Business of the House for March 08, 2022

Date : 08-03-2022

The Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, the Speaker took the Chair.

Announcements by the Speaker

A : Determination of the Supreme Court on the Bill entitled “Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment)”
B : Endorsement of the certificate on a Bill under Article 79 of the Constitution
C : Receipt of the copies of petitions filed at the Supreme Court

Presentation of Papers

(i) Annual Report of the Lanka Sathosa Ltd for the year 2018.
(ii) Annual Report of the Consumer Affairs Authority for the year 2020
(iii) Annual Report of the Official Languages Commission for the year 2019
(iv) Annual Report of the Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2018
(v) Performance Report of the Rubber Development Department for the year 2019

(vi) Regulations made by the Minister of Health in consultation with the Sri Lanka Medical Council under Section 72 read with Section 19(a) of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2259/54 of 24th December 2021
(vii) Note on Supplementary Allocations from the Supplementary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities Project appearing under Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget for the period from 06.01.2022 to 21.02.2022 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 30 of 2021
(viii) Regulations made by the Minister of Lands under Sections 155 and 156 of the Land Development Ordinance (Chapter 464) as amended by Acts, Nos. 16 of 1969, 27 of 1981, 22 of 1993, 9 of 1995 and No. 20 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2251/48 of 28th October 2021 and the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2266/5 of 07th February 2022 making the amendments to the said Gazette
(ix) Regulations made by the Minister of Lands under Sections 155 and 156 of the Land Development Ordinance (Chapter 464) as amended by Acts, Nos. 16 of 1969, 27 of 1981, 22 of 1993, 9 of 1995 and No. 20 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2262/50 of 22nd January 2022 and the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2266/5 of 07th February 2022 making the amendments to the said Gazette
(x) Regulations made by the Minister of Youth & Sports under Section 34 read with Section 3 of the Convention against Doping in Sport Act, No. 33 of 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2263/2 of 18th January 2022
(xi) Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 read with Section 213B of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2245/31 of 17th September 2021

Presentation of Reports from the Committees

(i) The Report of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Labour was presented by the Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara, member of the Committee on behalf of the Chair of the Committee Hon. Nimal Siripala De Silva.
(ii) The Report of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Trade was presented by the Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardena, the Chair of the Committee.
(iii) The First Report of the Committee on Public Enterprises for the Second Session of the Ninth Parliament was presented by the Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath, the Chair of the Committee.

Presentation of Petitions

(i) The Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
(ii) The Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
(iii) The Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
(iv) The Hon. H. Nandasena

(Petitions stand referred to the Committee on Public Petitions)

Questions under Standing Order 27(2) of the Parliament

(i) The Hon. Sajith Premadasa

Women's socio-economic problems in Sri Lanka

(ii) The Hon. Anura Dissanayaka

Investigation process of Pandora Papers

Hon. M .U. M. Ali Sabry, Minister of Justice replied to the above Question.

Ministerial Statements

The Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana, Minister of Trade made a Ministerial Statement about false media report regarding the importation of rice from Myanmar.

Personal Explanations

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella

Media reports regarding Electricity Bills of his official residence

Main Business of the House for Today

Intellectual Property (Amendment) Bill (appearing as Item No. 1 of today's Order Paper)

was passed by the House with amendments.

Questions at the Adjournment Time

Two Questions were asked by following Members of Parliament:-
(i) Hon. Kapila Athukorala
(ii) Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna

Motion at the Adjournment Time

Motion at the Adjournment Time on "Women representation in Parliament, Provincial Councils and Local Authorities" was proposed by the Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe.

The Parliament was, thereafter adjourned at 1736 Hrs. until 1000 Hrs. on Wednesday 9th March 2022.

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