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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, April 03, 2018 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1230/'16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha 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 Kilinochchi 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;
 - (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?

2.

1419/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an organization called “ Agency for Development” was set up with the aim of encouraging foreign direct investments as per proposal No.195 of the budget for 2016;
 - (ii) if so, of the composition and structure of responsibilities of it;
 - (iii) whether he would submit a document stating the total foreign investments received by Sri Lanka from 1977 up to now, foreign direct investments including the loans taken by the investors and foreign direct investments received without loans, as per each year;

(2)

- (iv) whether he would submit data and a graph indicating the manner in which foreign direct investments increased in Sri Lanka subsequent to the end of war in 2009 and the five main countries from which foreign direct investments flowed into the country, in the order of priority; and
- (v) of the reasons for the decline in foreign direct investments comparatively in 2015 and 2016?

(b) If not, why?

3.

1666/17

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 hospitals governed by the Uva Provincial Council;
- (ii) of the names and addresses of the said hospitals;
- (iii) of the number of appointments of Hospital minor employees that have been provided by the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province after his appointment;
- (iv) of the names and addresses of the persons to whom appointments have been provided thus and names of hospitals to which the appointments were given; and
- (v) of the methodology adopted to provide the aforesaid appointments?

(b) If not, why?

4.

2006/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the addresses of ministerial offices of the Minister of Buddhasasana ;
- (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 —

- (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?

(3)

5.

2115/17

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) in the Kallaru village belonging to the Kandamalai Divisional Secretariat Division of the Kilinochchi District, a total of 243 houses comprising of 143 permanent houses built for those affected by Tsunami and 100 houses built for resettled families under various housing schemes have been constructed;
- (ii) only 186 houses out of the above mentioned houses are occupied at present and that no one is occupying the remaining 57 houses; and
- (iii) the people who are currently residing in the above village are faced with grave difficulties due to the lack of drinking water, decent transportation facilities and road repair activities;

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether steps will be taken to develop the infrastructure facilities of the aforesaid village;
- (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to offer the above mentioned unoccupied houses to families which do not have a house?

(c) If not, why?

6.

2137/17

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 G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination in the biology stream in 2015 from Trincomalee, Batticaloa and Ampara 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?

(4)

7.

2184/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of people died;
 - (ii) of the number of people got disabled;
 - (iii) of the full amount of compensation paid for the victims by the government ;
 - (iv) of the compensation paid on behalf of a deceased person; and
 - (v) of the maximum and minimum compensation paid for damaged houses;
- in connection with the slide of Meethotamulla garbage dump in the year of 2017?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether all displaced people have been provided with permanent houses; and
 - (ii) of the most recent date on which a displaced family was provided with a permanent house?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

2228/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the number of Sri Lankan Fishermen who are in the languishing in the custody of foreign countries since the day the present government of Good governance came to power up to date;
 - (ii) the countries in which those fishermen are in custody;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of those fishermen;
 - (iv) the steps, the Ministry has taken to get those fishermen freed; and
 - (v) the measures, the Ministry has taken towards the wellbeing of the families of those fishermen?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

9.

2294/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of profit making or loss incurring CTB depots, out of the depots that are operational in Ratnapura district;
 - (ii) of the breakdown of the number of new buses provided to each depot in Ratnapura district from year 2010 up to date; and
 - (iii) of the vacancies in each depot and the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to fill them?
- (b) If not why?

10.

2326/'17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there is a village called Upper Liggala in the Galewela area;
 - (ii) majority of the residents of the said village make a living by engaging in brick making; and
 - (iii) people living in the aforesaid village are now facing grave difficulties when engaging in the said industry due to the severe drought prevalent at present, increase in the prices of raw material and the increase in the cost of transportation?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to resolve the issues faced by people living in the said village?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

2342/'17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the country by now;
 - (ii) separately, of the value of the aforesaid benefits; and
 - (iii) whether the government has taken a policy decision to reduce the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who receive the Samurdhi benefits by now?

(6)

- (b) Is he aware that—
- (i) the name lists concerning the grant and the suspension of new Samurdhi benefits have been publicized in Grama Niladhari Division levels through Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (ii) there are impoverished and disabled people in the name lists which suspended the Samurdhi benefits ?
- (c) Whether any other relief will be provided for them and if not, whether he will inform this House of the measures taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

12.

2370/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether it is admitted that a significant delay of 06 to 10 hours resulted when traveling to the Nuge Road Container Inspection Division where containers are currently inspected can be avoided if the land on either side of the Bloomendal entrance to the port is acquired by the port and utilized for the inspection of containers;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the payment of demurrage is profitable for certain importers who purposely delay the clearance of goods that they have imported until their warehouses get emptied; and
 - (iii) if so, of the future measures taken with pertinence to (i) and (ii) above?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

2399/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of farmers that received compensation from the Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board due to the prevalent drought;
 - (ii) whether the list of farmers in Kurunegala district who received compensation in the above manner will be submitted separately on the basis of each Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iii) separately of the amount of money paid as compensation to each farmer in the Kurunegala district; and
 - (iv) of the criteria taken into consideration when granting the aforementioned compensation?
- (b) If not, why?

(7)

14.

2464/17

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) A/ Manarul Ulum Maha Vidyalaya of the Gambiriswewa Grama Niladhari Division (No. 309) coming under the Anuradhapura Zonal Education Office is a school that has been included in the “1000 schools project”;
- (ii) about 700 students are studying in this school; and
- (iii) only a single building has been provided to this school under the aforesaid project and that no other facility has been provided to this school so far?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether facilities required for this school will be provided at least under the project called “Nearest school is the best school”; and
- (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— National Audit,— Bill to provide for the powers, duties and functions of the Audit Service Commission; the establishment of the office of the National Audit Office and the Sri Lanka State Audit Service; to specify the role of the Auditor General over public finance and to make provision for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Civil Aviation (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

3.

The Minister of Justice,— Prescription (Special Provisions) (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Prescription (Special Provisions) Act, No. 5 of 2016.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

4.

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Chaya Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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. 2044/6 of 06th November 2017, which was presented on 22.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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. 2044/25 of 07th November 2017, which was presented on 22.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/26 of 08th November 2017, which was presented on 22.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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. 2046/3 of 20th November 2017, which was presented on 22.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

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. 2049/20 of 13th December 2017, which was presented on 22.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*6.

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. 2049/32 of 14th December 2017, which was presented on 22.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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. 2051/45 of 31st December 2017, which was presented on 22.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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. 2054/40 of 18th January 2018, which was presented on 22.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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. 2056/33 of 31st January 2018, which was presented on 22.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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. 2058/30 of 15th February 2018, which was presented on 22.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

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.

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 10th October 2017 on the Cabinet Memorandum dated 29th 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.

*12.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Sections 8, 14 and 30 of the aforesaid Act relating to Motor Traffic (Fees) Regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/6 of 15th January 2018, which were presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Section 143 of the aforesaid Act relating to Motor Traffic (Expressway) Regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/8 of 15th January 2018, which were presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

*14.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Section 215A of the aforesaid Act relating to spot fine Regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/9 of 15th January 2018, which were presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

*15.

Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

*17.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

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 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Annual Liquor License Fees and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/4 of 11th December 2017, which was presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 1004)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2051/38 of 29th December 2017 amending the order published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1867/5 of 16th June 2014, which was presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/59 of 15th December 2017 amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2062/47 of 16th March 2018, which was presented on 23.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

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.

*24.

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.

*25.

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 04th December 2017, which was presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*28.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*29.

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.”

30.

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

31.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

32.

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

33.

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

34.

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

35.

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

36.

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

37.

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

38.

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

* *Indicates Government Business.*
