



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 193.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, August 25, 2017 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

116/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the state universities in Sri Lanka in which bachelor's degree programmes are conducted for external students;
 - (ii) separately of the nature of degree programmes conducted by each of the aforesaid universities; and
 - (iii) separately of the number of students that have been registered with each of the aforesaid universities at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the dates on which students were registered for the last time for following external degree programmes in each of the aforesaid universities;
 - (ii) of the reasons as to why registration of students is not done at regular intervals; and
 - (iii) whether action has been taken to limit the number of external students that get registered for the bachelor's degrees?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1202/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Vavuniya District by year 1983—
 - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?

(2)

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
 - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money allocated by the government for the restoration of irrigation systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1418/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the Foreign Direct Investments received by Sri Lanka for the fields of—
 - (i) oil refining;
 - (ii) renewable energy;
 - (iii) joint motor vehicle production;
 - (iv) steel bridge production for the region;
 - (v) fertilizer, Triple Superphosphate production;
 - (vi) satellite technology;
 - (vii) aircraft repair and supportive activities; and
 - (viii) joint sugar production;within 2015 and 2016 as indicated in budget proposal No. 198 of 2016?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of foreign investments in Sri Lanka Government Securities as of 01.01.2015;
 - (ii) the amount of foreign investments in Government Securities as of 01.01.2017;
 - (iii) the International Credit Ratings awarded to Sri Lanka by Fitch Rating and Moody in the years, 2014,2015 and 2016?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1511/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of road accidents reported within the year 2016 and the deaths occurred due to them;
 - (ii) the increase in road accidents reported within the year 2016 and the deaths occurred due to them in numbers, in comparison to years 2014 and 2015?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

1540/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he knows that the people living in the district of Badulla including the areas of Udaperuwa ,Arawatta ,Makul Ella , and Egodagama , who have undergone much agony as a result of the water sources being dried up due to the Uma Oya development project; and
 - (ii) the steps taken by the Ministry to provide drinking and other water facilities to the aforesaid people?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1620/'17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) he is aware that businessmen who own business premises in the Embilipitiya town have to pay taxes to the Department of Buddhist Affairs for their business premises;
 - (ii) such taxes are levied for the relevant plot of land or for the buildings constructed by businessmen with their own money;
 - (iii) he will submit the documents recommended by the Commissioner of Buddhist Affairs as to the levying of these taxes;
 - (iv) there is an order by the Commissioner of Buddhist Affairs that 25% of the proceedings from the sale of a business premises to another person shall be paid to the relevant temple;
 - (v) if so he will admit that a grave injustice is caused to them in selling their business premises together with large buildings constructed thereon with their own funds?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1637/'17

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to construct the renewable energy park in Poonerin area in Jaffna district;
 - (ii) the number of Mega Watts expected to be generated from that renewable energy park;
 - (iii) the amount of energy expected to be generated in that park using wind power;
 - (iv) the progress of that project?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

8.

1669/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the locations where refuse and garbage is dumped by the Local Authorities in the Putlam District which comes under the North-Western Province;
 - (ii) whether a project for the management of solid waste has been introduced to the above Local Authorities;
 - (iii) if so, of the facilities provided and financial allocations made to each of the above Local Authorities for the abovementioned project from year 2010 up to now;
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1684/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat in Ampara district was established;
 - (ii) whether he will Table a copy of the Gazette Notification pertaining to that;
 - (iii) the total extent of land being covered by that Divisional Secretariat;
 - (iv) the number of Grama Niladhari divisions in it;
 - (v) the numbers and names of those Grama Niladhari divisions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a formal demarcation took place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat;
 - (ii) if so, its details?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the administrative activities and operations of a Grama Niladhari division/divisions out of the Grama Niladhari divisions coming under the purview of the said Divisional Secretariat are handled by some other Divisional Secretariats;
 - (ii) if so whether he will present the details of those Grama Niladhari divisions including their names and numbers?
- (d) If not, why?

(5)

10.

1690/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the knuckles range received world heritage status on condition from the United Nations Organization through the Gazette Notification No. 1130/22 dated 05.05.2000;
 - (ii) according to the main condition of the above conditions, an area with an extent of 2000 acres belonging to 8 Divisional Secretariat Divisions namely Minipe, Panvila, Pathadumbara, Laggala, Wilgamuwa, Rattota, Ukuwela and Matale in the close proximity to the knuckles range have not been amalgamated with it;
 - (iii) as a result, the knuckles range faces the threat of being delisted from world heritage status?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to amalgamate the above 2000 acres with the knuckles range in order to prevent it from being delisted from world heritage status;
 - (ii) if so, the current status of it;
- (c) If not, why?

11.

1697/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a contract or a letter of an agreement is available between the Google company and the government of Sri Lanka in regard to the “Google Loon” Project which was proposed to be implemented in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) the basis on which the government decided to select the Google company for this ;
 - (iii) the facilities that the Sri Lankan government provided or agreed to provide for the aforesaid project ;
 - (iv) the amount spent by the Sri Lankan government for the aforesaid project ;
 - (v) the cause which effected the crash of the balloon launched into the sky by the Google company ;
 - (vi) whether a report has been issued having carried out an investigation in that regard ;
 - (vii) whether the Google company has stated that they have given up this project ;
 - (viii) if so , the financial and other losses that have been incurred as a result of the breach of the relevant contract or agreement ;
 - (ix) the person or persons on whom the responsibility of the aforesaid losses lies ?
- (b) If not , why ?

(6)

12.

118/15

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

- (a) Is he aware that –
 - (i) the required facilities to treat animals at Dehiwala Zoo are at a minimum level;
 - (ii) there is a shortage of veterinary surgeons;
 - (iii) several animals have died in this situation; and
 - (iv) several more animals are sick ?
- (b) Will he inform the type, age and the reason for the deaths of animals died during the period from 01.01.2013 to 30.06.2015 in the Dehiwala Zoo?
- (c) Will he also inform this House –
 - (i) the minimum number of veterinary surgeons that should be attached to the Dehiwala Zoo;
 - (ii) the number of veterinary surgeons serving at the Dehiwala Zoo presently; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken to improve the health of the animals at Dehiwala Zoo?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

1203/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Batticaloa District by year 1983—
 - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed ; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
 - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated by the government for the restoration of irrigation systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

(7)

14.

1420/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the sketch of the digital identity card proposed to be introduced through proposal No.187 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) of the issuing authority of that identity card;
 - (iii) of the estimated cost of providing identity cards to the citizens;
 - (iv) by which party such cost would be borne; and
 - (v) of the amount allocated by the budget to implement the digital identity card scheme in 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1512/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total employment figure of the government and semi-government sectors as at 31.12.2016;
 - (ii) separately of the employment figures of the government sector and the semi-government sector as at 31.12.2016;
 - (iii) separately of the gender-wise breakdown of employment figures in the government sector and the semi-government sector as at 31.12.2016;
 - (iv) separately of the increase in employment figures of the government sector and the semi-government sector as at 31.12.2016 when compared with the employment figures of 31.12.2014 and 31.12.2015;
 - (b) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday 06th September 2017.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned debate on question. (24th August 2017) [1].

*2.

Inland Revenue Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Regulation under the Stamp duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance under Section 5 read of the Stamp duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 with regard to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2007/24 of 21st February 2017, which was presented on 08.08.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*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.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Prevention of Crimes (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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

*11.

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)

*12.

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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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)

*15.

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)

*16.

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)

*17.

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)

*18.

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)

*19.

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)

*20.

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)

*21.

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)

*22.

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.

*23.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

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.”

26.

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

27.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

28.

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

29.

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

30.

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

31.

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

32.

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.”
