



*(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)*

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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, August 07, 2019 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

19/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately with respect to each year of—
  - (i) the total capital and reserves;
  - (ii) the income on the shares and the income on the assets received;
  - (iii) the total number of employees and the total expenditure per employee;
  - (iv) the non-recurrent expenditure;
  - (v) the amount paid to the government by way of taxes; and
  - (vi) the profit or loss;

from the inception of Lankaputhra Development Bank up to now?

- (b) Will he also inform this House of the above information in comparison to a Bank in the private sector?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

113/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that the Auditor-General has sent to the Chief Secretary of the Uva Province the inquiry report No. SIN/B/AG/KI/2017/02 dated 20.04.2017 in respect of the irregularities that have taken place and are taking place in the Uva Provincial Council?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he would present to this House the facts contained in the paragraphs from 2(a)(i) to (x) of the aforesaid report which disclose information regarding the appointment of advisers of the Chief Minister of the Uva Province; and
  - (ii) whether observations that have been presented in paragraphs from 2(a) (i) to (xiii) in regard to the aforesaid disclosures will be presented to this House?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

208/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the number and addresses of the filling stations belonging to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) which were available in the Northern Province prior to the start of war in 1983;
  - (ii) of the owners of the aforesaid filling stations and their addresses;
  - (iii) of the new owners of the filling stations of which the ownership changed during the period of war due to the murder, abduction or death of the initial owners mentioned in (ii) above;
  - (iv) of the persons who subsequently obtained ownership of the aforesaid filling stations and their addresses; and
  - (v) whether the kinship between the first owner and the second owner of the aforesaid filling stations will be specified, if such a relationship exists among the two parties?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

416/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of permanent, casual and contract basis employees who were serving at the Central Cultural Fund as at 15.01.2015, separately;
  - (ii) of the number of permanent, casual and contract basis employees recruited to the Central Cultural Fund from 15.01.2015 up to 15.05.2018, separately;

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- (iii) whether such recruitment has been done in accordance with the personnel management plan of the Central Cultural Fund;
- (iv) of the amount spent out of the Central Cultural Fund per month for the salaries and allowances of the employees mentioned in (ii) above;
- (v) of the number of permanent, casual and contract basis employees recruited to the Department of Archaeology from the Central Cultural Fund from 15.01.2015 to 15.05.2018, separately; and
- (vi) of the amount spent out of the Central Cultural Fund per month for the salaries and allowances of the employees mentioned in (v) above?

(b) If not, why?

5.

443/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a plan to shift Kanthale Assistant Land Commissioner's office or a part of it to Trincomalee Deputy Land Commissioner's office or some other place;
- (ii) if not so, whether measures will be taken to remedy the existing deficiencies in aforesaid office; and
- (iii) as to why aforesaid office is not improved further, since all the lands under the purview of the Kanthale Divisional Secretariat Division, are state lands?

(b) If not, why?

6.

474/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Livestock Development,—(1)

(a) Whether he is aware that—

- (i) a lady officer of public service is entitled for 84 working days of leave with salary for each live child birth, in terms of the sub section 18:2:1 of the Establishment Code;
- (ii) the half pay leave of 84 days are entitled in terms of the sub section 18:3:1 of the Establishment Code to look after the baby;
- (iii) no pay leave of another 84 days can be granted in terms of the subsection 18:4:1 of the Establishment Code, if necessary; and

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- (iv) Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays that are falling within such period should not be counted at the time that the leave are counted as per aforesaid (i) ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he accepts, however only 6 weeks of maternity leave has been allowed as per the appointment letter of the graduates who were recruited under the Graduate Training Programme of the Ministry of the National Policies and Economic Affairs; and
  - (ii) whether measures will be taken to grant the rightful maternity leave that aforesaid officers are entitled to as per the Establishment Code; and
  - (iii) if so, from what date?
- (c) If not why?

7.

519/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath, — To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Livestock Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that making accurate predictions about the weather has become an issue to the Department of Meteorology due to technical equipment which are not sufficiently advanced;
  - (ii) whether the Department of Meteorology suffers a dearth of human resources; and
  - (iii) if so, of the details pertaining to this issue?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) if plans have been formulated to provide new equipment for the Department of Meteorology, of the names of such modern technical equipment;
  - (ii) of the purposes for which the aforementioned equipment shall be used;
  - (iii) of the amount of money that will be spent to purchase the aforesaid equipment;
  - (iv) of the methodology adopted to purchase the aforementioned modern technical equipment; and
  - (v) of the date on which modern technical equipment will be provided to the Department?
- (c) If not, why?

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8.

677/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether it is admitted that the Field Crops Research and Development Institute at Mahailluppallama is one of the important field crops research centers in the dry zone; and
  - (ii) separately, the amount of money allocated for its research activities from year 2010 to 2018 according to each year?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the new crops that were introduced during that period; and
  - (ii) the impact of those researches on agro-economy?
- (c) If not, why?

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#### 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 this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

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#### 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 05<sup>th</sup> 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 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. 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.)

\*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.

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 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.)

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\* 15.

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.)

\*16.

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.

\*17.

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.)

\*18.

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.)

\*19.

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.

\*20.

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.

\*21.

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.)

\*22.

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.)

\*23.

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.

\*24.

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.)



\*25.

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.”

\*26.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*27.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

28.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

29.

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

30.

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

31.

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

32.

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

33.

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

34.

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

35.

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

36.

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

37.

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

38.

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

39.

Mohan Lanka Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

40.

Chaya Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

41.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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