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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, September 06, 2016 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

456/16

1.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the plot of land called Polwatta of Rotawewa which has been identified by the Hingurakgoda Pradeshiya Sabha as a site for disposing garbage is faced with the risk of getting contaminated and thereby contaminating the water sources in the said location;
- (ii) the steps that will be taken to minimize the effects of this action on the people of this area where the issue of potable water and kidney disease is severe;
- (iii) whether project to dispose of waste in a methodical manner without damaging the surrounding environment will be launched; and
- (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(b) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) separately, the number of Advisors, Secretaries, Coordinating Officers, Personal Assistants and such other officers that have been appointed by the President to his staff as at 01st January 2016;
- (ii) the total number of officers as per (i) above;
- (iii) separately, the names of the officers mentioned in (i) above and the salary, allowances, the staff and other facilities that have been provided to each of those officers; and
- (iv) separately, the educational and professional qualifications of each of the officers mentioned in (i) above?

(b) If not, why?

(2)

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3. Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of the year 2015—
 - (i) the total quantity of sugar that was consumed by the Sri Lankans in metric tons;
 - (ii) the quantity of sugar that was imported out of the total quantity consumed;
 - (iii) the value of the quantity of sugar that was imported; and
 - (iv) the quantity of sugar that was manufactured at local sugar factories?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately, the quantity of sugar manufactured by local factories in years 2014 and 2015; and
 - (ii) whether there was an increase in the production of sugar in the year 2015 when compared with the year 2014?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of private schools operating in Sri Lanka and providing education from grade one to upper grades?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately —
 - (i) of the names of the aforesaid schools;
 - (ii) of the locations of the aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) of the names of the persons running the aforesaid schools; and
 - (iv) of the number of students studying in the aforesaid schools?
- (c) Will he admit that —
 - (i) majority of those studying in government schools as well as private schools are Sri Lankan children and that exorbitant fees are charged by private schools; and
 - (ii) a methodology to monitor and regulate the provision of quality education to pupils studying in private schools and the charging of reasonable fees is urgently required?
- (d) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to formulate the methodology mentioned in (c) (ii) above; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (e) If not, why?

(3)

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5.

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that persons who have not completed the basic qualifications have been recruited as Samurdhi Officers in Wannai District without following a formal recruitment procedure;
 - (ii) of the details of the Samurdhi Officers who have been recruited without qualifications in this manner; and
 - (iii) whether early steps will be taken to remove the persons recruited in an irregular manner and recruit new officers in a proper manner?
- (b) If not, why?

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6.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is an accord or agreement between the government of Sri Lanka and the government of India or an Indian Company to modernize the Palali Airport;
 - (ii) if so, whether that accord or agreement will be presented to this House;
 - (iii) whether the documents that have the approval and observation of the Cabinet of Ministers and the Department of Attorney-General for the aforesaid accord will be submitted;
 - (iv) whether this contract has been handed over to the relevant company through an open tender procedure;
 - (v) the cost needed to modernize the Airport according to the contract; and
 - (vi) the time period that is needed to complete the modernization task?
- (b) If not, why?

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7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) people who are mostly engaged in agricultural livelihoods reside in the district of Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) many large and small tanks of this area have been abandoned without renovations; and
 - (iii) especially 16 large tanks and 48 small tanks require expeditious renovations?

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- (b) Will he inform this House of the date on which the renovation of the tanks mentioned in (a) (iii) above will be initiated?
- (c) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the cost incurred by the government on laying a main pipeline close to the peripheral villages of Panahaduwa village close to the Panahaduwa wholesale storage tank of the Udawalawa Water Supply Scheme without providing water supplies to those villages;
 - (ii) the number of consumers who have been benefitted by that; and
 - (iii) approximately the cost incurred by the government per consumer?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that pipe lines have been laid upto a distance of 850 metres to 3 plots of land without houses;
 - (ii) whether there is any personal relationship between the Ratnapura Regional Manager and the recipients of those water supplies;
 - (iii) whether he admits that this officer has misappropriated public funds by using his official status;
 - (iv) if so, the amount so misappropriated; and
 - (v) the steps that have been taken to recover that amount?
- (c) If not, why?

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9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that a new tax called 'Mansion Tax' was proposed through the interim budget of 2015 and that it was further empowered through the budget proposals of 2016;
 - (ii) the basis on which the said 'Mansion Tax' is levied;
 - (iii) the total tax revenue received by the government in the years 2015 and 2016 from this tax; and
 - (iv) the names and addresses of persons who paid the Mansion Tax in the above years?
- (b) If not why?

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10.

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Ven. Dalupotha Upali Thero who served as a school teacher for 30 years in Morawaka Education Division, Matara District retired 2 years ago, has been given the Pension Number 02/110/6342 by the Director General of Pensions; and
 - (ii) the Ven. Dalupotha Upali Thero has not been paid the due pension up to now;
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he direct the Director General of Pensions to pay Ven. Dalupotha Upali Thero's due pension payments without further delay?
- (c) If not, why?

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11.

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that there are nearly 5000 persons involved in the flowers and exotic leaf related industry in the Gampaha district with nearly 28 societies were provided with encouragement by the previous government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a census has been conducted on Divisional Secretariat level on the persons involved in this industry;
 - (ii) if so, the number of cultivators and sellers of Orchid, Anthurium and exotic leaves and the number of small, medium and large scale cultivators and exporters of flowers in relation to each Divisional Secretary's Division separately; and
 - (iii) of the measures taken in 2015 and in the first quarter of 2016 to encourage and retain the persons mentioned in (a) above in the industry and absorb novices into it as well as the concessions granted, amount of money allocated for that and the number of beneficiaries?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the number of researches conducted, species of flowers produced and the number of flower businessmen to whom plants were given by the Tissue Culture Centre established in the Gampaha Botanical Garden through the University of Kelaniya by the previous government at a cost of Rs. 22 million?
- (d) If not, why?

12.

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Victoria Home situated in Rajagiriya consists of 14 wards and 153 persons with incurable disabilities reside in it;
 - (ii) approximately 08 million rupees is annually provided by the government for all the expenses of the residents of this Home and for administrative expenses including water and electricity bills and the salaries of the staff;
 - (iii) the aforesaid amount of money is not adequate for the said matters;
 - (iv) the existing staff is insufficient but new recruitments cannot be made because the salaries paid to the employees are not sufficient; and
 - (v) there is an issue with regard to obtaining an optimum service from the employees who have been mentally distressed as a result of not having sufficient staff quarters and due to not getting an adequate salary?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to increase the salaries and to provide other facilities to obtain an optimum service from the present employees; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to recruit employees anew?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
- (i) whether it is true that Sri Lankans have joined the organization called ISIS, which spreads terrorism for a World Islamic State;
 - (ii) if so, how many Sri Lankans have been revealed to be fighting for ISIS terrorism at present;
 - (iii) whether there are persons who have been found to have died fighting in this way; and
 - (iv) if so, how many have so died, what their names are and within which countries they have died?

(7)

- (b) Will he also inform the House—
- (i) whether it is true that the ISIS has envisaged Sri Lanka as a battleground of theirs for the year 2020, according to the plans prepared on their expansion;
 - (ii) what instructions have been given by the state intelligence sections to counter the spread of the ISIS terrorism in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) whether there exist barriers to the implementation of such instructions; and
 - (iv) whether any political party, organization or a non-governmental organization in Sri Lanka maintains links with the ISIS?
- (c) If not, why?

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14.

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the open and limited examinations for recruitment to Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service (SLEAS) and Sri Lanka Administrative Service (SLAS) are conducted only in Colombo; and
 - (ii) the candidates in far away areas face difficulties due to the fact that the aforesaid examinations are conducted only in the examination centres in Colombo?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to conduct such examinations in Northern and Eastern Provinces in the future paying attention to the difficulties faced by the candidates?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

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.

*3.

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.

*4.

Appropriation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Law Commission (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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

*7.

Universities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Ports and Airports Development Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs and Minister of Lands,— Land Acquisition Act,— That the Regulations under Paragraph (f) of Sub Section (2) of Section 63 of the Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) relating to the amendment of Land Acquisition (Payment of Compensation) Regulations 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1977/8 of 26th July 2016, which were presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Minister of Finance,— Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1968/19 of 26th May 2016, which was presented on 24.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1971/5 of 13th June 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1971/6 of 13th June 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1973/21 of 28th June 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1975/40 of 12th July 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

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.

(10)

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 - <u>Rs. 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.

*16.

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:—

- (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.)

*17.

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;
- (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.)

*18.

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.”

*19.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

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.)

22.

Institute of Personnel Management, Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
