



*[Eighth Parliament - First Session]*

No. 90.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 10.30 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

375/15

1.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(3)

- (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 accommodation, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

387/15

2.

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

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) the institutions which submitted tenders when tenders were called for the purchase of the Canvas Shoes required for the physical training of the Army in the year 2015;
  - (ii) separately the values of tenders offered by the aforesaid institutions;
  - (iii) the institution which obtained the tender; and
  - (iv) the reasons for awarding the tender to the aforesaid institution?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the names and designations of the officers of the Tender Board of the Ministry of Defence relevant to purchase of these shoes which took place in the year 2015;
  - (ii) for how long these officers have been serving in the Tender Board;
  - (iii) of the names and designations of the officers of the Army Tender Board relevant to purchase of these shoes which took place in the year 2015; and
  - (iv) for how long these officers have been serving in the Tender Board?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken by the government to remove the officers who continuously serve in the Tender Boards of the Ministry of Defence and the Army;
  - (ii) if so, on which date?
- (d) If not, why?

509/16

3.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(2)

- (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?
- (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?

554/16

4.

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) Mr. N.G. Sunil Shantha of No.159, Ranhelagama Dehiattakandiya sat the competitive examination to recruit persons to the post of “Postal Services Officer” of Grade 1 B of Category “B” of the Combined Postal Service of the Department of Postal Services in the year 2011 under Index Number PS/C/05264 and got through it; and
  - (ii) however, he has not been called for the interview so far?
- (b) Will he state whether he will be considered to be recruited to that post based on the marks he has scored at the competitive examination?
- (c) If not, why?

(3)

592/16

5.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the extent of land in Kandy District which belonged to the Land Reforms Commission and was given to various individuals and institutions from 31.12.1994 up to date;
  - (ii) of the individuals and institutions to which those lands have been granted and their locations, extent and value separately; and
  - (iii) the total revenue received by the Land Reforms Commission through the provision of those lands?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of those lands, the extent of lands that have been developed and not developed separately;
  - (ii) whether arrangements will be made to reclaim those lands which can be of contribution to the national economy but have not been properly developed, by the Land Reforms Commission; and
  - (iii) if so, the date it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

613/16

6.

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) around 4000 principals who were appointed on acting basis to Provincial Council Schools during the period from year 2008 to 2015 have gained knowledge and training in financial affairs and administration of schools;
  - (ii) after year 2005, the competitive examination for the recruitment of Principals was held in the year 2015 and it was held only for the recruitment of Principals to Grade III of the Principals' Service; and
  - (iii) those who were above 50 years of age were not eligible to apply for the aforesaid examination while most of the teachers who were placed on the salary step that is higher than that of Grade III of the Principals' Service did not apply for that examination?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the reason as to why the service of the acting principals of government schools has not been confirmed to date despite that those who have completed 03 years of service as acting principals should be appointed as principals through interviews in terms of the Minutes of the Principals' Service;
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to confirm the service of the acting principals who were not even eligible to apply for the aforesaid competitive examination as they were above 50 years of age; and
  - (iii) whether relief will be provided to those who were subjected to political victimization during the previous regime?
- (c) If not, why?

620/16

7.

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

- (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 ?

621/16

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that complaints have been lodged with the Financial Crimes Investigation Division against the Chief Minister of the Uva Province regarding a number of allegations of fraud and corruption?

(5)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the aforesaid Chief Minister has recruited advisors;
  - (ii) if so, under what authority has he made such recruitments;
  - (iii) separately of the names of the advisors that have thus been recruited and the allowances paid to them; and
  - (iv) if such advisors have been recruited illegally, whether action will be taken to remove them and to take legal action against the Chief Minister for making such recruitments?
- (c) If not, why?

626/16

9.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) Under the Budget Proposals 2012, in view of encouraging tax payers, when a vehicle is purchased, a 25 % tax relief on total tax, has been given to the individuals who has paid, at least Rs. 250,000/- as tax per year continuously for 10 years; and
  - (ii) In September 2015, the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance has informed the Inland Revenue Department, in writing, to terminate the aforesaid tax relief?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the reasons, led to terminate aforesaid tax relief;
  - (ii) of the relief provided to the individuals who had opened Letters of Credit to import the vehicles, by the time that aforesaid tax relief is terminated;
  - (iii) whether measures will be taken to provide the tax relief again, reviewing the existing criteria in providing the tax relief ; and
  - (iv) if so, whether a detailed report will be submitted?
- (c) If not, why?

630/16

10.

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (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?

(6)

- (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?

633/16

11.

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

- (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?

641/16

12.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the values of the total foreign exchange earnings and payments as per the forecasts of the government for year 2016;
  - (ii) of the value of the deficit in the balance of payment that has been forecasted for year 2016; and
  - (iii) of the steps that the government plans to take in order to settle that deficit in the balance of payment?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether Mr. Arjuna Joseph Aloysius, resident of No.10, Prince Albert Tower, Alfred House Gardens, of Colombo 03, in his capacity as a Director of a company producing Arrack, known as W.M. Mendis and Company, has applied for a permit from the Excise Department to distil spirit from cereal (an ethanol permit)?
  - (ii) if not, whether W.M. Mendis and Company has applied for such a permit;
  - (iii) of the names of the Board of Directors of W.M.Mendis and Company; and
  - (iv) of the number of permits (ethanol permits) issued by the Excise Department to distil spirit from cereal from 08.01.2015 to date; and the names of such persons/ institutions?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) Family Health Officers too are included in the scheme of providing motorcycles to Public Servants;
  - (ii) both the officers on field duty as well as the officers on duty in hospitals are entitled to this facility;
  - (iii) although the provision of motorcycles has taken place in the proper manner in certain areas, it has not been implemented properly in a few areas; and
  - (iv) especially, the Family Health Officers employed at the Gampaha Hospital have not been provided with motorcycles yet?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether steps will be taken to provide motorcycles to those who have not received motorcycles in Gampaha and in other areas of the island so far; and
  - (ii) of the period of time it may take to achieve this?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) over thousand individuals who completed the Ayurveda Degree are unemployed; and
  - (ii) a systematic programme to provide them with jobs has not been implemented yet?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether there are Ayurveda Medical Doctor vacancies in the public sector;
  - (ii) if so, of the number of such vacancies;
  - (iii) whether he will take action to resolve the unemployment issue of the Ayurveda Medical Degree holders; and
  - (iv) if so, how?
- (c) If not, why?

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Motions**

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.1) ,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

3.

Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Samata Sarana Sahana Sewa Foundation.”

4.

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sathya Sri Ghanapathi Bhakthi Jana Sewa Foundation.”

5.

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Berty Dissanayake Foundation.”

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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

\*2.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*3.

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

\*4.

Animal Feed (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*5.

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

\*6.

Universities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*7.

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 02<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 in which mistakes in Sinhala and Tamil versions were corrected by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1972/33 of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016, which were presented on 21.07.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

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;

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:—

(10)

- (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.)

\*9.

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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;
- (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;

(11)

- (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.)

\*10.

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.)

\*11.

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.”

\*12.

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.

\*13.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*14.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

\*15.

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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