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FOR

Friday, June 23, 2017 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1067/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(2)

(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.

1087/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of horses available in the horse mounted units of the three armed forces of Army, Air Force and Navy separately as per each force;
- (ii) of the expenditure borne on the upkeep of the aforesaid horses separately as per each force; and
- (iii) of the benefits accrued from the above horses separately as per each force?

(2)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made to obtain more horses to the horse mounted units of the above forces from foreign countries; and
 - (ii) if so, of the projected expenditure of the above purpose separately as per each force?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1121/'16

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 many water catchment areas of the country abounding in biodiversity are located in the Badulla District;
 - (ii) if so, what those locations are;
 - (iii) whether the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment has commenced any course of action to save such water springs for posterity; and
 - (iv) if so, what its details are?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1135/'16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the construction work of the Sports Complex of Kalutara district in Bandaragama was completed;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent for that;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to construct the indoor stadium, running track and the swimming pool separately;
 - (iv) the reasons for the delay of opening it; and
 - (v) the persons who are in charge of the maintenance?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1182/'16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of the Batticaloa District—
 - (i) of the extent of agricultural land that was under cultivation by the year 1983;
 - (ii) of the extents of land cultivated in the years 1982 and 1983, separately in respect of each crop in each year;
 - (iii) of the total extent of cultivated land in each year after 1983 up until the end of the war situation in 2009, separately;
 - (iv) of the total extent of cultivated agricultural land after the end of the war situation up until now in each year, separately; and
 - (v) whether he will table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

6.

1291/'16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(2)

- (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?

7.

1396/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the action taken in the year 2016 to promote commercial cultivation of arecanut as per budget proposal No. 161 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) of the number of arecanut collection zones established as per the aforesaid proposal;
 - (iii) of the locations in which the aforesaid zones are established;
 - (iv) whether a register comprising of the arecanut production in Sri Lanka, the export volume of arecanut, quantity, price and total value from year 1977 to year 2016 will be submitted;
 - (v) whether there is a specific plan for the cultivation of arecanut commercially in Sri Lanka; and
 - (vi) of the Ministry which should undertake the responsibility of formulating such a plan?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

8.

1484/16

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) out of the total number of schools functioning under the North-Western Provincial Council, of the number of schools that have been closed down since year 2010 to date?
 - (ii) separately of the names of each of those schools and the names of the relevant Divisional Secretariat Divisions in which those schools are situated;
 - (iii) of the reasons for closing down those provincial schools; and
 - (iv) whether the buildings and the lands of those schools are being used for some productive purpose at present?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1600/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the year of the lifetime of three power plants at Norochcholai Coal Power Plant expires;
 - (ii) the alternative methods to be used to obtain energy generated from those three power plants after their lifetime expired; and
 - (iii) whether policy makers of long term power generation schemes have focused attention on the consequences of the deactivation of those power plants before the due time, after considering the frequent technical failures in them?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1183/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of the Trincomalee District—
 - (i) of the extent of agricultural land that was under cultivation by the year 1983;
 - (ii) of the extents of land cultivated in the years 1982 and 1983, separately in respect of each crop in each year;
 - (iii) of the total extent of cultivated land in each year after 1983 up until the end of the war situation in 2009, separately;
 - (iv) of the total extent of cultivated agricultural land after the end of the war situation up until now in each year, separately; and
 - (v) whether he will table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

11.

1295/16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total extent of state land in the Matara District;
 - (ii) separately on per Divisional Secretariat Division, of the extent of land mentioned in (i) above;
 - (iii) of the extent of state land identified in the Matara District for the distribution among the public for residential purposes; and
 - (iv) separately on per Divisional Secretariat Division, of the extent of land mentioned in (iii) above
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to grant land to people of the Matara District who do not have any land to reside in;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done; and
 - (iii) of the programmes which are already under way and the programmes which are expected to be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

1329/16

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

- (a) Is he aware of—
 - (i) the irregularities that have taken place when disbursing of shares to the employees of LTL Holdings (Pvt) Ltd and a complaint had been lodged at the Financial Crimes Investigation Division under the number ACC/FC/2015/403 regarding the fraud and malpractices of the institution;
 - (ii) an investigation has not yet been carried out on the matter; and
 - (iii) therefore, both the employees and the country have suffered an immense financial loss ?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) measures will be taken to examine the complaint; and
 - (ii) if so, what is the date?
- (c) If not, why?

(6)

13.

1677/17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of schools in Manmunai West and Kalkudah Educational zones in Batticaloa district with teachers' cadre and present teachers' availability, category-wise in each school;
 - (ii) whether instructions be given to Provincial Director of Education, Eastern Province to transfer excess teachers in neighboring educational zones to fill the existing vacancies in order to ensure the equal right for free education of these poor rural students; and
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

1397/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the ratio adopted when distributing among Tea, Rubber and Coconut Research Institutes, the provision of Rs.200 million allocated to Tea, Rubber and Coconut Research fields as per proposal No. 162 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) separately the institute-wise number of employees in the Tea, Rubber and Coconut Research Institutes;
 - (iii) separately the year-wise allocation of provisions from the General Treasury for tea research, rubber research and coconut research in years 2002, 2005, 2010 and 2014; and
 - (iv) of the research carried out in the three fields of tea, rubber and coconut during the past decade?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1468/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of projects that have been commenced by the Ministry for solid waste management from the year 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) the funds provided to each local authority to implement the aforesaid projects, separately;

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- (iii) the steps that have been taken in regard to the aforesaid projects from the year 2010 up to now;
- (iv) the steps taken by the Ministry for e-waste management; and
- (v) the steps expected to be taken in the future under this Government of Good Governance for solid waste management and e-waste management?

(b) If not, why?

Votes of Condolence

1. The late Hon. A.M.S. Adikari, ex-Member of Parliament.
2. The late Hon. Chandra Ranatunga, ex-Member of Parliament.
3. The late Hon. Maithripala Herath, ex-Member of Parliament.
4. The late Hon. Ariyaratne Jayatilleke, ex-Member of Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—Regulations under the Marine Pollution Prevention Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment under Section 51 of the Marine Pollution Prevention Act, No. 35 of 2008 read with paragraph (e) of Section 6 and Section 21 of the said Act and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1996/27 of 06th December 2016, which were presented on 07.06.2017, 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.

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

*4.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Foreign Exchange Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 read with Section 118 of the aforesaid Act, relating to Medical Devices Pricing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/45 of 17th February 2017, which were presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

*10.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Regulation under the Judicature Act,—That the Regulation made by the Minister of Justice under Section 61 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 read with Section 60 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2012/5 of 27th March 2017, which was presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

*11.

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

*12.

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

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.”

15.

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

16.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

17.

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

18.

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

19.

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

20.

Lasallian Community Education Services (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

21.

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."
