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Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

47/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform the House of—
 - (i) the number of new industries established with foreign investment in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) their names; from 2005 to 2015?
- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the current laws and regulations as well as the facilities offered to industry startups discourage investors; and
 - (ii) what measures the Ministry will take to provide a rapid service for investors?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

94/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of organizations allied with LTTE that have been included in the Interpol list on request by the government of Sri Lanka as at 2015; and
 - (ii) separately of the number of LTTE terrorists and Under world members that had been included in the relevant list by then?

(2)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the number of organizations allied with LTTE that have been delisted from Interpol list from 2015 to date;
- (ii) of the number of LTTE terrorists who have been thus delisted after 2015;
- (iii) of the reasons that led to the removal of the aforesaid organizations and terrorists from the Interpol list;
- (iv) whether the approval of Sri Lankan government has been given to the aforesaid delisting; and
- (v) whether it is accepted that such delisting would stimulate the action taken by the LTTE allied groups at the international arena against Sri Lanka?

(c) If not, why?

3.

152/'18

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the subject of waste management comes under Provincial Councils in terms of the 13th amendment to the constitution;
- (ii) if so, of the names of Provincial Councils that have established separate institutes for solid waste management since the establishment of Provincial Councils to date;
- (iii) of the names of Provincial Councils that have not established specific institute for that; and
- (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government regarding establishment of such unique institutes in Provincial Councils where such institutes have not been established?

(b) If not, why?

(3)

4.

270/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the minor, medium and major scale irrigation schemes renovated in Monaragala district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) of the estimated amount for each renovation work, separately;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the said renovation work;
 - (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
 - (v) of the physical and financial progress of the renovation work of that contract with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
 - (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports relevant to that renovation work will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in renovation work; and
 - (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

369/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of estate workers who served in 2002 in the Levelent estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
 - (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate workers who went on retirement from 2000 – 2015 after serving in this estate;
 - (iii) the number of retired workers out of the aforesaid labourers who have not been paid Employees Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
 - (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

6.

498/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that measures were taken by the previous government to install a CCTV camera system in the private Bus Terminal located at Bastian Mawatha, Colombo, enabling proper supervision of the bus terminal;
- (ii) of the number of cameras functioning at the moment;
- (iii) of the monthly payment made for the internet facilities obtained for this purpose;
- (iv) whether he is aware that money has been spent for obtaining internet facilities in spite of the fact that the cameras are out of order; and
- (v) whether a detailed report will be presented pertaining to this matter?

(b) If not, why ?

7.

576/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) the nature of the ownership of the government with regard to the Ante Leco (Pvt) Ltd is concerned ;
- (ii) the objective of which the aforesaid institution was established;
- (iii) the number of electric metres produced by the said company from the inception in respect of each year separately;
- (iv) the number of employees in that company; and
- (v) the profit or loss of the company from the inception in respect of each year separately?

(b) If not, why?

8.

608/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of industrial estates;
 - (ii) the number of plots of land;
 - (iii) the number of factories operating in the industrial estates; and
 - (iv) the number of employees in the industrial estates;
 that belong to Industrial Development Board, separately?
- (b) Will he state in regard to the programmes conducted by Industrial Development Board in the Central Province in the year 2017—
 - (i) the number of self employment promotion programmes;
 - (ii) the places in which the aforesaid programmes were held;
 - (iii) the equipment provided;
 - (iv) the basis on which the beneficiaries were selected; and
 - (v) the number of technological training programmes conducted?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether he accepts the fact that even though the opportunity of engaging in electronic businesses through the internet is open even to the persons living in rural areas at present, the knowledge required for it has not been sufficiently provided; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to provide this knowledge in a systematic manner?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

659/'18

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that some lessees have not yet renewed their lease agreements for the properties belonging to the Sri Lanka Railway Department in the Kanthale town which are utilized by them to run places of business and for residential purposes on the basis of annual lease?

(6)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons utilizing properties on lease basis in the Kanthale town;
 - (ii) out of the above, of the names of persons who have failed to renew their annual lease agreements; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for not renewing their lease agreements?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

688/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to national schools existing in Colombo, Galle, Matara, Kandy, Kurunegala, Jaffna, Gampaha districts for the period from the year 2010 up to 2017—
 - (i) the cut out marks of the Grade five scholarship examination;
 - (ii) the number of students admitted to grade six class based on the results of the scholarship results;
 - (iii) the number of parallel classes in grade five and grade six;
 - (iv) the number of students who were admitted to Grade six class from the primary section not based on the results of the scholarship examination; and
 - (v) the percentage of the students who were admitted to grade six class based on the scholarship results out of the total number of students in grade six?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

773/19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the value of the loan facility granted for the applicants qualified to follow Post Graduate courses during the period from January 2016 to 31st August 2018;
 - (ii) of the interest rates on aforesaid loans;
 - (iii) of the maximum period of time to repay the loan; and
 - (iv) of the securities taken by the respective financial institutions when aforesaid loan was granted?

(7)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount and the interest that had been recovered by 31st August 2018 in respect of the loans granted as per a(i);
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken to recover the outstanding amounts; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid measures taken are satisfactory?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

861/'19

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken by the government to acquire the required extent of land from the lands in possession of the state plantation companies for the provision of lands to 6579 families in Ratnapura District who do not have their own lands to construct of houses; and
 - (ii) if not, the alternative measures intended to be taken by the government?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

950/'19

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services & Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the methodology followed by the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs during the period from 2012 to 2018 in selecting agencies to take the Haj pilgrims to the Holy City of Mecca;
 - (ii) of the persons/ institutions that submitted applications for that;
 - (iii) whether there have been occasions of holding written competitive tests for each person/institution in addition to the interview;
 - (iv) of the marks obtained by the persons/institutions that faced the competitive tests and interviews in each year;
 - (v) of the number of persons/institutions selected out of those;
 - (vi) of the names and addresses of those persons/institutions and the quota allocated; and
 - (vii) of the number of “IATA” license holders out of the persons/ institutions selected and their details?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

971/'19

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the Kekirawa Police Station that provides the services to Kekirawa, a major town in Anuradhpura district, and to a large contiguous area, is housed in the old buildings;
 - (ii) whether step will be taken to renovate aforesaid Police Station to suit the present day needs; if so, of such measures; and
 - (iii) of the date from which aforesaid task will be commenced?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1025/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he will elaborate on the main courses of action taken to develop the capital market of Sri Lanka in keeping with proposals Nos. 281, 282, 283 and 284 of 2016 budget;
 - (ii) of the action taken to amend the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Act in keeping with proposal No. 284;
 - (iii) whether he will submit a chart that depicts the trends in progress of the share market of Sri Lanka from year 2000 to 2017 according to standard indicators which are used to measure share market growth;
 - (iv) whether the unusual increase in the interest rates prevalent at present is considered a hindrance to the growth of the share market; and
 - (v) if not, of the opinion held in this regard?
 - (b) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(2) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/3 of 05th March 2019, which was presented on 27.06.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/4 of 05th March 2019, which was presented on 27.06.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

People's Bank (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

*6.

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

*7.

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

*8.

Prescription (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Counter Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Shrama Vasana Fund (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

Wages Boards (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

State Land (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,— Determination under the Constitution,— Whereas the United National Party which obtained the highest number of seats in Parliament has formed a National Government, Parliament determines in terms of Article 46(4) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the number of Ministers in the Cabinet of Ministers shall not exceed 48 and the number of Ministers who are not Cabinet Ministers and the number of Deputy Ministers shall not exceed 45.

*16.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 25 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/42 of 18th January 2018, which was presented on 22.05.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 04/2018)
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.2),— 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.)

*18.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act (No.1),— 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 Medical Devices (Pricing) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2114/54 of 15th March 2019, which were presented on 09.07.2019, be approved.

*19.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act (No. 2),— 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 Medicines (Ceiling on Prices) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2123/35 of 15th May 2019, which were presented on 09.07.2019, be approved.

*20.

The Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development,— Regulation under the Public Contracts Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the President under Section 36 of the Public Contracts Act, No. 3 of 1987 and the regulations published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 508/7 of 02nd June 1988 last amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1773/36 of 30th August 2012 further amending and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2055/18 of 24th January 2018, which was presented on 09.07.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/10 of 05th March 2019, which was presented on 12.07.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

The Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,— Regulation under the Judicature Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms with the concurrence of the Chief Justice under Section 61 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 read with Section 60 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2116/28 of 26th March 2019, which was presented on 12.07.2019, be approved.

*23.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth 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.)

*24.

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.”

*25.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

27.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

28.

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

29.

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

30.

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

31.

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

32.

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

33.

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

34.

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

35.

Sri Shakyasinharama Viharastha Karyasadhaka Sanvidanaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

36.

Institution of Building Services Engineering & Technology of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

37.

Dr. S. S. Gunawardana Indigenous Ayurveda Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.

38.

Mohan Lanka Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

39.

Chaya Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

40.

Chamber of Construction Industries of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*
