



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

48/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the people living in Ellethota village in Bandarawela are faced with a severe problem of obtaining drinking water; and
- (ii) if so, the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to provide pure drinking water to the aforesaid people?

(b) If not, why?

2.

99/'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 the House—

- (i) of the number of Police officers who have been killed while engaged in country's crime suppression activities from the year 2015 separately in respect of each year;
- (ii) of the reasons why the Police officers concerned were killed;
- (iii) whether he will state the value of the compensation paid to their wives and children;
- (iv) what steps have been taken by the Department of Police to protect their wives and children; and
- (v) whether their widows and orphans allowances have been paid duly?

(b) Will he also inform the House —

- (i) of the number of Police officers who have been granted promotions after being killed;
- (ii) of the number of Police officers who have not been granted promotions after being killed; and
- (iii) of the reasons for not granting them promotions?

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- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he will take action to improve the methodology that is in place to protect the lives of police officers engaged in crime suppression activities and to safeguard their wives and children in future; and
 - (ii) if so, table the timeframe and the expected methodology for doing it?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

153/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— 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 names of institutions that take decisions pertaining to garbage, handle matters pertaining to garbage and come under the purview of the Ministry of Environment and Mahaweli Development;
 - (ii) whether officers of these institutions have gone abroad on study tours related to the management of garbage from year 2010 up to now;
 - (iii) if so, of the names and designations of such officers along with details of their study tours abroad;
 - (iv) separately the amount of money spent on each of these educational activities; and
 - (v) of the manner in which the knowledge gained by the officers who participated in the aforementioned study tours has been utilized for the purposes of the Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

370/'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 Lulkandura 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;

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- (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?

5.

422/'19

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an agreement has been signed between the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and Hyrax Oil Sdn Bhd to establish and operate a lubricant mixing center;
- (ii) if so, of the date on which it was signed;
- (iii) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on the agreed core points of the aforesaid agreement;
- (iv) whether due approval has been obtained for the project as per the aforementioned agreement;
- (v) whether the company has already established a lubricant mixing center in Sri Lanka as per the abovementioned agreement; and
- (vi) whether permits have been obtained to import lubricants required for the proposed lubricant mixing center mentioned above?

(b) If not, why?

6.

499/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House –

- (i) of the total number of buses that were deployed for “Sisu Seriya” bus service during the period from 01.01.2015 to 30.06.2018, and of the names of the routes on which they were deployed;
- (ii) separately of the number of private buses and the number of SLTB buses that were in operation on the aforesaid routes;

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- (iii) separately of the amounts that were paid to those private buses; and
- (iv) if there are persons who have obtained money producing fake documents stating that they had operated buses, of the names of such persons?

(b) If not, why?

7.

609/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana & Wayamba Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of places of Buddhist religious worship situated in Pussallawa town;
- (ii) the names of the aforesaid places of religious worship; and
- (iii) the action that has been taken by the government up to now for the development of the aforesaid places of religious worship after this good governance government came into power?

(b) If not, why?

8.

619/'18

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) initiatives were taken in the year 2012 to widen the Gampola – Dolaosbage road in Kandy, which is under the purview of the Road Development Authority, into two lanes and a distance of seven kilometers from Kuruduwatta up to Welikanda has been completed by now having carpeted it;
- (ii) no work of this road has been carried out for the whole period of three and a half years since January 2015?

(b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to allocate money for the remaining 4 kilometers of the aforesaid road, which is used by a large number of people and many vehicles, and commence its work?

(c) If not, why?

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9.

655/'18

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a number of years have elapsed since the work of the outer circular road which extends from 6th post of the Trincomalee – Kandy road up to Kinniya on Trincomalee – Anurahhapura road was commenced?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether this road is constructed with four lanes which can be extended up to six lanes as per the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 18.07.2013;
 - (ii) the reason for not being able to lay stones and carpet the road even up to now even though the road had been cleaned and gravel had been laid by January 2015;
 - (iii) the name of the company which is in charge of the construction work at present; and
 - (iv) the date on which this road should be handed over having completed the construction work?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

774/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that a number of Textile Centers established in many districts of the country make a direct or indirect contribution to the national production, creating several employment opportunities?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Main Textile Centers, Sub Textile Centers and Domestic Textile Centers operative in Gampaha district;
 - (ii) of the number of Main Textile Centers, Sub Textile Centers and Domestic Textile Centers that have been closed down respectively in Gampaha district;
 - (iii) of the major causes that led to close down aforesaid Textile Centers and of the number of employment opportunities lost due to that reason;
 - (iv) of the proposals made by the Budget 2019 in respect of the improvement and the revival of aforesaid local industry; and
 - (v) whether he is satisfied said proposal?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the annual turnover of the Textile Centers operative in Divulapitiya Electorate; and
 - (ii) of the institution tasked with the monitoring process of the operations of aforesaid Centers?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

813/'19

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— 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) the number of graduates who forwarded applications in response to a news paper advertisement published by the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs for recruiting unemployed graduates for training in the public institutions through an interview;
 - (ii) the number of graduates who appeared for that interview in relation to each district, separately; and
 - (iii) the number of graduates who were recruited for training following the interview?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the graduates were categorized as internal and external graduates when they were recruited for the relevant training;
 - (ii) if so, the number of internal and external graduates recruited in relation to each district, separately;
 - (iii) whether a problematic situation arose when awarding letters of appointment to the external graduates?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

864/'19

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the fertilizer subsidy was provided to the following Societies in 2016—
 - (i) Dorapane Tea Smallholdings Development Society and Dangpane Tea Smallholdings Development Society in Kolonna Tea Inspector's Division;
 - (ii) Rang Govi Kanda Tea Smallholdings Development Society and Veralugahamula Tea Smallholdings Development Society in Rakwana Tea Inspector's Division;

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- (iii) Dombagammana Tea Smallholdings Development Society, Vanneeya watta Tea Smallholdings Development Society, Yakdehiwatta Tea Smallholdings Development Society and Horangala Tea Smallholdings Development Society in Nivithigala Tea Inspector's Division; and
- (iv) Alpitiya Tea Smallholdings Development Society and Bibilegama Tea Smallholdings Development Society in Madampe Tea Inspector's Division?
- (b) If so, will he also inform this House whether he will submit the documents to confirm the provision of fertilizer subsidy to those Societies in 2016?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

964/19

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) on 05th, 06th and 07th August 2017, a politician had got surveyed the land called Hamuge Watta, which is 23 acres in extent, located in No. 205, Gajaneggama Grama Niladhari Division in the Maho Divisional Secretary's Division in Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) after surveying and partitioning the land, those plots of lands were sold on the pretext of distributing them among public sector employees for constructing houses; and
 - (iii) after the residents of the area had protested against that process, the relevant government officers confirmed that partitioning of the aforesaid land was illegal?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the land referred to in (i) above is a land that belongs to the Ministry of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms;
 - (ii) if the aforesaid land had been transferred to any other Ministry, of the name of such Ministry;
 - (iii) whether legal action has been initiated against the persons who had taken steps to illegally partition a state land;
 - (iv) if not, whether such legal action will be taken in due course;
 - (v) whether there are plans to utilize this land for any purpose whatsoever; and
 - (vi) if so, of the nature of such purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

972/'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 that the Ipologama police station that was established in the war heroes village in Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division last year under the patronage of the Inspector General of Police is housed in a temporary building; and
- (ii) the date on which action will be taken to construct a suitable permanent building for a police station and house this police station in it?

(b) If not, why?

15.

1026/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Dry Zone Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an allowance of Rs. 20,000/- was provided to pregnant mothers as mentioned by the then Minister of Finance in the “100 day revolution” declaration;
- (ii) whether he will submit the list of names of the pregnant mothers who received this benefit in 2015 and 2016;
- (iii) of the total expenditure borne by the government in 2015 and 2016 for the provision of Rs. 20,000/- for each pregnant mother; and
- (iv) whether he will submit a copy of the circular giving instruction as per 7.29 of the declaration mentioned in (i) above?

(b) If not, why?

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 the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sittings of Parliament on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th July, 2019 shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

*5.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Prescription (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Counter Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Shrama Vasana Fund (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Wages Boards (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

State Land (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

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.

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.

*18.

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.

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.

*22.

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.)

*23.

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.”

*24.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

26.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

27.

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

28.

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

29.

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

30.

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

31.

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

32.

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

33.

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

34.

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

35.

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

36.

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

37.

Mohan Lanka Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

38.

Chaya Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

39.

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

* *Indicates Government Business.*
