

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11.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) in Kili/Government Muslim Mixed School of Mulankavil, Nachchikuda, Kilinochchi of Northern province, nearly 500 students study from the primary classes to G.C.E (Ordinary Level) classes;
 - (ii) the classes are conducted in a temporary tin hut since there are no proper hall facilities; and
 - (iii) there is a dearth of teachers to teach the subjects like English, Geography, Arabic language and Islam?

(7)

- (b) Will he inform this House whether the measures will be taken to provide a school building and the teachers without delay to teach the subjects, mentioned in aforesaid (a) iii?
- (c) If not, why?

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12.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which CSN Television Channel was registered;
 - (ii) the registered address of the channel;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the members of its board of directors;
 - (iv) the amount of money paid by CSN channel to secure the telecasting rights of cricket matches from the year 2012 – 2015;
 - (v) the income received by the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation from telecasting cricket matches separately from the year 2005 to 2011; and
 - (vi) the reason for the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation not applying for the telecasting rights of cricket matches of the Australian tour in August/September 2011?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the B.Y. Thudawe Social Welfare Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Finance,—Supplementary Sum—Head 240— Programme 2,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Fifty Five Million (Rs. 55,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the service of the Financial year beginning on 01st January 2016 and ending on 31st December 2016.

On the services specified in the schedule hereto.

- (a) In settlement of the Advance Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 and 11 made from the Contingencies Fund in the financial year 2015.

(8)

Schedule

Head	240	—	Department of National Budget
Programme	02	—	Development Programme
Project	03	—	Accounting Assistance
			Total Expenditure = Rs. <u>55,000,000</u>
			(Rupees fifty five million only)

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.1 of 2016 presented on 24th March, 2016

*2.

Registration of Persons (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under subsection 3 of Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011, relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1947/47 of 01st January 2016, which was presented on 06.04.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 22 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, regarding revision of Excise Duty on spirits (Ethyl Alcohol) and issuing Licence to Import Spirit (Ethyl Alcohol), and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1956/19 of 02nd March 2016, which were presented on 06.04.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 988)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Regulations under the Measurement Units, Standards and Services Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Food Security under Section 60 of the Measurement Units, Standards and Services Act, No. 35 of 1995 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1921/54 of 2nd July 2015, which were presented on 05.04.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No.1 of 1969 as amended by the Act No.48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1953/27 of 11th February 2016, which were presented on 10.03.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(9)

*7.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No.1 of 1969 as amended by the Act, No.48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1953/28 of 11th February 2016, which were presented on 10.03.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Order under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice under subsection (3) of Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1926/46 of 6th August 2015, which was presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Regulations under the Judicature Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice under Section 61 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 read with Section 45 of the Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1954/34 of 18th February 2016, which were presented on 08.03.2016, be approved.

*10.

Minister of Sports,— Regulations under the Sports Law,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Sports under Section 41 of the Sports Law No. 25 of 1973 read with Section 31 of that Law, amending the Sections 13 and 17 contained in the National Sports Association Regulations No. 01 of 2013 published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1793/3 of 15th January 2013, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1940/7 of 9th November 2015, which were presented on 26.01.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Section 213D of the Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1946/10 of 22nd December 2015, which were presented on 09.03.2016, be approved.

*12.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*13.

Right to Information Bill — Second Reading.

*14.

The Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— Rules under the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Act,— That the Atomic Energy (Licence) Rules No. 1 of 2015 and the Atomic Energy (Notification of Intention to Conduct a Practice) Rules No. 1 made by the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Regulatory Council (SLAERC) under the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Act, No. 40 of 2014 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1924/27 of 21st July 2015, which were presented on 23.03.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

*16.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 read with Sub-section (3) of Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1903/41 of 26th February 2015, which were presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1882/17 of 30th September 2014, which was presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, under Section 28(a) read with Section 16(c) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), as amended from time to time regarding Excise License Fee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1901/19 of 13th February 2015, which was presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 973)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*
