



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 163.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, May 03, 2017 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

853/'16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the temples in the possession of the Department of Archaeology in the districts of Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Mannar and Vauniya in the Northern province;
 - (ii) of the temples which have been registered in the Department of Buddhist Affairs;
 - (iii) whether action has been taken to protect these temples from treasure hunters and from organized criminals;
 - (iv) if so, of the said steps;
 - (v) whether it has been reported that these temples have been damaged by the above persons during the period from 2012-2014; and
 - (vi) if so, of the measures that have been taken against them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to develop these temples; and
 - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid measures are?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

929/'16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the Diplomatic Officers who got appointments to Sri Lankan Missions abroad are allowed to take persons abroad from Sri Lanka for the post of Personal Service Assistant;
 - (ii) separately, of the names, passport numbers and addresses of the Officers appointed to embassies and the Personal Service Assistants who were accompanied by them within the period from 01.01.2005 to 01.01.2015;

(2)

- (iii) of the dates on which the Officers and Personal Service Assistants returned to Sri Lanka after the completion of relevant duties and the date of expiry of the passport of each Personal Service Assistant separately;
- (iv) of the names of the Personal Service Assistants who did not return to Sri Lanka when the Officers returned; and
- (v) of the steps taken by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in relation to the Personal Service Assistants who did not return to Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

3.

991/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether persons who are not Members of Parliament have been appointed as Chairmen or Co-chairmen of Regional Development Committees;
- (ii) if so, their names and the Regional Development Committees in which they hold the chairmanship, separately;
- (iii) the powers vested on the aforesaid chairmen;
- (iv) the basis on which the aforesaid persons are appointed to the said posts;
- (v) the highest educational or professional qualifications of the aforesaid persons, separately; and
- (vi) the salaries, allowances and other facilities provided to the aforesaid Chairmen or Co-chairmen?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1014/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a new building has been rented out for the Ministry of Agriculture;
- (ii) if so, of the aforesaid date;
- (iii) whether tenders were called in that regard;
- (iv) if so, separately of the individuals who made offers for the tender and the bids they forwarded;
- (v) of the government valuation for the rented out building, the name and the address of the owner, monthly rent and the advance payment;

(3)

- (vi) whether the lease agreement, signed with the owner of the building, will be tabled; and
- (vii) of the date as to when the Ministry of Agriculture was shifted to aforesaid building?

(b) If not, why?

5.

1110/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the names and addresses of the current Board of Directors of the Bandarawela Multipurpose Cooperative Society;
- (ii) separately, their educational qualifications;
- (iii) separately, of the regional societies of the said Multipurpose Cooperative Society, the regional societies that make profits and incur losses at present;
- (iv) whether there had been any complaint in respect of the recent election; and
- (v) if so, measures to be taken in that regard ?

(b) If not, why?

6.

1146/16

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the date on which the Oddamavadi West Divisional Secretariat Division of Koralepattu in the Batticaloa District was established;
- (ii) whether he will table a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in this regard;
- (iii) what total extent of land area is covered by that Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (iv) how many Grama Niladhari Divisions are located in the Division concerned; and
- (v) what the official codes and names of such Grama Niladhari Divisions are?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether an official delimitation mission has taken place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat Division; and
- (ii) if so, what its details are?

(4)

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether administration or other operations of any of the Grama Niladhari Divisions falling under the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned are currently handled by some other Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he will submit the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

1276 / 16

Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether he recognises the perpetual survival of the fisheries industry which makes a contribution in fulfilling the nutritional needs of the people and earning foreign exchange?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in relation to Matara district—
 - (i) the number of fisheries harbours and anchorages and their locations;
 - (ii) the number of multiday and single day fishing vessels registered with each Divisional Secretariat division; and
 - (iii) the number of fishermen living in each Divisional Secretariat Division separately, according to the statistics of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources?
- (c) Will he further inform this House in relation to Matara district from 2013 to 2016—
 - (i) the amount of money spent to enhance fisheries infrastructure facilities;
 - (ii) the number of multiday and single day fishing vessels that have been distributed on concessionary basis; and
 - (iii) the number of fishing gear sets, communication equipment and life jackets that has been distributed on concessionary basis in each Divisional Secretariat Division, in each year, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

1373 / 16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether rack space in the private sector super markets were given at a reasonable rate as per proposal No. 126 of the Budget 2016 in order to promote sales of small and medium scale entrepreneurs;
 - (ii) whether a request was made by a Ministry to make such rack space available from the super markets of the private sector;

(5)

- (iii) if such a request or order was made, will he present a copy of it; and
 - (iv) whether he will present a list of number of super markets of the private sector in Sri Lanka which are liable to pay taxes and the cities/villages in which they are situated?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Registration of Electors (Special Provisions),— Bill to make special provisions to exempt internally displaced persons from certain requirements of the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2.

Hon. Edward Gunasekara,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Cancer Care Trust.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1994/20 of 21st November 2016 which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1996/50 of 09th December 2016 which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1998/5 of 20th December 2016 which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(6)

*4.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2000/85 of 06th January 2017 which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2002/29 of 18th January 2017 which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.6),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2003/43 of 27th January 2017 which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.7),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/41 of 16th February 2017 which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.8),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2007/38 of 23rd February 2017 which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.9),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2007/44 of 26th February 2017 which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(7)

*10.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.10),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2009/05 of 07th March 2017 which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.1),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties. which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1995/37 of 02nd December 2016)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.2),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties. which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2000/86 of 06th January 2017)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),— 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. 1999/23 of 27th December 2016 amending the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1992/29 of 10th November 2016 which was presented on 05.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),— 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. 2000/8 of 03rd January 2017 amending the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1999/23 of 27th December 2016 which was presented on 05.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.3),— 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. 2003/22 of 25th January 2017 amending the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2000/8 of 03rd January 2017 which was presented on 05.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister Finance under Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011, relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1992/51 of 11th November 2016 which was presented on 05.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

The Minister of Sports,— Regulations under the Sports Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Sports under Section 41 to read with Section 31 of the Sports Act, No. 25, of 1973 relating to National Associations of Sports and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1990/23 of 27th October 2016 and the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/13 of 13th February 2017 which were presented on 05.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

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 in terms of the Section 16 (1) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994 for the appointment of a Director General to assist the Commission in the discharge of the functions assigned to it by this Act and for the payment of a salary to the Director General as determined by Parliament;

And whereas, Mr. Sarath Jayamanna President's Counsel, who served in the post of Additional Solicitor General of the Attorney General's Department, has been appointed to the post of Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption with effect from 24.11.2016;

And whereas, approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to pay Mr. Sarath Jayamanna President's Counsel, Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption as personal to him the monthly salary and all other allowances including the house rent allowance in case he is not provided with a government quarters (excluding the telephone allowance and fuel allowance) entitled to the post of Additional Solicitor General and to grant him the allowance of Secretary to a Ministry, telephone allowance and fuel allowance entitled to the post of Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption with effect from 24.11.2016;

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves to pay Mr. Sarath Jayamanna President's Counsel, Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption be paid the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of the Section 16 (2) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

Foreign Exchange Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

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

*25.

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

*26.

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

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

*28.

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

*29.

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

*30.

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.)

*31.

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.”

32.

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

33.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

34.

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

35.

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

36.

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

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

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