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No. 179.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, July 06, 2017 at 10.30 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1068/16

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) the messengers that work in the Department of Sri Lanka Railways belong to the Combined Service; and
  - (ii) The Department of Sri Lanka Railways has no power to recruit messengers directly?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the permission of the Director General of Combined Services was obtained to recruit messengers to the Department of Sri Lanka Railways in the year 2016;
  - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid permission was obtained; and
  - (iii) whether a copy of the letter as per which the aforesaid permission was given will be tabled?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether the interview for the recruitment of messengers was conducted under the patronage of the Additional General Manager of Railways (Administration);
  - (ii) if so, whether he admits the fact that the aforesaid officer had been under interdiction even on the occasion when the aforesaid interview was conducted; and
  - (iii) how an officer who is interdicted is able to stay in service?
- (d) If not, why?

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2.

1153/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the permission has been granted to implement a tourist bungalow project in the land called Baduwilla watta which is of 98 acres in extent that is situated in both Homagama and Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha areas;
  - (ii) if so, of the name and the address of the company that implements aforesaid project;
  - (iii) whether he is aware that a serious environmental damage is caused in the area due to aforesaid housing project;
  - (iv) whether the approval of Board of Investments of Sri Lanka has been granted for this housing project; and
  - (v) whether an environmental assessment report has been prepared in connection with aforesaid project?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1186/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of the Puttlam 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?

4.

1286/16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit the importance of maintaining the SLTB bus service which is a major component of state transport as a service to compete the bus service of the private sector?

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- (b) Will he inform this House separately as per each depot —
  - (i) of the number of buses belonging to the SLTB Bus depots in the district of Matara as at 31.12.2014;
  - (ii) of the amount of staff of each of the above depots as per each occupation as at 01.06.2016; and
  - (iii) of the number of buses provided to the SLTB Bus depots of the district of Matara subsequent to 01.01.2015?
- (c) Will he state this House separately for each year of the district of Matara—
  - (i) the annual turnover of the SLTB bus depots; and
  - (ii) of the extent of roads covered by the SLTB; in the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 in Kilometers?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of bus depots expected to be further established in the district of Matara as per the requirement of the passengers; and
  - (ii) of the locations identified for the same?
- (e) If not, why?

5.

1334/16

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

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) whether necessary action has been taken to educate people about the decision taken by local authorities not to collect unclassified garbage;
  - (ii) if so, the manner in which it was done;
  - (iii) whether people have been given the facilities which are required for collecting garbage after it is classified;
  - (iv) if so, the manner it has been done; and
  - (v) whether local authorities have been provided with the facilities required for collecting classified garbage?
- (b) Will he also state —
  - (i) the action taken against the persons who dispose garbage without classifying it;
  - (ii) whether the classified garbage is recycled;
  - (iii) if so, the place in which it is done;
  - (iv) the amount of money invested for it; and
  - (v) the purposes for which the recycled garbage can be used?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

6.

1404/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount of money utilized in 2016 out of the allocation of Rs. 4000 million allocated to be used within three years for devising a target solution for the human-elephant conflict as per proposal No. 175 of the Budget 2016 and its progress?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the Ministries and institutions responsible for implementing the above budget proposal;
  - (ii) the number of deaths and damages to property owing to human-elephant conflict reported from 1977 up to now in relation to each year;
  - (iii) whether compensation was paid by the government to the parties of persons who died of the human-elephant conflict in each of the above years;
  - (iv) if so, the amount of compensation in relation to each year; and
  - (v) whether he explains the expected target solution for human-elephant conflict mentioned in the above budget proposal?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

1477/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) what Departments, Corporations, Boards and Statutory Institutions belong to the Ministry of City Planning and Water Supply;
  - (ii) of the numbers of employees that have been recruited to each such institution after the present Good Governance government came to power in 2015;
  - (iii) of the names, addresses and educational qualifications of the persons who were so recruited and the post to which each person was recruited; and
  - (iv) what methodology was followed in recruiting them?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

8.

1503/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) out of the total child population in Sri Lanka, the number of children suffering from malnutrition;
  - (ii) the methodology used to determine that number; and
  - (iii) the number of malnourished children in Sri Lanka as a percentage of the child population ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the number of children mentioned in (a)(i) above according to the levels of income of the society separately; and
  - (ii) the number of malnourished children reportedly dying after being infected with diseases?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1679/17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he state this House—
  - (i) number and names of wards available in the Batticaloa Teaching Hospital;
  - (ii) number of beds available and number of patients currently admitted in each ward;
  - (iii) names of all Consultants and their relevant medical fields; and
  - (iv) details of assignment of wards to these Consultants?
- (b) Is he aware that—
  - (i) there is a shortage of wards for the assignments of Consultants;
  - (ii) normal patients and patients with serious diseases needing intensive medical care are put on the floor and verandah in some wards due to lack of space and beds;
  - (iii) land available in the premises for the construction of additional wards; and
  - (iv) this is the teaching hospital assigned for medical undergraduates of the Eastern University?

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- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he will give top priority and order for release of allocation for the construction of urgently required wards; and
  - (ii) if so, when?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

1187/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of the Manner 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?

11.

1335/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— (1)

- (a) Will he state that—
  - (i) the number of kidney patients reported from Southern Province in the years 2015 and 2016;
  - (ii) therefore, the district of the Southern Province where majority of kidney patients are being reported; and
  - (iii) main reasons behind the kidney disease reported from Southern Province?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the government has taken measures to provide aid for the kidney patients;
  - (ii) if so, the aid provided;
  - (iii) whether measures have been take to prevent the kidney disease in Southern Province; and
  - (iv) if so, what such measures are?
- (c) If not, why?

(7)

12.

1406/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) as per proposal No. 185 of the 2016 budget, separately the names of State Universities to which Wi-Fi facilities were extended and the dates on which the students of those universities started enjoying such facilities;
  - (ii) the total cost incurred by the government for the provision of the above digitalization facilities within the state university system;
  - (iii) the Ministry or the institution to which it was charged;
  - (iv) whether the government has a specific programme regarding the provision of laptop computers to all students studying in the State University System; and
  - (v) if so, what that programme is?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

1505/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the 05 ministries that have used the highest percentage of the funds allocated for capital expenditure;
  - (ii) the 05 ministries that have used the lowest percentage of the funds allocated for capital expenditure;
  - (iii) the 05 ministries that have used the highest percentage of the funds allocated for recurrent expenditure;
  - (iv) the 05 ministries that have used the lowest percentage of the funds allocated for recurrent expenditure;
  - (v) the 05 ministries that have used highest percentage of allocated funds; and
  - (vi) the 05 ministries that have used lowest percentage of allocated funds?  
in the year of 2016?
- (b) If not, why ?

14.

1731/'17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) a project of dredging Batticaloa lagoon closer to the sand Bar had taken place in 1980; and
  - (ii) this project was stopped half-way due to terrorist activities?
- (b) Is he also aware that the outcome of this project will have the following benefits—
  - (i) there will not be annual closing of the mouth that connects the sea and lagoon;
  - (ii) lagoon fishermen will have the fishing benefits throughout the year;
  - (iii) deep sea fishing boats and trawlers will have easy access to lagoon for anchoring;
  - (iv) paddy fields will not be damaged during floods as the flood water will be quickly drawn to the sea; and
  - (v) flood water will easily be drawn to the sea minimizing flood relief efforts to be undertaken by the government?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken to re-commence this project; and
  - (ii) if so, when?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

1336/'16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
    - (i) of the number of 'stents' government hospitals need annually for treating patients with narrow arteries in the heart;
    - (ii) of the amount of money that is spent annually on that;
    - (iii) whether necessary steps have been taken to provide heart patients with these 'stents' without any shortage in future; and
    - (iv) if so, of the nature of the steps that have been taken?
  - (b) Will he also inform this House —
    - (i) whether government expects to provide free of charge other medicines and devices required by heart patients; and
    - (ii) if so, of the names of such medicines and devices?
  - (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Motions**

1.

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Laila Umma Deen Foundation.”

2.

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Abdul Majeed Academy.”

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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.)

\*2.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.

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 06<sup>th</sup> December 2016, which were presented on 07.06.2017, be approved.

\*4.

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 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

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 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*7.

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 08<sup>th</sup> May 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

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 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.

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 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

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

\*12.

Foreign Exchange Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*13.

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*14.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*15.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*16.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*17.

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 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017, which were presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

\*18.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*19.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*20.

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.”

\*21.

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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017, which was presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

22.

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

23.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

24.

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

25.

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

26.

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

27.

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

28.

International Women's and Children's Rights (IWCRC) (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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