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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

111/15

1. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the extent of the Pompakele Forest Reserve in Ratnapura District;
  - (ii) the endemic plants found in it;
  - (iii) the endemic creatures that inhabit in the Pompakele Forest Reserve; and
  - (iv) the date on which this forest was declared a forest reserve?
- (b) Is he aware that—
  - (i) an extent of over one acre in the Pompakele Forest Reserve had been cleared on a day after 14.04.2014;
  - (ii) the said clearing had been done in the upper part of the forest reserve with a biological importance; and
  - (iii) this has caused a severe environmental damage?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) as to who has caused this destruction in the Pompakele Forest Reserve;
  - (ii) the purpose of that destruction;
  - (iii) if there are any officers who have permitted this destruction, their names, addresses, telephone numbers and designations; and
  - (iv) the steps to be taken to halt the destruction at the Pompakele Forest Reserve?
- (d) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) 15-20 heart surgeries have been performed a day in Karapitiya Teaching Hospital since 1998; and
  - (ii) the number of heart surgeries performed a day has been decreased up to 2 from the year 2010?
- (b) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the patients have to be in the waiting list for a long period of time due to the aforesaid situation; and
  - (ii) a large number of patients die due to that reason?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the reasons for the decrease of the number of heart surgeries performed a day; and
  - (ii) the date on which action will be taken to increase the number of heart surgeries performed a day?
- (d) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that the Mawanella office of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board in the Kegalle District does not extend consumer water service connections and pipeline services at present;
  - (ii) if so, the reason for same;
  - (iii) whether he acknowledges that the people of the Mawanella area expecting to have water connections are inconvenienced due to this reason; and
  - (iv) if so, whether he will state the timeframe for the provision of water connections to the people thus inconvenienced?
- (b) If not, why?

509/'16

4.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a number of families who lost their houses and property due to Tsunami disaster are rendered helpless even by now in various parts of the country?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to implement a programme by selecting people at Divisional Secretariat Division level to provide permanent houses for the people who lost their houses; and
  - (ii) whether attention will be paid to implement that jointly with the Ministry of Disaster Management and the Ministry of Housing and Construction?
- (c) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. S. Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware of the financial irregularity that took place in the Technical College of Jaffna;
  - (ii) if so, the reason for not taking any action in this regard;
  - (iii) whether a transfer was given to the Director of the Technical College when the financial fraud committed by him was confirmed;
  - (iv) if so, the reasons for the non implementation of the transfer; and
  - (v) whether the said transfer has been suspended?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether there are branches of the Jaffna Technical College within the District;
  - (ii) if not, whether this Technical College is sufficient for 650,000 people living in this district; and
  - (iii) if not, the steps that will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

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6.

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether recommendations have been made to send Mr. A.H. Samun who was serving as the Principal of A/Bamunugama Muslim Vidyalaya of Kekirawa Education Zone on retirement, going by a disciplinary order, taken in keeping with the Section 2:17 of Pensions Minutes (Ref. No. උමැප්/අදෙ/07/2/001);
  - (ii) if so, from which date onwards; and
  - (iii) accordingly, whether his retirement gratuity and the pension will be paid?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
  - (i) he is aware that the Cafeteria Service that was operational in the long distance trains is now defunct; and
  - (ii) he admits that owing to the closure of the cafeterias, the passengers travelling in the long distance trains are inconvenienced and the government has lost the revenue it received from them ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the reasons for the delay in recommencing the Cafeteria Service;
  - (ii) whether arrangements will be made to recommence the Cafeteria Service soon; and
  - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he accept that—
  - (i) cancers, paralysis, and kidney diseases are caused vastly due to smoking;
  - (ii) it is destructive as well as harmful on the health condition and the economic situation of the people of the country; and
  - (iii) the deterioration of the health condition of the people is more detrimental than the amount of revenue earned through tobacco?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether smoking cannot be banned, totally;
  - (ii) whether the sale of cigarettes, in the places in close proximity to schools, cannot be stopped;
  - (iii) as to why the prices of a cigarette cannot be increased up to an unbearable price;
  - (iv) as to why the government does not take stern action against cigarettes in the same manner that the stern actions were taken against chemical fertilizers, as the use of chemical fertilizers aggravates the tendency of causing kidney diseases; and
  - (v) whether the reason, led for the aforesaid situation, is the pressure of multinational companies?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House with regard to the institutions coming under the purview of the Ministry of Skills Development and Vocational Training—
  - (i) the number of courses conducted free of charge ; what those courses;
  - (ii) the number of courses conducted charging money ; what those courses;
  - (iii) whether all the students who possess the required qualifications asked for are enrolled for the courses;
  - (iv) the courses for which sufficient facilities are not available; and
  - (v) the steps that would be taken in that regard?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits the fact that the number of students that are enrolled will increase, if the facilities are enhanced;
  - (ii) the date on which the facilities will be enhanced to fulfill the development needs after identifying the aforesaid needs; and
  - (iii) the physical progress meant by the statement “action is being taken to identify the need of developing soft skills and fulfill the aforesaid needs”?
- (c) If not, why ?

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the foreign tours that the present Chief Minister of Uva Province has engaged in, since his appointment to said office;
  - (ii) of the names of the officials, who have been sent on foreign tours, with the direction of the Chief Minister of Uva Province; and
  - (iii) separately, of the objectives of the aforesaid tours mentioned in (i) and (ii) above and the amount of money spent on them?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of warehouse complexes at Vauxhall Street belonging to the Janatha Estate Development Board given on long term lease basis to private companies or individuals by the United National Party Government that was in power from the year 2001-2004; and
  - (ii) separately, the name of the warehouse leased out, area in square feet, leased amount and the company or individuals to whom they were leased?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether those warehouses have been leased out subject to the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers, an open tender procedure or a government valuation; and
  - (ii) if they have been leased out without any such condition, whether they will be taken back by the government?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) it was proposed to develop 12 roads in the Kegalle electorate under the programme for carpeting and developing provincial roads in the year 2013; and
  - (ii) though work has been commenced in the Kegalle, Andiramada road via Nilwakka (6.9 kms), the Undugoda Nikapitiya road via Ovitigamuwa road off Kiripattiya Junction (4.2 kms) the Ambawala, Udumagama, Pandeniya road (2 kms) amongst the proposed roads, the work has not been completed?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether speedy action will be taken to complete the work of the above roads; and
  - (ii) if not, the reason for that?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

(a) Will he table —

- (i) separately on per year basis from 04<sup>th</sup> February 1948 to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016 the number of persons who have received death sentence or a life sentence; and
- (ii) separately the name and address of each of the prisoners who have received death sentence or a life sentence and the nature of the offence each of them had committed for receiving such sentence?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a special pardon has been offered to prisoners who had received death sentence or a life sentence; and
- (ii) if so, separately of the names of the persons who offered such pardon to those prisoners, the dates on which such pardon was offered, and the nature of the crimes that had been committed by the recipients of such pardon?

(c) If not, why?

14.

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the permanent and contractual staff attached to the Ranaviru Seva Authority;
- (ii) the amount of money spent by the said Authority to provide uniforms to the permanent and contractual staff in 2013 and 2014; and
- (iii) the amount of money spent on the uniform of a single person when the permanent and contractual staff are categorized as men and women?

(b) Will he admit the facts that—

- (i) the uniform material selected was low in quality;
- (ii) the officers have rejected the uniforms because of that reason; and
- (iii) the chairperson of the Authority has acted arbitrarily?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether arrangements will be made to solve the uniform issue of the Ranaviru Seva Authority; and
- (ii) if so, how?

(d) If not, why?

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Right to Information Bill — Adjourned debate on question (23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2016) [1].

\*2.

National Research Council of Sri Lanka Bill — Second Reading.

\*3.

Homoeopathy Bill — Second Reading.

\*4.

Mediation Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*5.

Fiscal Management (Responsibility) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*6.

Resolution under the Constitution,— Adjourned Debate on Question (22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2016) Motion made and question proposed,— “Media guidelines to be followed/ Policies to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections published by the Election Commission in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1955/19 of 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 in terms of the provisions of Article 104B (5)(a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, which were presented on 06.05.2016, be approved.”

\*7.

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 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016, which were presented on 10.03.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

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 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016, which were presented on 10.03.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)



\*9.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015, which were presented on 05.04.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

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 6<sup>th</sup> August 2015, which was presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

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 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016, which were presented on 08.03.2016, be approved.

\*12.

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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1940/7 of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015, which were presented on 26.01.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*13.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015, which were presented on 09.03.2016, be approved.

\*14.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*15.

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 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015, which were presented on 23.03.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*16.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

\*17.

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 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015, which were presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\* ***Indicates Government Business***

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[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a Second time.”

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