



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 160.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, April 06, 2017 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

952/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the postmen too have requested for motor bicycles under the scheme of providing motor bicycles to public servants at concessionary rates; and
 - (ii) that they have not yet issued with motor bicycles?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made to provide motor bicycles to these persons on concessionary rates;
 - (ii) If so, the date it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1067/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a Cabinet Memorandum was submitted by the then Minister of Internal Transport, Hon. Ranjith Maddumabandara, for the renovation of the railway track from Maho up to Vavuniya in 2015; and
 - (ii) plans were in place accordingly to import the parts of rails and bridges by the Department of Sri Lanka Railways and construct the said railway track through the Department or local industrialists?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a decision has been taken to assign the renovation of the railway track to Indian industrialists without calling for international competitive bids; and
 - (ii) if so, what the reasons for taking such a decision are?
- (c) If not, why?

(2)

3.

1170/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the quantity of rice imported by the Lanka Sathosa during the period from September 2014 to February 2015;
 - (ii) whether tenders were called for this purpose;
 - (iii) what amount was quoted by each tenderer;
 - (iv) of the amounts paid to the Sri Lanka Customs and to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for clearance of imported rice and as demurrage separately;
 - (v) of the import price and sale price of rice separately;
 - (vi) what loss was caused to the Lanka Sathosa accordingly;
 - (vii) what quantity of rice was sold out of this consignment;
 - (viii) what quantity of rice spoiled and the date on which the cabinet approval was granted to sell it as animal food;
 - (ix) of the quantity that was sold thus, the sale price per kilogram and the loss caused separately
 - (x) what firm purchased the spoilt rice and what quantity was so purchased; and
 - (xi) of the amount spent by the Lanka Sathosa during the overall process from the import to the sale, proceeds from the sale and the loss incurred by the Lanka Sathosa?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1237/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total number of roads in the Trincomalee district as at 1983;
 - (ii) the number of tarred roads and the extent of those roads in kilometres;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by the previous governments to construct the roads in that district during the period from 1983 to the end of war, in respect of each year separately;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent in each year separately to construct the roads in this district in the aftermath of the war; and
 - (v) whether a comprehensive report is submitted in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

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5.

1289/16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the construction of highways which was an extremely significant measure towards enhancement of infrastructure in Sri Lanka was a prominent development strategy adopted by the previous government;
- (ii) accordingly, the construction activities of the Matara – Beliatta highway have been commenced by now, and the lands required for the same have been acquired;
- (iii) the owners of lands have been subjected to injustice with regard to the assessment of compensation in the Thihagoda division of Matara district;
- (iv) the decrease of the value of lands which are left out adjoining the highway has not been assessed, in comparison with the current value of lands;
- (v) attention has not been paid towards the plight of the marginalized lands which are left over when only one part of a property is taken over; and
- (vi) the anticipated livelihood loss, which was calculated pertaining to the acquisition of paddy lands has not been calculated with pertinence to dry land farming?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits the necessity of an alternative system for the assessment of compensation specially considering the fact that the value of lands adjoining the highway does not increase although the value of lands adjoining roads generally increase with an expansion of a road; and
- (ii) accordingly, whether steps will be taken to provide relief to those who lost property, and cultivations in Thihagoda, Kapuduwa area?

(c) If not, why?

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6.

1398/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an expenditure report on the manner in which Rs.50 million allocated for the expansion of the Cinnamon Training Academies as per proposal number 168 of the 2016 budget proposals, was spent will be submitted;
 - (ii) if not, why;
 - (iii) of the number of Cinnamon Training Academies located in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) of the places where the aforesaid schools are located; and
 - (v) of the number and the names of persons who received training at Cinnamon Training Academies in year 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1068/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the messengers that work in the Department of Sri Lanka Railways belong to the Combined Service;
 - (ii) The Department of Sri Lanka Railways has no power to recruit messengers directly?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the permission of the Director General of Combined Services was obtained to recruit messengers to the Department of Sri Lanka Railways in the year 2016 ;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid permission was obtained;
 - (iii) whether a copy of the letter as per which the aforesaid permission was given will be tabled?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the interview for the recruitment of messengers was conducted under the patronage of the Additional General Manager of Railways (Administration);
 - (ii) if so, whether he admits the fact that the aforesaid officer had been under interdiction even on the occasion when the aforesaid interview was conducted; and
 - (iii) how an officer who is interdicted is able to stay in service?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

1238/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of roads in the Puttalam district as at 1983;
 - (ii) the number of tarred roads and the extent of those roads in kilometres;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by the previous governments to construct the roads in that district during the period from 1983 to the end of war in respect of each year separately;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent in each year separately to construct the roads in this district in the aftermath of the war; and
 - (v) whether a comprehensive report is submitted in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1291/16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the irrigation systems that come under the Central Government and the Provincial Council in the district of Matara ;
 - (ii) of the total extent of paddy lands that is cultivated using the irrigation systems mentioned in (i) above; and
 - (iii) of the extent of paddy lands mentioned in (ii) above as per each Divisional Secretariat Division level?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately as per each year—
 - (i) of the amount of money that has been spent on the maintenance or re-construction of irrigation systems coming under the central government from the year 2013 to 2016; and
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has been spent on the maintenance or re-construction of irrigation systems belonging to Matara district from the year 2013 to 2016 separately?
- (c) If not, why?

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10.

1435/'16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it is admitted that it was mentioned in proposal number 153 of Budget 2016 that action would be taken by the government to fix transponders to fishing vessels with a view to abide by the international regulations;
 - (ii) separately of the total value of transponders thus provided by the government and the value of transponders provided per vessel; and
 - (iii) whether a register of names of the owners of fishing vessels to whom transponders have been provided by the government within the year 2016 as per the above budget proposals, will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

1239/'16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total number of roads in the Mannar district as at year 1983;
 - (ii) the number of tarred roads and the extent of those roads in kilometres;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by the previous governments to construct the roads in that district during the period from 1983 to the end of war in respect of each year separately;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent in each year to construct the roads in this district in the aftermath of the war; and
 - (v) whether a comprehensive report is submitted in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1292 /'16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the programme of providing subsidised fertiliser for paddy farmers, which the previous government implemented continuously, is progressing under the present government;

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- (ii) if so, the quantity of subsidised fertiliser issued to the paddy farmers of the Matara district in the year of 2013, 2014 and 2015 in relation to each year and each type of fertiliser separately;
 - (iii) the quantity of fertilizer mentioned in (ii) above in relation to agrarian service areas separately;
 - (iv) the criteria to be met by the farmers in order to be entitled to receive subsidized fertilizer from the government; and
 - (v) the number of paddy farmers in the Matara district who became eligible to receive subsidized fertilizer from the government in the year of 2013, 2014 and 2015 separately?
- (b) If not, why?

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 Standing Order No.7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 3.00 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 notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament, and the motions agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the Parliament shall sit on May 03rd Wednesday, 04th Thursday and 05th Friday, 2017.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.3),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sittings of Parliament on Wednesday 03rd May, 2017 shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.4),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sittings of Parliament on Thursday 04th and Friday 05th May, 2017 shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

5.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 5),— That this Parliament at its rising Friday 07th, April 2017 do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday 03rd May, 2017.

6.

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Institution of Building Services Engineering & Technology of Sri Lanka.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.1) ,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) on rules governing Distilleries/Warehouses and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1996/52 of 09th December 2016, which was presented on 07.03.2017, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 991)

*2.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.2),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to duty on bottled toddy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1998/6 of 20th December 2016, which was presented on 07.03.2017, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 993)

*3.

The Minister of Sports,— Regulations under the Convention against Doping in Sports Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Sports under Section 34(1) of the Convention against Doping in Sports Act, No. 33 of 2013 relating to the Prohibited List (2017) published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.2006/15 of 14th February 2017, which were presented on 21.03.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—Regulations under the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 30 read with Section 33 of the of the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act No. 27 of 2006 relating to prohibition of the manufacture or sale of tobacco products which are prescribed and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1982/33 of 01st September 2016 and amended by Gazette Extraordinary No. 1997/22 of 15th December 2016, which were presented on 07.02.2017 be approved.

*5.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Sri Lanka Sustainable Development Bill — Adjourned debate on question. (8th March 2017) [1].

*7.

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Order under the Diplomatic Privileges Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs under Section 4 of the Diplomatic Privileges Act, No. 9 of 1996 and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1987/23 of 05th October 2016, which was presented on 19.11.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,—Regulations under the Companies Act and the Societies Ordinance—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce under Section 527 of the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007 read with Section 477 of the said Act and Regulations made under Section 19 of the Societies Ordinance (Chapter 123) No. 16 of 1891 read with the Societies Ordinance (Amendment) Act, No.11 of 2005 relating to the Companies (Fees) and Societies (Fees) and published in the Extraordinary Gazette No. 1990/12 of 25th October 2016, which were presented on 24.01.2017 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Regulations under the Companies Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce including the new sub-section (ix) published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1998/11 of 20th December 2016, amending the Section 2(i)(b) relating to the Companies (Secretaries) Regulations under Section 527 of the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007 published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 471/6 of 14th September 1987, which were presented on 24.03.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Minister of Ports and Shipping,—Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 relating to Verification of Container Gross Mass and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1979/30 dated 11th August 2016, which were presented on 21.02.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

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.”

16.

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

17.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

18.

United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

19.

Sri Lanka Women’s Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

20.

Moneragala District Kantha Maha Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

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Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”
