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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 10.30 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

691/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,- To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the people whose livelihood in reed industry are quitting the industry at present;
  - (ii) there are problems relating to raw materials and market; and
  - (iii) this is an industry that can bring in a lot of foreign exchange to the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether reed products are exported;
  - (ii) if so, the income earned from exporting reed products in 2015;
  - (iii) if not exported, whether steps will be taken to export such products; and
  - (iv) if so, the date from which it will be done?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether the government has taken steps to expand the domestic market for the reed industry; and
  - (ii) if so, what these steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1228/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) how many places of archaeological interest are located in the Mannar District;
  - (ii) in how many places conservation activities are being carried out of the aforesaid sites;
  - (iii) what amounts were allocated in the years 2015 and 2016 for this purpose, separately;
  - (iv) what places of archaeological interest were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists;

(2)

- (v) if an assessment of such destructions has been done, what the estimated value is in respect of each site separately.
- (vi) whether legal measures have been taken in respect of these destructions; and
- (vii) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on all above?

(b) If not, why?

3.

1423/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he will explain the manner in which the amount of 10,000 million rupees allocated for the implementation of the Advanced Digitalization Programme as per proposal No. 193 of the 2016 budget was utilized in the year 2016;
- (ii) whether a list of the persons and the institutions that obtained benefits out of the aforesaid budget proposal will be submitted along with a detailed report of the amount of financial allocations obtained;
- (iii) whether the money which could not be utilized out of the amount of 10,000 million rupees allocated by the 2016 budget will be utilized in the year 2017; and
- (iv) if so, the manner in which it will be done?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1663/17

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 advisors that have been hitherto recruited to the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government after the present good governance government came into power;
- (ii) of the names, addresses and educational qualifications of the aforesaid advisors;
- (iii) of the salaries, allowances and privileges provided to the aforesaid advisors;
- (iv) of the total amount of money that has been so far spent for the purpose mentioned in (iii) above; and
- (v) of the benefit of these advisors for the general public who obtain services from the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government?

(b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

2004/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the addresses of ministerial offices of the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development;
  - (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 the year 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.

2072/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) free electricity connections were given under the “Uthuru Wasanthaya” programme lately to households located in the areas where people of the north had been resettled;
  - (ii) thereafter, electricity charges had been recovered monthly;
  - (iii) accordingly, electricity bills had been charged monthly even in the areas where people of the Kilinochchi District had been resettled;
  - (iv) nevertheless these bills were not sent during the past six months in the Kilinochchi District; and
  - (v) these people, who do not have enough financial strength to pay a large sum of money at once, have been perturbed as the payment has been demanded for several months instead of sending electricity bills monthly?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the reason for not charging electricity bills monthly is the existence of vacancies at the office of the Ceylon Electricity Board in Kilinochchi
  - (ii) if so, whether he will take steps to fill those vacancies;
  - (iii) whether he will take steps to recover the arrears in bills on installment basis; and
  - (iv) whether he will take steps to charge electricity bills on monthly basis continuously in future?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

7.

2135/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of each district separately—
  - (i) the number of students who sat for the GCE (A/L) examination in the biology stream in 2015 from Monaragala and Badulla districts;
  - (ii) the number and the percentage of the students who were qualified for university entrance;
  - (iii) the number and the percentage of the students qualified for medical faculties; and
  - (iv) the minimum result of the students who were qualified for the medical faculty, Z-score, the school in which each student studied and the medical faculty to which they got selected?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

2145/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House —
  - (i) of the number of depots of the S.L.T.B. in the Puttalam district;
  - (ii) of the names of those depots;
  - (iii) the number of buses in proper running condition in each depot, separately;
  - (iv) the number of buses given a new to develop the fleet of buses in the depots of the S.L.T.B. from 2010 up to date; and
  - (v) the steps the Ministry intends to take develop the fleet of buses in the Puttalam district in future?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

2182/17

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 amount of government debt pertaining to year 2014,2015 and 2016 as a percentage to the Gross Domestic Production; and
  - (ii) of the per capita government debt pertaining to year 2014, 2015 and 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

10.

2292/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions that got affected in the Ratnapura District as a result of unfavorable weather conditions which were prevalent recently;
  - (ii) of the names of those Grama Niladhari Divisions;
  - (iii) separately of the number of families affected in each of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions; and
  - (iv) of the steps taken by the Ministry to grant them relief?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

2317/'17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the road from Polegoda to Ihala Welgama in the Bulathsinhala Divisional Secretariat Division is impassable due to the landslide that occurred in the area named 1<sup>st</sup> Mile Post, as a result of the floods and landslides experienced on 27.05.2017;
  - (ii) around 10,000 to 15,000 people who used this road in the areas of Omaththa settlement, Omaththa colony, Gampalakanda, Wavulakanda, Muduna, Bategalla, Thenhena, Samagipura, Ihala Welgama, Gallanamulla, Henyaya and Atahawulhena situated in the Grama Niladhari divisions of number 819G Muduna, 819H Gamage Watta, 824 Thennahena and 825 Ihala Welgama, are facing severe hardships; and
  - (iii) measures are yet to be taken to renovate this road?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether expeditious measures will be taken to renovate the aforesaid road which is impassable due to the damages; and
  - (ii) if so, the period of time the renovation will begin and when it is scheduled to be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

(6)

12.

2324/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) whether a forest reserve is located in Digampathana, Dambulla;
  - (ii) the local government institutions of the area dump garbage in aforesaid place;
  - (iii) the wild elephants of the area, constantly roam in aforesaid locale by reason of garbage dumping; and
  - (iv) aforesaid elephants storm into neighboring villages when no food is found in aforesaid site?
- (b) Will he inform this House, as to what measures would be taken by the Ministry to prevent dumping of garbage in aforesaid site in support of the safety of both the human and the Elephants ?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

2328/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of families evacuated from Meethotamulla, owing to the collapse of the garbage dump;
  - (ii) separately of the amount of compensation that was paid to the aforesaid families;
  - (iii) of the current value of the land from which the families have been evacuated; and
  - (iv) as to whom these lands belong at present?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

2339/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the Trincomalee – Batticaloa, A-15 road was renovated during the tenure of the previous government;
  - (ii) the culvert which should have been constructed in Murinjaru area which is situated adjacent to Upparu area was not constructed when this road was renovated; and
  - (iii) due to that reason Kinniya area goes under water as water does not drain off?

(7)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to construct a culvert in this place; and
  - (ii) if so, the period of time that will be take to construct this culvert?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

2413/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the names of the current employees of the Road Passenger Transport Authority of North Western Province;
  - (ii) the names, addresses and educational qualifications of the Board of Directors; and
  - (iii) the number of Passenger Transport permits issued by the said Authority, separately for each route number?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that 4 passenger transport permit books of that Authority have been misplaced; and
  - (ii) if so, what legal action has been taken in that regard?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the steps taken by the Ministry to administer the Road Passenger Transport Authority of North Western Province in line with the good governance policies of the current government, as allegations of being a corrupt institution at present have been leveled against that institution?
- (d) If not, why?

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#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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.

\*2.

Intellectual Property (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),— 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. 2044/32 of 09<sup>th</sup> November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),— 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. 2045/32 of 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.3),— 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. 2045/33 of 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.4),— 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. 2046/14 of 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*7.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.5),— 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. 2047/25 of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)



\*8.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

\*9.

Active Liability Management Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*12.

Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*13.

Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*14.

The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Report of the Delimitation Committee for the Delimitation of Electorates in Provincial Councils,— That the Report of the Delimitation Committee submitted to the Minister by the said Committee in terms of the Section 3A.(11) of the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988 as amended by the Act, No.17 of 2017, which was presented on 06.03.2018, be approved.

\*15.

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:—

(10)

- (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.

\*16.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution to revise the Salaries and Allowances of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the Superior Courts,— Whereas the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Judges of the Court of Appeal shall be determined by Parliament, in terms of Article 108 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as amended by the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution;

And whereas the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted on 20.02.2018 according to the Cabinet Memorandum dated 17.02.2018 submitted by the President, to revise the salaries and allowances of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the Superior Courts with effect from 01.01.2018 as follows :—

- (a) To revise the salaries of the Chief Justice, Judges of the Supreme Court, President of the Court of Appeal and Judges of the Court of Appeal as set out in the Management Services Circular No. 3/2017 as mentioned in the document prepared by the Salaries and Cadre Commission and appended as Annexe I, with effect from 01.01.2018 and salary conversion to be effected on step by step basis;
- (b) To increase the pensionable allowance of 25% of the salary hitherto paid, up to 50% with effect from 01.01.2018 and to calculate the said allowance on the basis of the salary step of the newly revised salary; and
- (c) To pay a monthly professional allowance of Rs.150,000/- per month which is reckoned for pension purposes in place of the special non-pensionable allowance of Rs. 15,000/- per month which was paid.

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines that the salaries and allowances of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the Superior Courts be revised as aforementioned in terms of Article 108 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

**Annex - I**

**The salary scales to be made applicable to Hon. Chief Justice and Judges of the Superior Courts effective 01.01.2018**

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Salary Code			JS 3-2016	JS 4-2016	JS 5-2016
1	2	3	4	4	4
			6,760	7,000	7,600
			5	5	5
1			136,000	140,000	150,000
2			141,730	147,000	157,500
3			148,500	154,000	165,000
4			155,250	161,000	172,500
5			162,000	168,000	180,000
6			168,760	175,000	187,500

\* To increase up to 50% effective 01.01.2018 the pensionable allowance which is hitherto paid as 25% of the salary and calculation of the said allowance based on the salary point of this new salary.

\*\* Payment of a professional allowance of Rs. 150,000/- per month which is reckoned for pension purposes in place of the special non-pensionable of Rs. 15,000/- per month which was paid.

\*17.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Resolution for Ratification by Sri Lanka of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Phase down of Hydrofluorocarbons (HFC),— Whereas the Montreal Protocol which aims at reducing the global warming has on four occasions introduced amendments viz. London Amendment-1990, Copenhagen Amendment -1992, Montreal Amendment -1997, and Beijing Amendment -1999 with a view to realizing various objectives and Sri Lanka has complied with those amendments within the specified time frames;

And whereas the Kigali Amendment has been introduced as the revision of the year 2016, which can eliminate the amount of Carbondioxide, equivalent to 100 billion tons by 2050 by eliminating global warming by 0.5 °C.

(12)

And Whereas in terms of Article 33 (2) (h) of the Constitution the President shall have the power to do all such acts and things, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution or written law, as by international law, custom or usage the President is authorized or required to do and as such it is the absolute authority of the President to give consent to comply with the Kigali Amendment;

And whereas in terms of Article 33 A of the Constitution, the President shall be responsible to Parliament for the due exercise, performance and discharge of his powers, duties and functions under the Constitution and any written law, including the law for the time being relating to public security;

And whereas the Cabinet decision dated 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 on the Cabinet Memorandum dated 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017 submitted by the President in his capacity as the Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment has granted approval to comply with the Kigali Amendment which is the latest Amendment to the Montreal Protocol;

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves that Sri Lanka may comply with the Kigali Amendment which is the latest Amendment to the Montreal Protocol: HFC Phase-down as a resolution of H.E. the President in terms of Article 33A of the Constitution.

\*18.

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.)

\*19.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*20.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*21.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*22.

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.”

23.

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

24.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

25.

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

26.

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

27.

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

28.

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

29.

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

30.

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

31.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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