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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

807/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) blasts carried out for the construction of the Hambantota Port had caused severe damages to the house in which Mrs. A.W. Ummu Saleema of No. 24/5 Magam Road, Hambantota and her elderly husband lived;
- (ii) having informed the Sri Lanka Ports Authority and the Hambantota Divisional Secretary of it, they moved out of the house and settled in a rented house as per the assurance given that compensation would be paid for the damaged house and land, instructing the immediate evacuation of their house, and promising payment of rent for house until compensation would be made available; and
- (iii) a one-off payment equivalent to six months' rent was paid by the authority after numerous requests but no more monthly payments were made by now, contrary to what was promised?

(b) Will he inform the House of—

- (i) the date on which the agreed monthly rent will be made available with arrears; and
- (ii) the date on which compensation will be paid for the lost house and land?

(c) If not, why?

2.

854/16

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) foreigners enter the Patna forest belonging to Deniyaya range in the Matara district in an unauthorized manner from the point near the waterway through Viharahena road;

(2)

- (ii) the Pitadeniya Entrance Point opened by the Forest Conservation Department to visit Sinharaja forest is not utilized by them when visiting the forest;
  - (iii) it is the tourists who get accommodated in star level hotels in the close proximity of Sinharaja forest located in Matara district, who enter the forest in that manner;
  - (iv) there is a possibility to damage the bio diversity of Singharaja forest and genetic ravaging as a result of entering the forest through this access route; and
  - (v) a huge loss is incurred on the part of the government owing to this situation?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether a proper programme will be formulated to enter tourists to Sinharaja forest; and
  - (ii) if so, from which date will it be?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it has been discovered that the star rated hotels in the proximity of the Sinharaja forest, in the Matara district have made routes or constructions within the forest; and
  - (ii) if so, of the measures that have been taken against the aforesaid institutions?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

1045/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether an appeal committee has been appointed to take into consideration the appeals regarding demarcation of boundaries in local government wards as per the Local Authorities Elections Act No.21 of 2012;
  - (ii) if so, of the number of Local Authorities related to which the Committee has completed the consideration of appeals as at 31 October 2016;
  - (iii) of the names of the Local Authorities mentioned in (ii) above;
  - (iv) as to why elections have not yet been held in the aforementioned Local Authorities?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

4.

1253/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) how many Police Stations had been established within the Batticaloa District as at 1983;
  - (ii) how many Police officers had been serving at those Police Stations;
  - (iii) how many Police Stations were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after the year 1983 until the end of the war in 2009;
  - (iv) how many Police officers were killed due to terrorist attacks;
  - (v) whether an assessment has been taken with regard to the destruction of properties referred to in (iii) above; and
  - (vi) whether he will table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1297/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of principals in the Sri Lanka Principals' Service with Principal Grades, serving in National and Provincial Schools of the Matara District;
  - (ii) separately on per grade basis, of the number mentioned above;
  - (iii) whether any person without principal grades in the Sri Lanka Principals' Service are serving as principals in any national or provincial school in the Matara District;
  - (iv) if so, of the names of such schools;
  - (v) of the number of persons serving in national and provincial schools in the Matara District in positions other than the post of Principal with Principals' Service grade;
  - (vi) of the reasons identified as causes of (v) above;
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1312/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the total extent of lands belonging to the state institutions situated within the Vakara Divisional Secretariat Division in Korlai Paththu North in the Batticaloa District;
  - (ii) whether residents of the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions have submitted applications for obtaining lands belonging to the state on grant / licence basis;

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- (iii) if so, of the number of such applications that have been received; and
- (iv) of the total extent of lands that have been provided to the aforesaid applicants on grant / licence basis?

(b) If not, why?

7.

1344/16

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of appointments of additional temporary employees made outside the cadre provision approved by the Ministry of Finance to the local bodies in Eravur Urban Council, Kattankudy Urban Council and Koralaipattu West Pradeshiya Sabha, since the dissolution of these local bodies on 15.05.2015 separately;
- (ii) the number of such appointments made with the recommendations of the present Chief Minister of the Eastern Province;
- (iii) whether each of the local authorities have sufficient funds to remunerate such appointments; and
- (iv) the nature of services of such temporary employees?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether such appointments are in accordance with the requirements of each local authority;
- (ii) whether it has result in over-staffing and financial constraints, and if so why;
- (iii) any such temporary employees presently under-paid or unpaid, and if so why; and
- (iv) whether action will be taken to increase the cadre provision to absorb these temporary employees?

(c) If not, why?

8.

1370/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether a “regulatory authority” required for regulating the small and medium scale enterprise sector was established as per the budget proposals for year 2016;
- (ii) if so, of the date on which such authority was established;
- (iii) whether a fee of Rs.25,000/- should be paid when registering a microfinance company in Sri Lanka;

(5)

- (iv) whether an advisory committee was established for the purpose of studying the difficulties experienced by the small and medium scale enterprise sector;
- (v) if so, of the names of the members of the aforesaid committee;
- (vi) whether an initial fund of Rs.500 million was provided by the government for the implementation of a credit guarantee scheme for small and medium scale enterprises in the year of 2016;
- (vii) whether a credit facility of Rs.100 million was received from the Asian Development Bank to assist the programme for providing financial facilities to the small and medium scale enterprise sector under concessionary interest rates; and
- (viii) whether a list containing the names and addresses of the small and medium scale entrepreneurs who were provided with loans that were granted under the credit facility of the Asian Development Bank would be presented to this House?

(b) If not, why?

9.

1541/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether any compensation has been paid as of now to the people of the Badulla District affected due to the Uma Oya development project;
- (ii) if so, the names and addresses of the recipients of compensation; and
- (iii) if not, as to what action will be taken to expedite the payment of compensation?

(b) If not, why?

10.

1047/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of foreign trips made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs between 10.01.2015 and 31.10.2016;
- (ii) of the objective, destination country and the amount spent for each of the aforementioned trip; and
- (iii) whether image of Sri Lanka has been boosted by the aforementioned trips?

(b) If not, why?

(6)

11.

1053/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits that the punishments given to the persons who kill wild elephants are not adequate;
  - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to amend the laws in this regard;
  - (iii) whether he admits that the compensation paid for the relevant persons for the damages caused to the property by wild elephants is not sufficient;
  - (iv) if so, whether action will be taken to increase the amount of money given as compensation?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the government has taken action to control the elephant–human conflict;
  - (ii) if so, what those steps are;
- (c) If not, why?

12.

1254/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) how many Police Stations had been established within the Ampara District as at 1983;
  - (ii) how many Police officers had been serving at those Police Stations;
  - (iii) how many Police Stations were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after the year 1983 until the end of the war in 2009;
  - (iv) how many Police officers were killed due to terrorist attacks;
  - (v) whether an assessment has been done with regard to the destruction of properties referred to in (iii) above; and
  - (vi) whether he will table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

1299/16

Hon. Dullus Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house separately in relation to the Matara district;
  - (i) the number of national and provincial schools;
  - (ii) the number of teachers serving in each school;
  - (iii) the number of teachers serving in schools in respect of each subject; and
  - (iv) the number of teachers serving in schools in respect of each education zone?

(7)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the number students studying in national and provincial schools in the Matara district;
  - (ii) that number separately as national and provincial schools;
  - (iii) the student –teacher ratio, separately in respect of each subject; and
  - (iv) the ratio in (iii) above separately in respect of each education zone?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1313/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the extent of land which belongs to the public institutions located in Oddamawadi Divisional Secretariat Division in Korale Pattu West in Batticaloa District;
  - (ii) whether the occupants in that Divisional Secretariat Division has applied to obtain state lands on grants / permits;
  - (iii) if so, the number of applications received for it;
  - (iv) the extent of land provided to the aforesaid applicants on grants/ permits up to now?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1543/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that serious damages have been caused to houses of the people of the Badulla District owing to the Uma Oya development project;
  - (ii) separately, in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division, the names and addresses of persons whose houses have been damaged;
  - (iii) whether measures will be taken to repair or reconstruct the houses damaged;
  - (iv) if so, whether he submits the details thereof?

If not, why?

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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 05<sup>th</sup> October 2016 which was presented on 19.11.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*2.

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 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/13 of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 which were presented on 05.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.

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.)



- \*4.  
Foreign Exchange Bill— Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*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.  
(8<sup>th</sup> 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 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 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016 which were presented on 21.02.2017, be approved.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*12.  
Resolution under the Constitution,—Adjourned Debate on Question (22<sup>nd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.  
Institute of Personnel Management, Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

14. Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
15. United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
16. Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
17. 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."

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