



*[Eighth Parliament - First Session]*

No. 239.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

857/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) lands in areas in which the Phases I and II of the Nilwala Scheme were implemented were acquired for the Project concerned;
- (ii) following such acquisition, folios have not been prepared under the stipulated methodology; and
- (iii) as a result, lands belonging to the Project are being occupied by other parties?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the extents of dry and paddy lands acquired for the Nilwala Scheme separately;
- (ii) the extent for which folios have been prepared formally;
- (iii) whether he will have a fresh survey conducted regarding the lands belonging to the Nilwala Scheme; and
- (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether any complaints have been received regarding misuse of lands;
- (ii) if so, how many such complaints have been received; and
- (iii) what measures were taken with regard to those complaints?

(d) If not, why?

(2)

2.

1249/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) how many households within the Kilinochchi District had been connected to the supply of cleaned drinking water by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board by 1983;
  - (ii) how many households are provided with cleaned drinking water at present;
  - (iii) what amount was allocated by the government in each year for providing drinking water until the end of the war situation after 1983;
  - (iv) what amounts have been allocated by the government for projects implemented for the supply of drinking water, separately in respect of each of the years following the war situation until the year 2015; and
  - (v) whether he will table a progress report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1427/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether the market of lubricants was liberalized in the year 2016 as per the proposal No. 203 of the 2016 budget;
  - (ii) accordingly, the names of the new suppliers who entered the market of lubricants;
  - (iii) the net profit reported by each lubricant supplier company in Sri Lanka to the Department of Inland Revenue in each year during the period from the year 2009 up to 2016, separately;
  - (iv) the strategic measures taken by the government from then up to now to break the monopoly of the lubricant market owned by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation; and
  - (v) the quantity of lubricants sold by the Indian Oil Company along with the annual profit earned by selling only that item in each year during the period from the year 2003 up to now, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

4.

1659/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) separately the number of Ayurveda hospitals and Ayurveda medical centres which are run under the Uva Provincial Council;
  - (ii) of the names of the aforementioned hospitals and medical centres;
  - (iii) separately the number of employees working in the aforementioned hospitals and medical centres at present;
  - (iv) of the number of jobs given to people at Ayurveda hospitals and medical centres in the Province after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister; and
  - (v) of the names, addresses and designations of persons who were given jobs in the above manner?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

2001/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the addresses of ministerial offices of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media;
  - (ii) if rent or lease is paid for the said offices, the monthly rental/lease; and
  - (iii) the total rent/lease paid from the year 2015 up to now in 2017?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately in respect of each Ministry—
  - (i) the number of officials in the personal staff of the Minister;
  - (ii) the number of vehicles allocated for the said personal staff; and
  - (iii) the number of vehicles allocated to the Minister?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

2009/'17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits that impoverished people who wander about without a place to live and sleep rough have to face very tragic situations during days with rain storms; and
  - (ii) whether he will take steps to construct temporary wayside shelters or “Ambalam” for such helpless poor people in Colombo and other main cities through the local government institutions?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

7.

2111/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the total number of national schools in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) out of the above, of the schools to which permanent principals have been appointed;
  - (iii) of the number of national schools in which principals are employed in the acting capacity; and
  - (iv) of the date on which permanent principals will be appointed to national schools which do not have such principals at present;
- (b) If not, why?

8.

2131/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately, in respect of each year—
  - (i) the number of Sri Lankan students who have gone abroad to pursue medical degrees from the year 2009 to-date;
  - (ii) the foreign medical faculties to which they have gained admission and the number of students who have gained admission to them; and
  - (iii) the amount of foreign exchange lost to the country due to said foreign medical education?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

2150/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that paddy fields got ruined by the prolonged drought which had existed in the last cultivation season in the North Western Province;
  - (ii) if so, what extents of paddy fields have been ruined in each Divisional Secretariat Division, separately;
  - (iii) of the number of farmer families affected in this way; and
  - (iv) if any compensation has been paid to such farmer families, what its details are?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

10.

2178/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to the explosion of the armory of the Army in Salawa , Kosgama in the year 2016—
  - (i) the number of persons who lost their lives;
  - (ii) the number of persons who became disabled;
  - (iii) the total amount of compensation paid by the government to the persons who were affected by the explosion;
  - (iv) the amount of compensation paid by the government on behalf of a person who lost his life;
  - (v) the maximum and minimum amount of compensation paid for the houses that were affected by the explosion;
  - (vi) whether permanent houses will be provided to all those who were displaced; and
  - (vii) the nearest date on which a permanent house was provided to a family that was displaced?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

2201/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) it is admitted that a programme was implemented by the previous government to acquire estate hospitals to the government, in order to uplift the health of nearly 800 thousand people living in the estates;
  - (ii) of the number of estate hospitals acquired by the end of year 2014, under the programme, their names and the time period;
  - (iii) it is admitted that the project has now come to a standstill;
  - (iv) whether the amount spent annually by the Ministry is presented; and
  - (v) whether measures will be taken to restart the project again, since it was pivotal in uplifting the health of the people living in estates ?
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

12.

2224/'17

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a ferry landing site comprised of five 'Waadiyas' of Vidaththalathiv fisher village was operational at Manthei West divisional secretariat area in Mannar district from 1970 to 2006;
  - (ii) Sri Lanka Army had a transit camp in the area from 2006 to date, where the ferry landing site was situated;
  - (iii) the fishermen are facing immense difficulties due to not having a proper place to engage in their day-to-day activities as the area where the ferry landing site was situated is controlled by the army;
  - (iv) the livelihoods of the fishermen have been threatened and the income levels have dropped due to the unavailability of a ferry landing site which enables to build 'Waadiyas' in order to sell fish and for export activities; and
  - (v) i have forwarded a request in writing on 21.07.2017 on handing over this ferry landing site for the use of fishermen?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to handover the relevant ferry landing site for the use of fishermen as soon as possible?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

2227/'17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of officers of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service, Sri Lanka Principals' Service and Sri Lanka Teachers' Service, approved for the Ratnapura district;
  - (ii) the number of officers in the above services in service at present, separately;
  - (iii) the number of vacancies in each of the above services in the Ratnapura district at present, separately; and
  - (iv) the steps the Ministry intends to take to fill those vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

(7)

14.

2282/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
  - (i) whether the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol is an institution which is under the purview of the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine;
  - (ii) whether the statement made by the Minister of Finance in Parliament on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2017 to the effect that 61% of the persons who use alcohol in Sri Lanka consume Kasippu (illicit liquor) is true;
  - (iii) if so, the causes of it;and
  - (iv) if it is not so, the steps taken by National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol against the aforesaid statement?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

2677/17

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon,—To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the 2018 budget proposal to 100% open the shipping industry to foreign companies is agreed to by;
  - (ii) whether measures will be taken to stop this opening as informed in a letter by the Ceylon Association of Ships Agencies to the responsible officials of the government; and
  - (iii) of the measures taken to prevent a monopoly of shipping companies coming into effect?
- (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 notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motions agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017, which was presented on 06.12.2017, be approved.

\*2.

Revised Draft Standing Orders of Parliament,— Adjourned debate on question. (19<sup>th</sup> February 2018) Motion made and question proposed,— “Report of the Committee on Standing Orders in relation to the revised Draft of the Standing Orders of Parliament presented on Tuesday, November 07, 2017,— Consideration.”

\*3.

Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament,— Adjourned debate on question. (19<sup>th</sup> February 2018) Motion made and question proposed,— “That the final draft of the Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament relating to their conduct which was presented on Tuesday, November 07, 2017, be approved.”

\*4.

Excise (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Regulations under the Finance Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 6 (2) read with Section 8 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2006, relating to Teledrama, Film and Commercial Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/21 of 07<sup>th</sup> November 2017, which were presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

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



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- (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.)

\*7.

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 08<sup>th</sup> 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.

\*8.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2047/2 of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017, which was presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.

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

\*10.

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

\*11.

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

\*12.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*13.

Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*14.

Intellectual Property (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*15.

Trusts (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*16.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution,— That the Media guidelines to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections made by the Election Commission in terms of Article 104B (5) (a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2048/1 of 04<sup>th</sup> December 2017, which was presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*17.

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 read with the Section 118 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to National Medicines Regulatory Authority (Ceiling on Prices) Regulations No. 2 of 2016 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/31 of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017, which were presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

\*18.

The Minister of Ports and Shipping,— Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 44 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971, relating to Merchant Shipping (Small Commercial Vessels) Regulations 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2017/31 of 04<sup>th</sup> May 2017, which were presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*19.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*20.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*21.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*22.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*23.

Resolution under the Constitution,— Adjourned Debate on Question (22<sup>nd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.”

24.

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

25.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

26.

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

27.

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

28.

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

29.

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

30.

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

31.

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

32.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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

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