

[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 103.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, September 23, 2016 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

585/'16

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a disciplinary inquiry has been conducted either by the Public Services Commission or the Ministry of Health against Mr. Subasinghe Arachchige Karunathilake, Biomedical Engineer employed in the Biomedical Engineering Services Division, Colombo 10 attached to the Ministry of Health;
 - (ii) if so, of the dates on which the aforesaid disciplinary inquiry was commenced and concluded; and
 - (iii) of the outcome of the aforesaid disciplinary inquiry?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of foreign tours this officer has made during 2008 to 2014;
 - (ii) separately as per each tour, whether it was made for official purposes or for personal purposes;
 - (iii) separately as per each tour, of the expenses borne by the Ministry; and
 - (iv) separately as per each tour, of the number of days taken for the tour and the officer who has authorized leave?
- (c) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts;
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts registered anew; and

in the District of Kurunegala?

- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts registered anew and by —
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector; and
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit—
 - (i) that the Public Services Commission granted approval to the Secretary of the Ministry of Health to grant promotions to Grade 1 outside the 6:1 ratio from 01.10.2001 to 31.12.2005 to officers of Para Medical Service which include Public Health Laboratory Technologists as per the recommendation of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 28.07.2001 bearing No. 49/11/0129/509/023; and
 - (ii) however, several provincial councils have not granted salary arrears to some Public Health Laboratory Technologists who were promoted to Grade 1 in accordance with the above method?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the time to be spent for the payment of the said salary arrears?
- (c) If not, why?

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4.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - whether it is admited that paddy can be cultivated as an alternative crop in the lands in the possession of Hingurana Sugar Company during the season in which sugarcane is not cultivated in them and in plots of lands where sugarcane is anyway not cultivated;
 - (ii) whether it has been observed that steps can be taken to cultivate paddy in Norochcholai Yaya and Deegawapi Zone without incurring any damage to the sugar industry;

- (iii) whether he is aware that letters have been sent by the Galoya Plantation Company which manages the Higurana Sugar Company at present, to the effect that lands would be re-acquired from the farmers who engage in paddy or other cultivations other than sugarcane cultivation; and
- (iv) whether a programme to protect the lands of the farmers who engage in paddy cultivation without making any hazardous impact on the sugarcane cultivation will be implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the countries from which loans and aids were obtained for the construction of Hambantota Port; and
 - (ii) separately of the amounts of loans and aids so obtained?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately as per each year pertaining to the Hambantota Port—
 - (i) its income;
 - (ii) its Revenue Heads;
 - (iii) its expenses;
 - (iv) its Expenditure Heads; and
 - (v) the loss incurred or profit made;

from the year of inception up to 2015?

(c) If not, why?

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6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts; and
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts registered anew;

in the District of Matara?

- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts registered anew and by—
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector;
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

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7.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to start a tyre factory jointly by an Italian Company and Lanka Steel Private Limited at Olaboduwa Watta, Gonapala, Horana;
 - (ii) if so, the investment to be made in this regard;
 - (iii) the extent of private lands to be acquired for this purpose; and
 - (iv) measures taken as of now for the acquisition of lands?
- (b) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House
 - (i) whether action has been taken by the Committee to inform the decision that was taken regarding the Petition Number COM/PP/2015/208 submitted to the Committee on Public Petitions by Mrs. S.S.B.K.M.S.C Namarathna of the Department of Immigration and Emigration regarding a Grade 1 post in the Sri Lanka Administrative Service;
 - (ii) whether the Controller General of Immigration and Emigration was informed by the Additional Secretary (Public Administration), Mr. B.P.P.S. Abeygunarathne through the letter dated 11.05.2016 to take action in accordance with the aforementioned decision and report back to him; and
 - (iii) of the response that has been received with reference to informing the aforementioned decision?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Plot No.686 which has an extent of 0.436 hectares and bears No.280001 in the title plan No. 8.8.49.827 located in the vicinity of the GA's residence facing the Ampara-Uhana road of the 'Indrasarapura' Grama Niladhari Division of the Ampara Municipality coming under the Ampara Divisional Secretariat Division had been allocated to the D.S.Senanayake Memorial Society by the United National Party that came to power in 1977?
- (b) Will he inform this House
 - (i) whether the aforesaid land has been surveyed to grant long-term lease titles to the National Savings Bank, People's Bank and Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment Bureau as per Survey Order Number @@/23@@/99/10 and dated 03.02.1999; and
 - (ii) if so, whether copies of lease titles or any other grant instrument made to aforesaid institutions will be submitted to this House if such documents exist?
- (c) If not, why?

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10.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - of the number of registered Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts;
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts registered anew;

in the District of Matara?

- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts registered anew and by —
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector;
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the maximum period the officers of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service can remain at a place of their choice;
 - (ii) whether their transfer procedure is functioning properly;
 - (iii) if so, as to how Mr. Sarath Rupasiri (S.L.A.S. 1) and Mr. Nihal Ranasinghe (S.L.A.S. Special Grade) have been serving in the Department of Immigration and Emigration for 22 years and 14 years respectively; and
 - (iv) whether he admits that the officers who have joined the department as their successors have faced an injustice owing to them remaining in the Department of Immigration and Emigration for a long period?
- (b) If not, why?

Votes of Condolence

1. The late Hon. D.M. Gunasekere, ex- Member of Parliament.

2. The late Hon. Indika Gunawardena, ex- Member of Parliament.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

2.

Hon. Malith Jayathilake,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

"Bill to incorporate the Rajitha Kodithuwakku Foundation."

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.
Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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

*4

Law Commission (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5

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

*6

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

*7

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.)

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

*9

The Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs and Minister of Lands,— Regulations under the 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 Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the 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.)

*11.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the 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.)

*12.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the 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.)

*13.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the 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.)

*14.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under paragraph (l)(m) and (s) of sub section 61(1) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1878/11 of 01st September 2014, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

*15.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.2),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) read with Section 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E, 14F, 14G, 14H, 14I, 14J, 14K, 14L, 14M and 14N of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1878/12 of 01st September 2014, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.3),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) read with Section 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E, 14F, 14G, 14H, 14I, 14J, 14K, 14L, 14M and 14N of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1892/41 of 12th December 2014, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

*17.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.4),— Regulations made by the Minister of Home Affairs and Fisheries under Section 61(1)(h) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1904/10 of 03rd March 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

*18.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.5),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries under Section 61(1)(sg), (sh) and (t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1907/47 of 26th March 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

*19.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.6),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries under Section 61(1)(l) and (t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1907/47 of 26th March 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

*20.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.7),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 read with Section 30 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1924/6 of 20th July 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

*21.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.8),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 read with Section 29 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1938/2 of 26th October 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

*22.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.9),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1938/2 of 26th October 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

*23.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.10),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) read with Section 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E, 14F, 14G, 14H, 14I, 14J, 14K, 14L, 14M and 14N of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/6 of 14th December 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

*24.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.11),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/7 of 14th December 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

*25.

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."

*26.

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.)

27.

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

28.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* Indicates Government Business.