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FOR

Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

142/15

1. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the public institutions which incurred losses during the financial year 2014 ;
 - (ii) the losses incurred by the aforesaid institutions, separately; and
 - (iii) the amount of money to be paid to other public institutions by the institutions mentioned in (i) above, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money issued by the General Treasury to each of the aforesaid institutions to settle the losses, separately;
 - (ii) whether an inquiry has been conducted in regard to the reasons for the aforesaid losses;
 - (iii) if so, the reasons relevant to each institution, separately
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to make the aforesaid institutions profit making ventures; and
 - (v) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

558/16

2. Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Colombo Municipal Council has been dumping waste of the city of Colombo at a place in Meethotamulla for many years now;
 - (ii) although the permission to dump waste is limited to a site of 02 acres in extent, waste has been dumped in an area that spreads over 12 acres; and

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- (iii) the people in Kolonnawa area have been depressed as they have been severely affected in terms of education, health and effects on the environment?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) what quantity of waste is brought from the city of Colombo to Meethotamulla every day;
 - (ii) whether the Colombo Municipal Council would choose an alternative place to Meethotamulla for dumping waste;
 - (iii) if so, on which date;
 - (iv) whether the Council will implement a measure to remove the existing waste, if steps are to be taken to send waste to another place; and
 - (v) if so, on which date?
- (c) If not, why?

594/16

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the quantity of rice imported to Sri Lanka through the CWE in the year 2014 and the total cost of that;
 - (ii) the quantity of rice sold by now out of that total quantity and the profit earned by the CWE through that; and
 - (iii) the quantity of rice that could not be sold and the loss incurred to the CWE through that?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that such losses are incurred as a result of the failure to consider the local market condition prior to importing rice;
 - (ii) if so, whether a proper methodology would be developed to carry out the loss incurring activities in a productive manner; and
 - (iii) if so, what that methodology is and the date on which it will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

608/16

4.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (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?

618/'16

5.

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that a Buddhist temple is being constructed in an unauthorized manner on a land belonging to Mr. Thirughanasambandhar Maniwannadasar in Kokilai area of Mullative District; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to immediately suspend the unauthorized construction of this temple which is subject to massive demonstration by the public?
- (b) If not, why?

639/'16

6.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the names of the members of the Presidential Task Force on recovery of illegally acquired state assets?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the name of the Chief of aforesaid Task Force;
 - (ii) of the intention of establishing it;
 - (iii) of the foreign countries that the Members or the Assisting Officers, have toured;
 - (iv) of the total amount of money spent on the tours of the Members or the Assisting Officers, as at 31st of March 2016; and
 - (v) of the value of illegally acquired assets, acquired on the decisions of the Task Force as at 31st March 2016?
- (c) If not, why?

671/'16

7.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of suicides and attempted suicides that occurred in Sri Lanka in the years 2013, 2014 and 2015, separately for each year?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the number of suicides and attempted suicides that occurred in Sri Lanka in the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 separately—
- (i) as per gender;
 - (ii) as per age groups; and
 - (iii) as per district?

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- (c) Will he further inform this House of —
 - (i) the 25 Divisional Secretariat Divisions from which the highest number of suicides and attempted suicides were reported in the years 2013, 2014 and 2015; and
 - (ii) the public institution that records accurate data and information on suicides and attempted suicides?
- (d) If not, why?

707/16

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the period of time during which Mr. Udayanga Weeratunga had functioned as the Sri Lankan Ambassador to Russia;
 - (ii) what the charges against him are;
 - (iii) of the progress of the investigations conducted regarding those charges;
 - (iv) of the reasons for the delay in taking legal action against him; and
 - (v) whether the assistance of Interpol has been sought to arrest him?
- (b) If not, why?

725/16

9.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a landslide occurred recently in the premises in which the three storeyed building belonging to K/Almanar National School in Handessa in Kandy District, is located; and
 - (ii) although the Secretary to the Ministry of Education has informed the Director of the National Building Research Organization by the Letter No. ED/7/99/9/1/31 of 14.12.2015 in this regard, no step has been taken?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to construct a protection wall adjacent to the mound of earth that was subjected to the land landslide since the aforesaid school building and the adjacent area is at a risk in a condition of heavy rain?
- (c) If not, why?

521/16

10.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) certain Sri Lankan leaders who shouldered the freedom struggle were named Traitors to the Crown by the British who ruled this country during the period from 1815 to 1948;
 - (ii) the names of those leaders have not been removed from that list up to now; and
 - (iii) the attention of the government has not been paid to this up to now?

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- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of Sri Lankans named Traitors to the Crown by the British;
 - (ii) their names; and
 - (iii) the reasons cited for naming them Traitors to the Crown?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to remove the names of those leaders from the list of Traitors to the Crown;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done;
 - (iii) whether the government will take action to name these leaders National Heroes; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

637/16

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Hadukanda Samurdhi Society, Kiriella, has entered into an agreement with the Kuruvita Pradeshiya Sabha, Rathnapura under the “Dorin Dorata - Gamin Gamata programme” implemented by the previous government in 2014; and according to that agreement it has been agreed to pay Rs. 300,000/- to cut and lay concrete on the Hadukanda - Kurudukotuwa road;
 - (ii) although an year has passed since the completion of the aforesaid road and according to the agreement the aforesaid society has been paid only a 20% (Rs. 58,000/-) by now; and
 - (iii) the society has suffered severe inconvenience due to the failure of the other party to repay the balance payment?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to pay the balance payment of the contract to the aforesaid society; and
 - (ii) in addition to that whether steps will be taken forthwith to pay the amount of money that should be paid to the society for laying concrete on,—
the upper part of the Baduwala road – Rs. 500,000/-
Hadukanda - Polgahahena road - Rs. 300,000/-
Hadukanda - Ilukpitiya road - Rs. 300,000/-
Hadukanda - Thekillawatta road - Rs. 300,000/-?
- (c) If not, why?

655/16

12.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, the politicians, government officials and other individuals who used helicopters or aircraft of the Sri Lanka Air Force for official or private visits during the period from 10th January 2015 to 30th April 2016;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money charged from each person for the said flights;
 - (iii) of the money to be recovered for the said flights, the amount not paid thus so far; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken to recover the said arrears?
- (b) If not, why?

672/16

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of official quarters situated in the city of Colombo, been allocated for the President, Prime Minister, Ministers, Members of Parliament and former Presidents;
 - (ii) whether a register of the current occupants of these quarters will be submitted;
 - (iii) whether a circular or a register including the regulations which are adopted to allocate these official quarters is available;
 - (iv) if so, whether it will be tabled;
 - (v) of the procedure adopted to allocate houses if a register of regulations is not available; and
 - (vi) of the number of persons residing in these houses without having fulfilled the qualifications as per the regulations or the procedure for allocating houses?
- (b) If not, why?

708/16

14.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the names of the media institutions to which Sri Lanka Telecom awarded contracts for commercials during the period from May 2010 to January 2015; and
 - (ii) the dates on which each such media institution was given such contracts and the value of each commercial in respect of each media institution, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

(7)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Berty Dissanayake Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

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.)

*3.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No. 1),— 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.)

*4.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No. 2),— 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.

*5.

Appropriation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

Law Commission (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

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

*8.

Universities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

The Minister of Regional Development,—Supplementary Sum—Head 147—Programme 1,— † That an amount not exceeding rupees five hundred ninety two million and nine hundred twenty five thousand (Rs. 592,925,000) be obtained as specified in the Schedule as financed by and at the discretion of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from any other fund or money belonging to the Government enabling transfer of anticipated savings under various Heads of Expenditure already approved by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to “Budgetary Support Services and Contingent Liability Project” of the Head of Expenditure of the Department of National Budget for prioritization and accelerating of development projects functioning under identified foreign funds and transferring them to relevant Ministries as Supplementary Provisions subject to provisions of Section 6.1 and 6.2 of the Appropriation Act, No.16 of 2015 provided that such funds will not exceed the limits of expenditure already approved by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the use of the financial year commencing on 01st January 2016 and ending on 31st December 2016.

Schedule

Head	147	—	Ministry of Regional Development
Programme	1	—	Operational Programme
			Recurrent expenditure - Rs. 469,425,000
			Capital Expenditure - Rs. 123,500,000
			Total Expenditure - Rs. <u>592,925,000</u>

(Rupees five hundred ninety two million and nine hundred twenty five thousand only.)

Advance to Govt. Officers- “B” Account

Maximum Limit of expenditure	- Rs. 2,000,000
Minimum Limit of Receipts	- Rs. 150,000
Maximum Limit of Debit Balance	- Rs. 3,500,000

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 2 of 2016 presented on 09th August, 2016.
Total of the Supplementary Estimate No.1, Rs. 55,000,000.

*10.

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,—

(9)

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:—

- (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.)

*11.

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;

(10)

- (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;
- (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.)

*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.

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 26th February 2015, which were presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*
