



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 228.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, December 05, 2017 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

689/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people who have made their living on bambo products industry are currently leaving that industry;
 - (ii) there are problems in regard to raw materials and the market; and
 - (iii) this industry could bring a huge amount of foreign exchange to the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether bambo products are exported;
 - (ii) if so, the income earned from it in the year 2015;
 - (iii) if the aforesaid products are not exported, whether action will be taken to export those products; and
 - (iv) if so, when it will be done?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken steps to broaden the market required for the bambo industry in the country; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1216/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of government institutions in the Ampara district;
 - (ii) the number of government institutions that were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after 1983;
 - (iii) whether a government approved valuation has been done on the destroyed property;

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- (iv) if so, the total value of the said property;
 - (v) whether legal action has been taken against the terrorists who were responsible for the said destruction;
 - (vi) if so, what those steps are; and
 - (vii) whether a comprehensive report with regard to the facts that have been questioned in above (i) to (vi) will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1376/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) in terms of budget proposal No. 130 of budget 2016, whether a semi tax holiday has been provided to the companies that introduce seeds that produce high yields; and
 - (ii) whether a list of companies which were granted with aforesaid tax holiday, will be submitted?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether a list of machineries which were exempted from import taxes by 1st January 2015, will be submitted; and
 - (ii) whether a list of machineries which were exempted from import taxes by 1st January 2016 will be submitted;
- as proposals have been made to raise the import taxes on agricultural machineries, in terms of aforesaid proposal?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1737/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that an audit query dated 30.09.2016 has been issued on the school bags distribution programme for the schools of Uva Province in year 2015;
 - (ii) if so, of the facts which were observed under number 2 of aforesaid audit query;

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- (iii) of the facts denoted under 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.2.4 and 2.2.5 of aforesaid audit query;
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken against the officials and the institutions connected with the malpractices which have been revealed by aforesaid audit query ?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1749/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of radio channels in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the institutions that run those radio channels;
 - (iii) the names of the owners of those radio channels and the dates on which each radio channels have been started;
 - (iv) whether there are radio channels started in Sri Lanka that are not functioning by now; and
 - (v) if so, the names of those radio channels;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the name of the institution that regulates the radio channels;
 - (ii) whether he admits that regulation of those radio channels are not done in a proper manner;
 - (iii) whether a proper procedure to regulate radio channels will be prepared to prevent certain radio channels broadcasting programmes harmful to the society; and
 - (iv) if so, how?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

2120/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House as at 09.01.2015 and as at 30. 06. 2017—
- (i) the number of Sri Lanka Navy camps established in Jaffna district;
 - (ii) the total number of officers and soldiers who were deployed in those camps;
 - (iii) the name of each camp, the name of the Divisional Secretariat Division in which the camps were established, the officers and the soldiers attached to those camps separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House as at 09. 01.2015 and as at 30. 06. 2017—
- (i) the number of Navy camps that have been removed;
 - (ii) the number of officers and soldiers who have been removed from the service in those Navy camps?

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- (c) Will he further inform this House whether he admits that the removal of Navy camps and the officers and the soldiers who are serving in those camps in Jaffna district is a great threat to the national security?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

2127/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts that farmers have been subjected to great difficulty due to wild animal activities;
 - (ii) what portion of total production from farming is destroyed by wild animals;
 - (iii) what steps have been taken at present to protect farmers and conserve wild animals;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that birds' eggs and their young are endangered due to the proliferation of toque macaques (rillow; binomial name: *macaca sinica*); and
 - (v) what solution will be given to this problem?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

2195/17

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) tea estates that belonged to the government have been given to private companies on long term lease basis for a low price;
 - (ii) the amount charged by the government when leasing out these estates;
 - (iii) the conditions imposed on them;
 - (iv) these companies have evaded making lease payments, violated conditions and are destroying the estates by neglecting their maintenance;
 - (v) whether the Ministry will make arrangements to develop these estates and make the contribution to the national economy of the country as the companies are violating the conditions of the agreements signed with the government?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report on the expenses incurred by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for the purchasing of the Office for the Sri Lankan Embassy in Brazil and the Office for the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations, New York, USA, separately in respect of each premises,— That in terms of Standing Order No. 96 of Parliament, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report on the expenses incurred by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for the purchasing of the Office for the Sri Lankan Embassy in Brazil and the Office for the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations, New York, USA, separately in respect of each premises appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on 23 May 2017, an extension of time till 05 June 2018 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to Parliament within the time limit granted by the Motion agreed to by Parliament on 09 February 2017.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Privileges,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe, M.P. on 18th November, 2017 in Parliament to the effect that privileges of the Members of Parliament have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order No. 127 of the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2018) — (Twentieth Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress 04th December).

*2.

The Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation - 2013,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 05.04.2016 under Section 32(3) of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation Act, No. 28 of 1961, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy on 07.10.2016)

*3.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) read with Sections 12, 14 and 22 regarding Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2029/51 of 28th July 2017, which was presented on 09.10.2017, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 996)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2032/31 of 17th August 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

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 and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2021/7 of 30th May 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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 and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2022/7 of 06th June 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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 and Mass Media 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. 2022/8 of 06th June 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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 and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2025/44 of 30th June 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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 and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2028/44 of 19th July 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.6),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2029/25 of 26th July 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.7),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2030/10 of 31st July 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.8),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2030/20 of 01st August 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.9),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2032/11 of 15th August 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.10),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2032/24 of 16th August 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.11),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2033/31 of 23rd August 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.12),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2035/28 of 08th September 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.13),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2039/2 of 02nd October 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

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 18.11.2017, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2031/49 of 11th August 2017)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Second Reading

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

Safeguard Measures Bill — Second Reading

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

Fisheries (Regulation of Foreign Fishing Boats) (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

Revised Draft Standing Orders of Parliament,— Report of the Committee on Standing Orders in relation to the revised Draft of the Standing Orders of Parliament presented on Tuesday, 07th November 2017,— Consideration.

*24.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance 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 was presented on 06.05.2016, be approved.”

29.

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

30.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

31.

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

32.

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

33.

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

34.

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

35.

International Women’s and Children’s Rights (IWCRC) (Incorporation) Bill—
Second Reading.

36.

Aloka Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

37.

Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on the Appropriation Bill (2018)—See separate Paper “Supplement to the Orders of the Day”.
