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FOR

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

124/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are large numbers of beggars in cities of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) some of them are involved in anti social activities; and
 - (iii) some of them are fraudsters disguised as beggars?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a census has been conducted regarding the beggars in Sri Lanka; if so, the date;
 - (ii) the number of beggars in Sri Lanka, according to that census;
 - (iii) the number, as male, female and children separately;
 - (iv) whether a census will be conducted on beggars, if it has not been carried out; and
 - (v) if so, the date?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the measures taken by the government to rehabilitate these beggars;
 - (ii) the number of Beggars' Rehabilitation Centers in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by the government annually for rehabilitation activities?
- (d) If not, why?

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2.

465/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(9)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the foreign tours that His Excellency the President engaged in, within the year 2015; and
 - (ii) of the names and the designations of the individuals who participated in each of the aforesaid foreign tours and, separately, of the expenditure borne by the government and semi government institutions on aforesaid individuals?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1408/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a Primary Industry Council has been established as per proposal No.182 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was established and its location;
 - (iii) whether he will briefly explain the objective of establishing a Primary Industry Council and the programme for same;
 - (iv) whether a list of experts to be involved in the council is submitted;
 - (v) whether a list of primary industries active in Sri Lanka at present as indicated in the above proposal is submitted; and
 - (vi) the primary industries newly started in Sri Lanka including those in the North and East with the conclusion of the armed conflict in 2009?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1470/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. was established;
 - (ii) of the initial objectives of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.;
 - (iii) separately of the names, addresses and educational qualifications of the persons who were members of the Board of Directors of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. from its establishment to its last Board of Directors along with salaries and other benefits received by them;

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- (iv) separately of the annual loss incurred by the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. from its beginning;
 - (v) of the names of government institutions from which loans were obtained by Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. and the names of government institutions to which is to settle loans along with the amounts obtained as loans; and
 - (vi) of the steps that will be taken by the government regarding the future of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1579/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that steps were taken by the previous government to construct the Broadland hydro power plant in Kalukohutenna, Kithulgala with Chinese aid; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that while pledges were made to pay suitable compensation for the lands of the residents of the aforesaid village that were taken over by the government for the said project, residents of Kegalle district have been paid a paltry sum as compensation even though compensation was paid to residents of Nuwara Eliya district?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether he would look into this and take steps to pay sufficient compensation to residents of Kegalle district as well?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

1617/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of National Schools and schools governed by the Provincial Council functioning in Ratnapura district separately;
 - (ii) out of them, the number of schools that do not have qualified principles;
 - (iii) what those schools are; and
 - (iv) whether it is admitted that large number of unqualified acting principals had been appointed under the political influence during the past regime?
- (b) If not, why?

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1638/17

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a section specially vested with responsibility for developing renewable energy does not exist in the structure of the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) whether technical challenges that may arise in adding renewable energy to the national electricity grid in an optimum manner can be overcome in the absence of a Division dedicated for developing renewable energy; and
 - (iii) of the reason for the negative attitude shown by the Ceylon Electricity Board towards renewable energy?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1983/17

Hon. Piya Nishantha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the public playground of Aluthgama belonging to the Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha is maintained by the said Pradeshiya Sabha; and
 - (ii) the playground concerned was renovated and developed a year ago?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of provision granted for the development activities and the year in which it was granted;
 - (ii) whether the specified tender procedure has been followed in developing the playground;
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for it;
 - (iv) who the contractors of the project are; and
 - (v) whether the total amount of money approved for the project has been utilized for the aforesaid project?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the recommendation of the Minister representing the area is required for obtaining approval from the Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha to book the playground for a festival/ sports event/ social event;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for it;
 - (iii) whether engaging in sports in this playground has been banned for sports clubs in the area; and
 - (iv) if so, the reasons underlying it?
- (d) If not, why?

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9.

2108/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of houses built under various housing projects within last year in Thenmarachchi Divisional Secretariat Division, Jaffna;
 - (ii) whether all those houses have been provided to the relevant beneficiaries;
 - (iii) whether the relevant beneficiaries are occupying those houses; and
 - (iv) whether action could be taken to specify a period for the current beneficiaries who are not occupying those houses to settle down in them and provide those houses to other beneficiaries who require housing if such beneficiaries fail to occupy those houses within the said period?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

2123/17

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of houses, toilets and drinking water wells in the Kalutara district which were totally, partially and slightly damaged by the floods and landslides that occurred on 27.05.2017, separately
 - (ii) of that number in relation to each Grama Niladhari division and Divisional Secretariat division, separately;
 - (iii) whether it is an aid or a loan that the government provides to rebuild such totally damaged houses, toilets and drinking water wells and reconstruct partially and slightly damaged houses, toilets and drinking water wells and the amount of aid or loan;
 - (iv) the number of totally, partially or slightly damaged houses, toilets and drinking water wells for which loans or aid have been provided by now; and
 - (v) the names, addresses, Grama Niladhari divisions and Divisional Secretariat divisions of the families for which such aid or loan have been provided, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

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11.

2128/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether approval of the Urban Development Authority has been obtained for the purpose of constructing the building named “DPJ” located at No. 288 Sri Jayewardenepura Road, Kotte, Rajagiriya, which belongs to Mr. Upali Jayasinghe;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which such approval has been obtained;
 - (iii) what conditions were put forth by the Urban Development Authority for its construction;
 - (iv) whether they have been complied with; and
 - (v) if not, what measures have been taken by the Urban Development Authority against the organization?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

2146/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the consumption of eggs in Sri Lanka from 2010 up to now in relation to each year, separately;
 - (ii) the manner through which that need is met;
 - (iii) the production of eggs in Sri Lanka in relation to each district, separately; and
 - (iv) the steps the Ministry intends to take to enhance the standard of living of egg producers in the Kurunegala and Puttalam districts in North Western Province, as a significant portion of the people in these two districts are engaged in this business?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

2281/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the consumption of illicit liquor (Kasippu) has increased annually within the last few years;

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- (ii) whether the number of raids to seize illicit liquor (Kasippu) being carried out has been reduced;
 - (iii) of the number of places raided that were selling illicit liquor (Kasippu) and the amount of liters of illicit liquor seized in the years of 2015, 2016 and within the first six months of the year 2017 separately in each year; and
 - (iv) of the future measures the Ministry will take to prevent illicit liquor (Kasippu) production?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

2455/17

Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) approximate extent of Palm Oil cultivation in Sri Lanka, district wise;
 - (ii) government's policy regarding the propagation of palm oil cultivation in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) whether the Ministry identifies a correlation between Palm Oil cultivation and water retention and soil disintegration; and
 - (iv) if so, what action has been taken so far;
- (b) If not, why?

15.

2458/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Padaviya Rural Hospital which has been established in the year 1972 has no facility as at today and become a central dispensary; and
- (b) Will he inform this House of the date on which arrangements would be made to reinstate this hospital?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament, and the motions agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the Parliament shall sit on Monday, February 19, 2018 and the hours of sitting of Parliament this day shall be 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.00 a.m. on Monday, February 19, 2018.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Adjourned debate on question. (11th December 2017) [1].

*3.

Safeguard Measures Bill — Adjourned debate on question.(11th December 2017) [1].

*4.

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.

*5.

Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament,— That the final draft of the Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament relating to their conduct which was presented on Tuesday, 07th November 2017, be approved.

*6.

Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Excise (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulation under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Sections 21, 22, 23, 24 and 24A of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2032/36 of 18th August 2017, which was presented on 06.12.2017, be approved.

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Revision of remuneration of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman and the allowances of the Members of the National Education Commission,— Whereas the remuneration of Members of the Commission established by the National Education Commission Act, No. 19 of 1991 be determined by Parliament in terms of Section 4(8) of the Act;

And whereas, based on the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 14.11.2017, approval has been granted to revise the remuneration of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman and the allowances of members of the National Education Commission, as follows:—

- (i) Payment of monthly remuneration of Rs.75,000/- and Rs.60,000/- to the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman respectively;
- (ii) Payment of an allowance of Rs.6,000/- per meeting for the members of the Commission; and
- (iii) Granting a monthly fuel allowance equal to the value of 225 liters to the Chairman and a monthly fuel allowance equal to the value of 170 liters to the Vice-Chairman in terms of the Public Administration Circular No. 13/2008 (iv).

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves that the payment of the aforesaid remuneration to the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman and the aforesaid allowances to the members of the National Education Commission be made and be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Section 4(8) of the National Education Commission Act, No.19 of 1991.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution,— Whereas Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe has been appointed as the Auditor-General by the President with effect from 27.11.2015, subject to the approval of the Constitutional Council in terms of Article 153 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;

And whereas the salary of the Auditor-General shall be determined by Parliament and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Article 153 (2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;

And whereas the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted on 05.12.2017 according to the Cabinet Memorandum of 14.11.2017 submitted by the President to pay salaries and other allowances to Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe, Auditor-General as follows:—

- (a) To pay salaries and other allowances entitled to the post placing on the 08th Salary Step of SL- 4 Salary Scale of the Public Administration Circular No. 06/2006 with effect from 27.11.2015;

- (b) To pay salaries under SL- 4 Salary Scale converted as instructed in the Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016 when the conversion of salaries is effected as per the said Circular with effect from 01.01.2016; and
- (c) To pay the annual salary increments as specified under the said salary scale.

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines that Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe, Auditor-General be paid the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Article 153 (2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

*13.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

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.”

18.

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

19.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

20.

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

21.

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

22.

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

23.

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

24.

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

25.

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

26.

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

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”
