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FOR

Friday, May 26, 2017 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction, ^{903/16}—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the total number of permanent positions in the National Housing Development Authority as per its cadre;
 - (ii) the designations mentioned in (i) above;
 - (iii) the number of positions currently covered on acting basis;
 - (iv) the designations of positions referred to above; and
 - (v) the reasons for not recruiting permanent officers for the positions currently covered on acting basis?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms, ^{976/16}—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Whether there is a transmission centre known as “Voice of America” at Iranawila area, Chilaw in the North Western Province;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of land given to it;
 - (iii) whether that land has been given on free hold basis or lease basis;
 - (iv) if it is on lease basis, the amount of money paid to the Government of Sri Lanka as lease rent in each year separately; and
 - (v) whether all Laws of Sri Lankan Government are in force within this land?

(2)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) what agreements had been entered into between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Government of the United States of America or Voice of America with regard to the establishment of the transmission centre known as ‘Voice of America’;
 - (ii) whether all those agreements will be tabled;
 - (iii) of the number of Sri Lankans and foreigners employed at this centre, separately;
 - (iv) of the activities conducted and programmes broadcast by this centre; and
 - (v) what state institutions of Sri Lanka monitor those activities and programmes?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1008/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila, —To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, the then Minister of Foreign Affairs made a complaint to the Criminal Investigation Department on 14.01.2015 regarding a conspiracy to withhold the results of the Presidential Election on the night of 08.01.2015, requesting that the investigation be prioritized in consideration of the threat to national security and to democracy; and
 - (ii) in response to a question for oral answers raised by me in Parliament, the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development stated on 09.03.2016 that taking further action has been halted because remarks of the Attorney-General have not been received?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which a report on the aforesaid investigation was received by the Attorney-General;
 - (ii) of the date on which remarks of the Attorney-General regarding the aforesaid investigation were sent to the Police; and
 - (iii) if Attorney-General’s remarks have not been sent yet, of the reasons for it?
- (c) If not, why?

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4.

1167/16

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been spent by the Urban Development Authority at the end of 2014 for the Kandy city Development Project started by the previous government;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been received at that time out of the money allocated through foreign funding for this project, during the period of the previous government; and
 - (iii) whether he admits that no development activity has been taken place in this project during that period although about 20 months have been passed since this government of good governance came into power?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether the Ministry has taken action to suspend the city development project in Kandy, one of the major cities in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1260/16

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 Jaffna 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?

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6.

1307/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of kilometers of the roads belong to the central government in the Matara district;
 - (ii) Separately the classifications of those roads according to the Road Development Authority;
 - (iii) the number of kilometers of the carpeted roads in the district of Matara from 2013 to 2016 in respect of each year separately; and
 - (iv) the amount of money allocated to develop and maintenance of the roads in the Matara district from 2013 to 2016 in respect of each year separately?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1317/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the extent of land which belongs to the public institutions located in Koralaipattu, Central Divisional Secretariat Division 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 by now ?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1326/'16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the Sri Lankans who were named as traitors during the Dutch rule in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the reasons for naming the particular individuals as traitors?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the privileges that an individual is deprived of when named as a traitor;
 - (ii) whether the deprivation of such privileges has any effect on the family members of the particular individuals; and
 - (iii) if so, in which manner?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to remove the names of the Sri Lankans who have been named as traitors by the Dutch from the aforesaid registers;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to name them as national heroes?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

1383/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the contribution made to the government revenue by the increase of the special commodity levy on fish and fish products to Rs. 50/- as per proposal No. 147 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) separately the quantities and import values of fish and fish products imported to Sri Lanka from 1977 up to now;
 - (iii) whether a list of importers who engage in importing fish and fish products will be submitted as per customs data;
 - (iv) whether the government has a plan for the reduction of fish importation to Sri Lanka;
 - (v) if so, of the aforementioned plan?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1546/17

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. W.G. Cyril Perera residing opposite the filling station at Kalmunai Road, Ampara has been a resident of that address continuously for 17 years;
 - (ii) It has been recommended to allocate him 20 perch plot of land by a land kachcheri held as per Circular 2008/4 by the Ampara Divisional Secretariat consequent to a long term request made by him seeking legal entitlement for the said plot of land;

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- (iii) subsequent to him making submissions to the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka regarding the non allocation of the said land citing various reasons, it has been recommended at the conclusion of the inquiry conducted by the said Commission that the land on which he has been residing should be handed over to him legally;
- (iv) the entitlement of the said land has still not been granted to him?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to what measures will be initiated to offer relief to the prejudice and injustice caused to Mr. Perera?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

1043/'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) the number of persons included in the delegation that joined the President to participate in the annual session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2016;
 - (ii) the names of the persons who joined the above tour and the basis on which they were included in the delegation separately; and
 - (iii) the total cost which the tour incurred on the Government, Public Corporations, Statutory Boards and Public Companies?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1261/'16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha 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 Mullaitivu 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 made 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?

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13.

1308/16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there have been reports which say that a retired intelligence officer in Kegalle had committed suicide claiming in a confession that it was he who killed the journalist Lasantha Wickramathunga; and
 - (ii) the Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy had stated in a special media release that it is suspicious whether the death of the aforesaid retired officer is an act of committing suicide or a murder?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a post-mortem has been carried out on the dead body of the aforesaid retired intelligence officer;
 - (ii) if so, of the conclusion reached by the doctors about the aforesaid death;
 - (iii) of the cause of the death of the intelligence officer if it was not an act of committing suicide; and
 - (iv) of the nature of legal action that has been taken against those who are responsible for the death of the intelligence officer?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether an inquiry would be conducted about the statement that has been made by the aforesaid Deputy Minister as a responsible citizen; and
 - (ii) of the present situation of the investigations carried out into the killing of Journalist Lasantha Wickramathunga?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

1328/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Windmills installed in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) The price at which a unit of electricity is obtained from those power plants by the Ceylon Electricity Board separately in relation to each power plant; and
 - (iii) out of those Windmills, the power plants that belong to the L.T.L. Holdings (Pvt) Limited;

(8)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the price at which a unit of electricity is supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board by the new Windmills being erected at Elephant pass;
 - (ii) whether the government has taken steps to obtain a unit of electricity from Windmills at a lowest rate; and
 - (iii) if so, in what manner?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

1384/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a Rs.300 million allocation was provided to Lak Sathosa to promote domestic fish canning by the private sector as per proposal No.146 of the budget proposals for 2016;
 - (ii) of the canned fish producers who may be provided benefits through this promotion scheme;
 - (iii) of their annual canned fish production within the past few years;
 - (iv) of the quantity of canned fish imported annually to this country and the amount of foreign exchange spent on that from 1977 up to now, separately with respect to each year;
 - (v) whether he admits that the controlled price of Rs.125/= imposed on canned fish by the government is not fully implemented within the market?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament – Northern Province Tourism Authority Draft Statute– That notwithstanding the Provisions of the Standing Orders Nos. 46 A (3) (a) and (b), this Parliament do grant the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations an extension of time till 03 July 2017 to submit its report to Parliament on the Northern Province Tourism Authority Draft Statute which was referred to it by the Hon. Speaker on 03rd May 2017.

2.

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,— Regulations under the Divineguma Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare under Section 42 of the Divineguma Act, No. 1 of 2013, amended by the Act No. 2 of 2017 and under section 42 to be read with Sections 25(2) and 29(2) of said Act and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2009/8 of 07th March 2017 which were presented on 03.05.2017, be approved.

*2.

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.)

*3.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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

*5.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Foreign Exchange Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Registration of Electors (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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.)

*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 11th August 2016 which were presented on 21.02.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

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.”

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.
18. Lasallian Community Education Services (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
19. International Women's and Children's Rights (IWCRC) (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

925/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the posts held by the person named Piyadasa Kuda Balage in Sri Lanka Insurance and in the institutions affiliated to it;
 - (ii) the period of time for which he held each post separately;
 - (iii) his educational and professional qualifications; and
 - (iv) the monthly salary and the allowances that he received for each post, separately?
 - (b) If not, why?
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