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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, July 04, 2017 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

921/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Ministry level investigations are conducted on frauds, corruptions and misuses of public property, taken place in Ministry of Housing and Construction during the period from January 2011 to January 2015;
- (ii) if so, of the progress of each aforesaid investigation;
- (iii) whether Ministry Officials who were alleged to have connections with aforesaid frauds and corruptions, have been identified ; and
- (iv) if so, the disciplinary actions that have been taken against them?

(b) If not, why?

2.

1045/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

(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?

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3.

1162/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wild Life,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names, addresses and professional qualifications of the members of the Wildlife Management Committee, if the proposed plan for the elephant pass at Hakwatunawa and Kahalla reserves has been formulated by such a committee;
 - (ii) of the religious and community organizations that have been met with the wildlife management committee; if field study has been conducted in this regard; of the time when; and
 - (iii) of the environment organizations / environmentalists who participated in the environment study, if such a study has been conducted in this regard; and
 - (iv) whether that report would be submitted?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the scientific method that should be used to formulate a plan like this; whether the proposed plan has been formulated following that method;
 - (ii) of the time when and the persons by whom this plan was approved, if Gaja Mithuru Organizarion approved it?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether further intervention by the Divisional Secretary takes place in this regard despite the temporary suspension of the plan by the District Coordinating Committee; and
 - (ii) if the Divisional Secretary has been authorized to override the District Coordinating Committee, who granted him such authority?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

1181/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of the Vavuniya District—
 - (i) of the extent of agricultural land that was under cultivation by the year 1983;
 - (ii) of the extents of agricultural 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 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?

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5.

1297/'16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (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; and
 - (vi) of the reasons identified as causes of (v) above?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1311/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which the Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat Division of the Ampara District was established;
 - (ii) whether he will table a copy of the Gazette Notification which was issued in this regard;
 - (iii) of the total area that comes under the Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions that come under the Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (v) of the numbers and names of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat Division was officially delimited when it was established; and
 - (ii) if so, of the details of such delimitation?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether administration or operation of any Grama Niladhari division that comes under the Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat Division/Divisions is being handled by any other Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) if so, the names, numbers and other details of such Grama Niladhari divisions;
 - (iii) whether a Tamil Divisional Secretariat Division or a sub-division has been established in Kalmunai; and
 - (iv) if so, whether he will table the respective Gazette Notification?
- (d) If not, why?

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7.

1322/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it is admitted that the contracts regarding the small scale development schemes implemented by the divisional secretariats during the previous regime were awarded to the societies which functioned in the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division, at the estimated rate;
 - (ii) nonetheless, whether he is aware that, at present tenders are called for the above mentioned development schemes and the said contracts are awarded to the lowest tender offered;
 - (iii) whether it is admitted that the aforesaid societies and the particular areas are deprived of the relevant benefits owing to the inability of the societies which functioned in the area to get the aforesaid contracts since the contracts for the aforesaid development schemes were offered to the lowest tender received; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to grant the small scale contracts to the aforesaid societies at the estimated rate as it was earlier done, without calling for open tenders in order to relieve the above mentioned societies from the injustice caused?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1330/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which LTL Projects Company was established as a subsidiary of Lanka Transformers Limited (LTL);
 - (ii) whether LTL possesses 100% of the ownership of LTL Projects Company;
 - (iii) of the names of the present owners of the LTL Projects Company;
 - (iv) whether LTL possesses shares of LTL Projects Company at present; and
 - (v) of the names of the persons who granted the right to alienate or transfer the number of shares of LTL Projects Company that belonged to LTL Company?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that LTL Projects (Pvt.) Ltd, the subsidiary of LTL Company, has not been included in the audit reports after 2006 due to which government has not received dividends from that company; and
 - (ii) whether an investigation will be carried out into this and whether action will be taken to recover from the aforesaid company the amount that government has lost since 2006 to date?
- (c) If not, why?

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9.

1344/16

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (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?

10.

1370/16

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

- (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;
 - (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;

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(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?

11.

1472/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House, separately in terms of each Divisional Secretariat division of Badulla district in Uva Province—

(i) of the number of families that receive Samurdhi subsidies; and

(ii) of the number of families who are living below the poverty line?

(b) Will he also inform this House whether he will take measures to provide Sumurdhi subsidies to the people who are living below the poverty line and do not receive them even though they are qualified?

(c) If not, why?

12.

1014/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(3)

(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;

(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?

13.

1047/16

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

- (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?

14.

1184/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of the Ampara 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 up until now in each year, separately; and
 - (v) whether he will table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1331/16

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of subsidiaries owned by LTL Holdings (Pvt.) Ltd and their names;
 - (ii) the methodology followed to establish those subsidiaries;
 - (iii) duties carried out by each subsidiary separately ?
 - (b) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) percentage of the profit received by Ceylon Electricity Board from the revenue of aforesaid companies, as a breakdown of each company separately;
 - (ii) whether he accepts this profit share is not correct;
 - (iii) If so, measure will be taken to rectify it ?
 - (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Bandula Lal Bandarigoda Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

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.

*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;

(9)

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.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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.

*8.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 1),—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. 2012/16 of 28th March 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sub Section (3) of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.2012/17 of 28th March 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 3),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sub Section (3) of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2012/52 of 31st March 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 4),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sub Section (3) of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2018/2 of 08th May 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 5),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sub Section (3) of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2019/21 of 19th May 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,—That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/42 of 16th February 2017)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

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

*15.

Foreign Exchange Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

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.

*21.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

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.”

24.

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

25.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

26.

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

27.

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

28.

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

29.

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

30.

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.”
