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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

4/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the action that has been taken by the government by now to preserve the Kuragala archaeological site?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

132/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) there is a place of tourist attraction known as “Lunugala Besamwala” in Badulla district; and
  - (ii) that place and its environment have been affected by severe environment pollution?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps the Ministry intends to take to minimize environment pollution taking place at that place?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

206/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— 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) separately, of the financial allocations made for the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment pertaining to the year 2017, by way of the Appropriation Act, supplementary estimates and the other additional provisions;

(2)

- (ii) of the total amount of money spent by the aforesaid Ministry in year 2017;
- (iii) of the percentage of aforesaid sum as against the total allocations made;
- (iv) of the balance amount of financial allocations; and
- (v) of the percentage of aforesaid sum as against the total allocations made?

(b) If not, why?

4.

319/'18

Hon. Sisira Jayakody,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a new syllabus has been introduced to the students who are to sit for the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination in the Bio Science stream in the year 2019;
- (ii) they have been provided with a syllabus containing only 5 units even after a lapse of one year;
- (iii) those units too have been prepared only in the English language; and
- (iv) guidance on practical tests and teachers guides have not hitherto been provided for new syllabus?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether training and awareness sessions on the new syllabus were conducted for the teachers when it was introduced; and
- (ii) of the date on which action will be taken to provide the complete syllabus?

(c) If not, why?

5.

428/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether postal charges for letters have been increased by now;
- (ii) if so, of the amount by which postal charges have been increased;
- (iii) whether the public was made aware of this increase in postal charges; and
- (iv) if so, of the method in which it was done and the media used for this purpose?

(b) If not, why?

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6.

480/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) the public institutions to which parts of the building in which the head office of the Janatha Estate Development Board is housed have been given on lease;
  - (ii) the floor area that has been given on lease, the period of lease and the lease amount, separately;
  - (iii) whether the amounts due for the relevant period of lease have been completely paid by the aforesaid institutions; and
  - (iv) if not, the action that has been taken by the Janatha Estate Development Board in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

510/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) permits have been provided to some of the Councilors of the Provincial Councils which are currently operative or stand dissolved to import vehicles under concessionary tax basis;
  - (ii) however, measures have not been taken to provide such duty free vehicle permits to some of the Councilors who remain and do not remain as Councilors of the Provincial Councils which are currently operative or stand dissolved; and
  - (iii) some of the Councilors who currently serve or do not serve in the Councils, have served as Councilors continuously for a period of five years and that the majority of them are members of the Provincial Councils which currently stand dissolved?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits that it is a grave injustice to deprive the concessionary duty free vehicle permits to some of the Councilors despite fulfilling all qualifications, when the same facility has been extended to some other Councilors; and
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to provide the said vehicle permits to provincial Councilors to whom they have hitherto not been provided?
- (c) If not, why?

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517/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the total extent of paddy land in hectares cultivated in the Western Province during the first season of year 2018;
  - (ii) of the total extent of fallow paddy land in hectares which remained without being cultivated in the Western Province; and
  - (iii) of the number of metric tons of paddy yield lost to the country as a result of the abovementioned fallow paddy lands?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of hectares of paddy lands which were cultivated but were subjected to crop damage;
  - (ii) of the action taken to ensure non recurrence / reduce of such crop damages; and
  - (iii) the date on which compensation will be paid to farmers who were rendered destitute as a result of crop damage?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
  - (i) whether permission is granted to use for other economic purposes, the paddy fields which are not used for cultivation;
  - (ii) if so, whether feasibility studies in this regard have been carried out; and
  - (iii) of the contents of such feasibility studies?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

544/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— 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—
  - (i) the Thulhiriya Textile Mills, which had belonged to the Textiles Corporation of Sri Lanka was first sold to the institute named Bombay Tex;
  - (ii) later it was sold to the Korean company named Kabul Lanka;
  - (iii) Kabul Lanka paid Gratuities and compensation to its workers when it was transferred to Vas Golden;

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- (iv) in each of the above instances, the factory was sold with its employees and their interests;
  - (v) no money was paid to workers who had been residing in the quarters; and
  - (vi) the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka is trying to evict the residents of these quarters at present?
- (b) Will he inform the House—
- (i) whether he will take steps to pay Gratuities and compensation to workers who have not received such benefits at retirement from service or at the lay-off;
  - (ii) whether he will taken steps to prevent the move to remove the residents at official quarters, who have been living in them for around 40 years and give them their entitlement to houses; and
  - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

598/'18

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne,— 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 persons to whom licenses have been issued for sand mining in the District of Polonnaruwa from 2010 up to date;
  - (ii) of the names, addresses and the telephone numbers of the aforesaid persons; and
  - (iii) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to control the monopoly that has been created with pertinence to sand industry in the District of Polonnaruwa?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

625/'18

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the name of the Working Director of Lanka Phosphate Company Limited from the year 2015 to date;
  - (ii) separately of the number of official vehicles, fuel allowance, salary and allowances granted to him; and
  - (iii) of the total payments that have been made to him from the year 2015 to date?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether payments outside the approved amounts, have been made to him;
  - (ii) if so, of the amount paid thus; and
  - (iii) of the person who has granted the approval for the said payments?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

697/'19

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis & Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) if the Urban Development Authority has prohibited the reclamation of low lying lands in the district of Colombo, the year on which that ban was imposed;
  - (ii) if that ban has been lifted by now the date on which the ban was lifted and the reasons led to that;
  - (iii) the number of low lying lands in the district of Colombo for which the approval has been granted by the Urban Development Authority or the Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation to reclaim from 10.01.2015 up to now; and
  - (iv) the names of the persons to whom the approval was given?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

763/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that media have constantly reported about awarding of monetary grants to certain persons including mainly the Members of Parliament and Ministers through the bank account of the Mendis Company alleged to be maintained at the Seylan Bank by the Perpetual Treasuries Ltd. which is involved with the Central Bank bond scam?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the total amount that has been credited from 01.01.2015 to 01.01.2018 to the account that is maintained at Seylan Bank by Perpetual Treasuries Ltd. in the name of Mendis Company;
  - (ii) of the number of occasions on which the aforesaid amount has been credited to that account, and separately of the amount that has been credited on each of those occasions; and
  - (iii) separately of the dates on which money has been withdrawn from the aforesaid account of the Mendis Company from 01.01.2015 to 01.01.2018, of the amount that has been withdrawn on each of those days, and of the names to whom the amounts thus withdrawn have been paid?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

771/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits that a severe drinking water problem prevails in Kurunegala district;
  - (ii) of the major drinking water projects implemented to address that;
  - (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that Polgahawela, Pothuhera, Alawwa water project is in operation;
  - (iv) if so, of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions covered by that; and
  - (v) whether steps will be taken to accelerate the work of those project functions?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

883/'19

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardane,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
    - (i) whether he acknowledges that the limited competitive examination for the recruitment to Grade III of the Sri Lanka Principals' Service was held in the year 2015;
    - (ii) whether he is aware that interview was held in March 14,15,16,17,18,19,20 in the year 2015;
    - (iii) the basis of recruitment of persons who were recruited from the said interview;
    - (iv) whether he will submit the list of appointees to this House;
    - (v) whether he admits that the candidates who were not selected from the interview were given an opportunity to submit appeals; and
    - (vi) whether he is aware that 43 of them were granted appointments?
  - (b) Will he also state —
    - (i) whether he is aware that Mrs. S.K.K. Gunathilake who appeared the interview under the number 1487 submitted an appeal was not called for the interview;
    - (ii) the reasons for not calling her for this interview; and
    - (iii) if she had not been called for the interview due to an oversight, whether action will be taken to call her for an interview again and take action to recruit her if she has fulfilled the qualifications?
  - (c) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Sri Lanka Electricity (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 05<sup>th</sup> 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 05<sup>th</sup> March 2019, which was presented on 27.06.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\* 4.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 3),— 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. 2117/46 of 04<sup>th</sup> April 2019, which was presented on 26.07.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

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

\*6.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

\*7.

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

\*8.

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



\*9.

Prescription (Special Provisions) (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 Finance,— Order under the Finance Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 22 read with Section 26 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004 relating to International Telecommunications Operators Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2123/19 of 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019, which was presented on 25.07.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\* 16.

The Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research,— Regulations under the Intellectual Property Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Science, Technology & Research under Section 204 of the Intellectual Property Act, No. 36 of 2003 read with Sections 6, 9, 17, 18 and 25 of the aforesaid Act relating to implementation of the mechanism for royalty payments to rights holders of songs or musical works and empowering the Collective Societies and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2128/6 of 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019, which were presented on 24.07.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*17.

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.

\*18.

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 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018, which was presented on 22.05.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 04/2018)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*19.

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 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017, which was presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 1004)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*20.

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 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019, which were presented on 09.07.2019, be approved.

\*21.

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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019, which were presented on 09.07.2019, be approved.

\*22.

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 02<sup>nd</sup> June 1988 last amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1773/36 of 30<sup>th</sup> August 2012 further amending and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2055/18 of 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018, which was presented on 09.07.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*23.

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 05<sup>th</sup> March 2019, which was presented on 12.07.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*24.

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 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019, which was presented on 12.07.2019, be approved.

\*25.

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 04<sup>th</sup> December 2017, which was presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*26.

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.”

\*27.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*28.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

29.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

30.

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

31.

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

32.

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

33.

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

34.

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

35.

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

36.

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

37.

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

38.

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

39.

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

40.

Mohan Lanka Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

41.

Chaya Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

42.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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