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No. 187.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, August 09, 2017 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

66/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which, the Sri Lanka Customs commenced its activities from the new office complex;
 - (ii) the value of telephone, electricity and water bills of the previous office last year separately each month before shifting to the new premises;
 - (iii) the averaged value of those bills;
 - (iv) the value of telephone, electricity and water bills up to now after shifting to the new office separately each month; and
 - (v) the averaged value of those bills ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether telephone, electricity and water bills of the Sri Lanka Customs have been settled;
 - (ii) if not, whether there is a due amount; and
 - (iii) if so, the due amount for each bill separately ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to control the monthly water, electricity and telephone bills of the Sri Lanka Customs; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures are?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

991/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether persons who are not Members of Parliament have been appointed as Chairmen or Co-chairmen of Divisional Development Committees;

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- (ii) if so, their names and the Divisional Development Committees in which they hold the chairmanship, separately;
- (iii) the powers vested on the aforesaid Chairmen;
- (iv) the basis on which the aforesaid persons are appointed to the said posts;
- (v) the highest educational or professional qualifications of the aforesaid persons, separately; and
- (vi) the salaries, allowances and other facilities provided to the aforesaid Chairmen or Co-chairmen?

(b) If not, why?

3.

1118/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of weekly fairs developed in the Badulla District using provisions from the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government from year 2010 to date;
- (ii) of the names of weekly fairs developed;
- (iii) separately of the amount of money spent on each of the above weekly fairs; and
- (iv) whether the names and addresses of the persons who were awarded the contracts for the abovementioned construction work?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1195/16

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 Mullaitivu District that had 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?

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1303 /'16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the quantity of paddy purchased by the government;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the government to purchase paddy;
 - (iii) the amount of money paid to farmers for a kilo of paddy purchased by the governmentseparately in each year during the period from the year 2013 up to 2016?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) the total paddy yield in Matara district ;
 - (ii) the quantity of paddy purchased by the government from the farmers in Matara district;separately in each year during the period from the year 2013 up to 2016?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

1324/'16

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of pensioners in Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) of the total amount of money spent for paying their pensions annually;
 - (iii) of the aforesaid amount as a percentage of the national income?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the pensioners were issued a monthly pension slip;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for not issuing this monthly pension slip at present;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to issue the aforesaid slip to them again?
- (c) If not, why?

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7.

1410/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a specific export promotion programme was devised to increase the export earnings from gem and jewellery up to USD 2 billion in the year 2018 as per proposal No.180 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) if so, by whom;
 - (iii) whether he will explain the contributions and patronage extended by the Government of Sri Lanka to increase the export of gem and jewellery of Sri Lanka up to USD 2 billion;
 - (iv) whether he will submit a statistical summary and a description indicating trends in export and import of gems between Sri Lanka and Madagascar from the year 2000 up to now;
 - (v) the total foreign exchange earnings of Sri Lanka from the export of gem and jewellery in the year 2016 and the 20 major suppliers who contributed for same;
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1494/'16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he accepts that the profits and the income of a certain Co-operative Society that is registered in terms of Co-operative Societies Act, No.5 of 1972 or any other Provincial Council Statute, have been exempted from income tax from 1st April 2011 in terms of the Inland Revenue (Amendment) Act, No. 22 of 2011 as amended by the section 7(25) of the Inland revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006?
 - (ii) in addition, is he aware that the interests and the dividends of the aforesaid Co-operative Societies have also been exempted from income tax; and
 - (iii) in addition, will he accept that, the interest income of the aforesaid Co-operative Societies, has been exempted from Withholding tax in terms of Section 133 (3) (a) of Inland Revenue Act?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he accepts that aforesaid factors have been contributed favorably to the Co-operative Societies;
 - (ii) despite aforementioned circumstances, whether he is aware that aforesaid tax exemption has been revoked by budget 2017; and
 - (iii) whether all the facilities, so revoked will be granted again to the Co-operative Societies?
- (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Aravind Kumar Foundation.”

2.

Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the K.K. Piyadasa Foundation.”

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 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.

(6)

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.

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves that 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.)

*3.

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

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Order under the Extradition Law (No. 1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 3 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Russian Federation published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2022/27 of 07th June 2017, which was presented on 25.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Order under the Extradition Law (No. 2),— That the Order made by the President under Section 3 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Ukraine published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2021/47 of 02nd June 2017, which was presented on 26.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,— Regulations under the Registration of Persons Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs under Subsection (1) of Section 52 of the Registration of Persons Act, No. 32 of 1968 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2021/28 of 31st May 2017, which was presented on 25.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*7.

The Minister of Sports,— Regulation under the Sports Law,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Sports under Section 41 read with Section 31 of the Sports Law, No. 25 of 1973 with regard to regulations on National Sports Associations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2017/41 of 05th May 2017, which was presented on 26.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses (Amendment) Bill—
Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

Inland Revenue Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission (2013),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 06.09.2016 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 26.01.2017)

*14.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board (2012),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 07.03.2017 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 24.03.2017)

*15.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 03.05.2017 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 26.05.2017)

*16.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation (2011),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2011 and presented on 10.12.2016 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 23.05.2017)

*17.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Savings Bank (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Savings Bank together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 24.01.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*18.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Bank of Ceylon (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 25.01.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*19.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the People's Bank (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the People's Bank together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 08.03.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*20.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Kurunegala Plantations Ltd. (2014),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Kurunegala Plantations Ltd together with the observations of Independent Auditors for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 21.03.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 23.05.2017)

*21.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013) of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 08.07.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

*22.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013), of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 21.07.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital Board Act, No. 54 of 1983 and Section 14(2) C of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

*23.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013) of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation,— That the Annual Reports and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 11.08.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

*24.

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.

*25.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*28.

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.”

*29.

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.

30.

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

31.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

32.

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

33.

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

34.

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

35.

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

36.

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.”
