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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

856/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) an irregularity has taken place in admitting students to grade 6 of the Godapitiya National School in Akuressa in Matara district in the year 2016; and
 - (ii) a group of students have been faced with an injustice owing to that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of students who were admitted to grade 6 of Godapitiya National School from other schools in the year 2016;
 - (ii) the methodology adopted in admitting students in relation to each student, separately;
 - (iii) whether a list of selected students has been submitted to the Ministry of Education by the principal; and
 - (iv) if so, whether the Ministry has given its recommendation to that list?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to conduct an inquiry in that regard;
 - (ii) if so, the date it will be done; and
 - (iii) the steps to be taken for the students who faced injustice?
- (d) If not, why?

(2)

2.

928/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,— (5)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately the names, dates of birth, addresses in Sri Lanka, educational qualifications, service experience, appointed countries, posts of the persons who were appointed to Foreign Diplomatic Missions of Sri Lanka from 08.01.2015 to 01.08.2016 and who are not officers of the Sri Lanka Foreign Service;
 - (ii) of them, the persons holding statuses of dual citizenship/foreign citizenship; and
 - (iii) the duties entrusted to these persons who were political appointees?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

931/16

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(5)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Ceylon Electricity Board should follow the procurement procedure according to the Electricity Act when purchasing electricity from the private sector;
 - (ii) whether the procurement procedure has been followed for the purchases of electricity up to date; and
 - (iii) if so, on which occasions?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

945/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(5)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the number of Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Charge de Affaires, Deputy High Commissioners, and other officers of same rank who are belonged to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service and the officers who are not belonged to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service appointed during the period from 09.12.2015 to 30.09.2016; and
 - (ii) the names, professional qualifications, highest educational qualifications and the present positions of the officers who are not belonged to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service and in the positions mentioned in above (i) as at 30.09.2016;
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

1102/16

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mrs. Nalinagandi Vimalendran, teacher at Bt/Navatkerny Kannaki Vidyalaya completed her training from Batticaloa Teachers College in 2008 and posted to Kaiveli Ganesha Vidyalaya in Mullaithivu district;
 - (ii) she was asked to sit for the final examination in April 2009 which was held at Batticaloa Teachers College;
 - (iii) as war was at its climax during that period and nobody was allowed to leave out of Mullaithivu;
 - (iv) she sat for the examination with her junior batch and the effective date of her certificate is given as 01.01.2011; whereas juniors were given as 01.08.2009; and
 - (v) she has appealed to the President about this injustice and the Coordinating Secretary to the President has sent a letter No. SL/EDU/APP/0043 dated 05.08.2016 to then, Secretary, Ministry of Education to rectify this irregularity?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether instructions be given to change the effective date of her certificate as 01.08.2009?
- (c) If not why?

6.

1113/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of fuelling station licenses issued;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the persons who obtained the aforesaid licenses;
 - (iii) of the annual income received by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from the issue of the aforesaid licenses;
 - (iv) of the criterion considered with pertinence to the issue of the licenses for the fuelling stations; and
 - (v) of the steps taken with relevance to the frauds and corruption which have occurred regarding the issue of these licenses, if any?
- from the year 2010 to 2016 in the Badulla district?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

7.

1149/16

Hon M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the reasons for delaying the granting of freehold deeds to the residents of the Mohideenwatta Housing Scheme in the Kadawath Sathara Divisional Secretariat division in Galle?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the exact date on which deeds are expected to be granted to those residents?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

1152/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that –
 - (i) two quarries are being operated at Kumbaduwa area, in Meegahathenna belonging to the Walallawita Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) they have caused a massive damage to the environment; and
 - (iii) large number of houses in the surrounding area have been damaged due to these quarries?
- (b) Will he inform this House –
 - (i) whether it has been reported that nearby paddy fields have been filled by the owners of those quarries; and
 - (ii) the reason for not cancelling the quarry permits by the Central Environmental Authority at a time the residents have continuously lodged complaints regarding the matter?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1156/16

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that Puttalam district faced a drought situation during the last 3-4 months;
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that coconut cultivation was immensely affected due to this drought; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken to provide any kind of relief and aid for the coconut cultivators of Puttalam district who were affected from the drought?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

10.

1191/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of houses in the Puttlam District that have been provided with electricity supply by the Ceylon Electricity Board by year 1983;
 - (ii) of the total number of houses which have been provided with electricity supply by now;
 - (iii) of the amounts allocated annually from year 1984 to 2009 for the supply of electricity on per year basis;
 - (iv) of the number of houses that have been provided with electricity supply up to year 2015 after the end of war situation in year 2009 on per year basis; and
 - (v) of the amount of money allocated for the supply of electricity during the period mentioned in (iv) above on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

1300/16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the previous government implemented a programme to provide motor cycles on concessionary basis to the field officers;
 - (ii) the number of motor cycles given to the public officers in Matara district under the said programme in respect of their profession and each Divisional Secretariat Division separately; and
 - (iii) the contribution of the government and the public officer for one motor cycle separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the present government promised to refund the subscription and all the government employees will be given motor cycles free of charge;
 - (ii) the number of public officers who were refunded in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division level;
 - (iii) the number of public officers who owned motor cycles under the full sponsorship of the government in 2015 and 2016 in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iv) the number of remaining public officers who are entitled to motor cycles; and
 - (v) the date on which they will be given motor cycles free of charge?
- (c) If not, why?

(6)

12.

1372/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a ‘fund of funds’ has been established with the view to providing business capital to small and medium scale entrepreneurs as per proposal No.124 of the budget for the year 2016;
 - (ii) whether requests were made to the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) seeking their contributions to the aforesaid ‘fund of funds’;
 - (iii) if so, of the nature of the responses received from those institutes; and
 - (iv) whether the Inland Revenue Act was amended in relation to reduction of corporate income tax for venture capital companies by 50%;
- (b) If not, why?

13.

1481/16

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware—
- (i) that the බප/මතු/නවාන Primary School in the Palindanuwara Divisional Secretariat Division of Kalutara District where more than 50 students study, has been identified as a location prone to the risk of landslides;
 - (ii) that it has been informed by the Zonal Director of Education of Mathugama that the aforesaid school should be closed in the event of three consecutive days of rainfall to the Navana area and that classes should be held on weekends to cover the missed school days?
 - (iii) that the parents have to resort to educating their children in the same school despite this dangerous situation since they are not in a situation to take their children to other schools owing to transport problems and economic difficulties ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a perilous situation does not arise pertaining to conducting classes in the school in the event that three days’ rainfall is received within a single day;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to re-locate the Nawana Primary school in some other appropriate location in the said area in order to safeguard the school children from this dangerous situation?
- (c) If not, why?

(7)

14.

1576/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) patients from areas like Mullative, Mankulam, Mallavi, Mulankavil, Punahari and Palai come to Kilinochchi District Hospital to obtain daily treatment;
 - (ii) no construction has been done in this hospital subsequent to the year 2009;
 - (iii) a blood dialysis machine which has been fixed in this hospital for Kidney patients is not functioning; and
 - (iv) an accident unit too is not available here?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, of the date on which the Blood Dialysis Centre and the Accident Unit will be made to function; and
 - (ii) whether financial allocations have been made for that purpose?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that financial aid was provided by the Asian Development Bank for the first phase of this hospital;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not yet commencing the second phase construction;
 - (iii) whether it has been abandoned;
 - (iv) if not, of the date on which it will be commenced; and
 - (v) of the steps that have been taken for that purpose?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

1608/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) on or around 21.11.2016 at a TV interview the then Minister of Finance said that a circular has been sent to all banks to give 15% interest to senior citizens for their fixed deposits up to Rs.1.5 million; and
 - (ii) in the alternative, he said that he sent the circulars to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka with the necessary instructions and that the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has failed to carry out the said directive?

(8)

- (b) Is he aware that—
- (i) all banks including state banks have not effected such circular up to 31.01.2017; and
 - (ii) the loss caused thereby to senior citizens is in Rupees hundreds of thousands?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the reason and on what basis the Minister's circulars disregarded by the banks;
 - (ii) from what date should this arrangement has been given effect according to the Hon. Minister's budget proposal made in November 2015; and
 - (iii) will the Hon. Minister indemnify the senior citizens, from the date the said directive of the Hon. Minister was issued?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Act, No.4 of 2015.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2.

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sidney Jayarathne Foundation”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Foreign Exchange Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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.

*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. (8th March 2017) [1].

*12.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Inland Revenue Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

Ceylon German Technical Training Institute Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Revision of Salaries and Allowances to the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka,— Whereas, provision has been made in terms of Article 41(b) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Section 3 and 3(4) of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 21 of 1996, the President has appointed Dr. (Mrs.) Nelum Deepika Udagama, the Head of Department of Law Faculty of University of Peradeniya, who has a vast knowledge and practical experiences in the field of Human Rights to her credit, as the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka for a period of three (03) years with effect from 30.10.2015.

And whereas, Dr. (Mrs.) Nelum Deepika Udugama who has been serving as the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka since 30.10.2015, intends to revert back to her substantive post after the lapse of said period of three (03) years and she has intimated that in case the salary including all allowances of her substantive post in the University is denied to her during this period of three (03) years, it would adversely affect her employment benefits.

And whereas, Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has granted approval on 13.06.2017 to pay Dr. (Mrs.) Nelum Deepika Udagama the salary of fulltime Lecturer including all allowances as the Head of Department of Law Faculty of University of Peradeniya with effect from 30.10.2015; to pay her the monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 10,000/- entitled to the Chairperson of the Commission and to provide her with an official vehicle with entitlement for personal use including 225 liters of fuel or an allowance corresponding to the current market prices of fuel, as personal to her.

(11)

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves to pay Dr. (Mrs.) Nelum Deepika Udagama, the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka be paid the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Section 8 of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 21 of 1996.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

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.

*19.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

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.”

*22.

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.

23.

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

24.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

25.

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

26.

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

27.

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

28.

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

29.

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."
