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Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

9/15

1. Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(4)
 - (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?

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2. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(2)

- (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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3. Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether allocations were made by the former President Mahinda Rajapaksa as the Minister of Finance in 2008 to write off all loans granted to the Co-operative Movement by the State Banks;
 - (ii) whether Hon. Bandula Gunawardana, MP, the then Minister in charge of the subject made a statement in Parliament on 05.11.2015 confirming that;
 - (iii) whether the State Minister of Industry and Commerce informed Parliament on 05.11.2015 that the actual situation in relation to the writing off of loans from each Co-operative society would be made known upon discussing the matter with the Minister;
 - (iv) whether the reply given to Parliament by the State Minister on 05.11.2015 that, although it has been decided to write off the loans granted to co-operative societies by the Peoples Banks, so far it has not been implemented in any district, is correct; and
 - (v) the reasons for not implementing the decision of (iv) above?

(3)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the decision taken to boost the co-operative societies by writing off the loans, will be implemented; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the co-operative societies would be informed of the future steps to be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

508/16

4.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of immovable properties (lands, houses and shops) belonging to the Mohideen Jumma Mosque situated at No. 154, N.C. Street, Trincomalee, which has been registered with the Sri Lanka Wakf Board of the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs under Registration No. R/0682/T/036;
 - (ii) of the addresses of each of those properties;
 - (iii) separately of the monthly income that is received from each of those properties; and
 - (iv) separately of the names stated in the deeds of each of the aforesaid Wakf properties?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the approval of the Department has been obtained for using the aforesaid Wakf properties;
 - (ii) whether some of those properties have been transferred to names of certain individuals through freehold deeds; and
 - (iii) if so, of the nature of action that will be taken in this regard by Sri Lanka Wakf Board;
- (c) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. S. Shriritharan,— To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,—(2)

- (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?

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- (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?

574/16

6. Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (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. උමැප/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?

590/16

7. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of C.W.E. outlets in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) of those outlets, the number of outlets which are run in government buildings and the number of outlets which are run in rented buildings?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money spent annually by the C.W.E. to pay the rent of rented buildings;
 - (ii) separately of the locations of the rented buildings, their owners and the monthly rent paid to them; and
 - (iii) separately of the number of functioning and closed down C.W.E. outlets at those locations?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a formal methodology is followed in obtaining buildings on rent to run C.W.E. outlets; and
 - (ii) if so, what that methodology is?
- (d) If not, why?

8. Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)
- (a) Will he table—
- (i) the number of Buddhist monks who were remanded on suspicion and who were imprisoned as offenders after having confirmed the allegations leveled against them during the period from the year 1948 to 08th January 2015 separately as per each year;
 - (ii) separately the allegation or the offence that led to remanding or the imprisonment of each monk who was either remanded or imprisoned; and
 - (iii) separately the time period during which each remanded or imprisoned monk was either remanded or imprisoned?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Buddhist monks who were remanded during the period from 08.01.2015 to 31.03.2016;
 - (ii) separately of the allegations which were leveled against each monk who was remanded; and
 - (iii) separately of the time period during which each of the aforesaid monks were remanded?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1. Hon. Douglas Devananda,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—
“ Bill to incorporate the North Western Association for Restraint of Heart Disease.”
 2. Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—
“ Bill to incorporate the Samata Sarana Sahana Sewa Foundation.”
 3. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—
“ Bill to incorporate the Sathya Sri Ghanapathi Bhakthi Jana Sewa Foundation.”
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

Animal Feed (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

Registration of Deaths (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

Universities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

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 Sections 122 and VII A of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1939/4 of 02nd November 2015 in which mistakes in Sinhala and Tamil versions were corrected by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1972/33 of 22nd June 2016, which were presented on 21.07.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Revision of Salary and Allowances of the Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption,—

Whereas provision has been made as per Section 16(1) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994 to appoint a Director-General to assist the said Commission in discharging the duties assigned to the Commission and to pay the holder of that post a salary as determined by the Parliament;

(7)

And whereas, approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to pay with effect from 12.02.2015 the following salary and allowances as personal to her, to Ms. A.A.P. Dilrukshi Dias Wickramasinghe, President's Counsel and former Additional Solicitor-General of the Attorney-General's Department, on her appointment with effect from 12.02.2015 on State's initiative, as Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, which post is vulnerable and exposed to risks:—

- (a) Monthly salary and all allowances entitled to the post of Additional Solicitor-General (other than telephone allowance, fuel allowance and house-rent allowance); and
- (b) Ministry Secretaries' allowance, telephone allowance and fuel allowance entitled to the post of Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Bribery or Corruption and house-rent allowance provided government official quarters are not allocated;

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves to pay under votes of the Consolidated Fund, the above mentioned monthly salary and allowances to Ms. A.A.P. Dilrukshi Dias Wickramasinghe, President's Counsel holding the post of Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, as per Section 16(2) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—
Emoluments and Other Allowances being paid to Chairmen and Members of Independent Commissions,—

Whereas approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to provide the payment of the following emoluments and allowances to the Chairmen and Members of the nine Independent Commissions stipulated in the Schedule of Article 41(b) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as amended by the 19th Amendment to the Constitution and to treat the date on which the relevant Commissions commenced their functions in actuality as the effective date to commence the payments:-

- (a) A monthly allowance of Rs.100,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 10,000/- and an official vehicle which may also be used for personal use along with a quota of 225 ltrs. of fuel or a fuel allowance on par with the prevalent fuel price in the market, to Chairmen other than the ex. officio Chairmen;
- (b) Payment of monthly allowance, equal to 50% of the monthly allowance of a Chairman of an Independent Commission, to ex. Officio Chairmen appointed to Independent Commissions, in addition to salary and other allowances in their substantive posts;

(8)

- (c) In the case of non-ex. officio Members of all other Commissions except the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, a monthly allowance of Rs. 75,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 8,000/- and a transport allowance of Rs. 25,000/- up to a limit of 350 kilometres or a transport allowance of Rs. 50,000/- for distance of over and above 350 kilometres depending on the distance from their residencies to the office of the Commission to be made;
- (d) An attendance allowance of Rs. 10,000/- per meeting to be made to ex. officio Members of Independent Commissions, as per provision laid down in Public Enterprises Circular No. 3/2015 of 17.06.2015;
- (e) In the case of the Chairman of Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption and Members thereof who have been equally delegated with powers in keeping with the provisions laid down in Section (8) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994, payment of a monthly allowance of Rs. 95,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 8,000/- and an official vehicle which may also be used for personal use along with a quota of 170 ltrs. of fuel or a fuel allowance on par with the prevalent fuel price in the market; and
- (f) Payment of a special allowance equal to $\frac{3}{4}$ of their monthly allowance to be made to the Chairman and Members of the Elections Commission during the period from the date of declaring an election to the date of releasing results thereof.

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves to pay the above mentioned emoluments and other allowances to the Chairmen and Members of the nine Independent Commissions stipulated in the Schedule of Article 41(b) of the Constitution.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,— Regulations under the Industrial Disputes Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Labour and Trade Union Relations under Section 39 of the Industrial Disputes Act, No. 43 of 1950 (Chapter 131) as amended from time to time, which were presented on 07.07.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

Resolution under the Constitution,— Adjourned Debate on Question (22nd 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 25th 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.”

*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 22nd December 2015, which were presented on 09.03.2016, be approved.

*14.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*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.)

* *Indicates Government Business*
