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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

53/'18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Health Centres developed under the Puraneguma Programme implemented under the Ministry of Provincial Councils, Local Government from the commencement of the 'good governance' governing system up to date;
- (ii) of their names and the expenditure borne; and
- (iii) of the steps so far taken and the steps that will be taken in future under this project for the development of Health Centres in the Uva Province?

(b) If not, why?

2.

101/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(1)

(a) Will she state—

- (i) the number of cases that remain unresolved before the Courts as at 31.12.2017;
- (ii) the numbers separately, classifying it according to the types of Courts;
- (iii) the number of cases that remain unresolved for over 5 years;
- (iv) the number of cases that remain unresolved for over 10 years;
- (v) whether she will take steps to have the long unresolved cases decided quickly; and
- (vi) if so, what steps she will take for it?

(b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

156/'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 the Chief Minister of the Uva Province has launched a project to develop under-developed villages of the Uva Province;
  - (ii) if so, of the objectives of the aforementioned Project;
  - (iii) of the names of the villages which have been selected for the project up to now;
  - (iv) of the projects which have already been launched to develop each of the aforesaid villages;
  - (v) whether he will submit separately the names and addresses of the persons who obtained tenders for the aforementioned projects together with the amounts of money paid; and
  - (vi) of the methodology adopted to grant tenders?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

271/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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 minor, medium and major scale irrigation schemes renovated in Badulla 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?

(3)

5.

374/'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 Rockwood 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?

6.

502/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis & Western Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total extent of lands belonging to water reservation areas that were acquired by Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation for controlling floods in the Greater Colombo area;
- (ii) if lands that were acquired for that purpose have been sold, of the extent of lands that have been sold;
- (iii) whether action has been taken to transfer on long-term lease basis the land in Kirimandala Mawatha, Nawala, plan No. 41/SLLRDC, belonging to Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation before the land is sold;
- (iv) of the basis on which the aforesaid land was acquired from its previous owners; and
- (v) whether a compensation was paid to the owner of the land when that land was acquired?

(b) If not, why?

(4)

7.

578/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the government has implemented a concessionary loan scheme for solar power products;
  - (ii) of the percentage at which interest will have to be paid for loans provided to customers under that course of action; and
  - (iii) of the sums of loans that have been granted to customers by each bank separately under this course of action and the total of such loans?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

604/'18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he state whether the public assistance is granted to sick or disabled persons or families without any income?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits that 23 persons of 143B, Nugadanda Grama Niladhari Division in the Ehaliyagoda Divisional Secretariat Division are granted the public assistance and of them 05 receive Rs. 300/- and others receive Rs. 250/- per month;
  - (ii) whether he admits that this amount is not sufficient to meet expenses even for a single day for these families; and
  - (iii) if so, whether he agrees to grant an allowance of Rs. 1000/- for these helpless families instead of nominal allowance paid to these families?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

611/'18

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

- (a) Will he state the names and extents of lands in Kandy district that belong to the Land Reforms Commission, separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the names, extents and the locations of the lands in Kandy district belonging to the Land Reforms Commission that have been given on lease basis to implement projects from 2005 to 2017;
  - (ii) the number of projects that are progressing;
  - (iii) the proposed projects which are over 03 years old; and
  - (iv) the number of lands on which projects have not been commenced yet?

(5)

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits that those lands in Kandy district which belong to the Land Reforms Commission which should have been used for a productive purpose have been misused as the relevant projects have not been carried out in most of those lands; and
  - (ii) whether arrangements will be made to take over those lands in which the projects have not yet been implemented?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

657/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the names of the persons who maintain business establishments in the land situated between the Irrigation Mechanical Workshop and the Sampath Bank in the Kantale town along with their addresses, the business run by each businessman and the period of time they have been running the aforesaid businesses, separately;
  - (ii) if taxes or any other charges are collected for the land in which each business establishment is situated, the manner in which it is done; and
  - (iii) the day on which it was commenced to collect the aforesaid charges?
- (b) If not why?

11.

750/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) in respect of each year separately, the number of persons of recent Indian origin who resided in Sri Lanka from 1948 to 1995 and obtained citizenship of this country;
  - (ii) in respect of each year for the period from 1948 to 1995, the number of persons of recent Indian origin who went to India after obtaining the Indian citizenship or to obtain the Indian citizenship under the Sirima – Shasthri agreement;
  - (iii) the number of Indians who resided in Sri Lanka from 1948 to 1995 and obtained the citizenship of Sri Lanka; and
  - (iv) the number of persons who resided in Sri Lanka from 1948 to 1995 and went to India after obtaining the Indian citizenship or to obtain the Indian citizenship?
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

12.

775/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— 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 professionally qualified registered contractors identified for carrying out the constructions of the government in the island;
  - (ii) the basic professional qualifications that the said contractors should possess to carry out constructions in the respective fields;
  - (iii) the total amount paid to the government contractors in the year 2018 for the constructions of the government;
  - (iv) the amount that remains to be paid to the government contractors for the year 2018 for the constructions of the government;
  - (v) whether he acknowledges that the contractors engaged in the said field experience severe financial constraints owing to the delay in making the relevant payments and the resultant collapse of their business activities has a detrimental impact on the national economy; and
  - (vi) the date on which the relevant contractors will be paid the said amounts in arrears?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

837/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a plan of action is implemented by the Department of National Archives to conserve films;
  - (ii) the number of films that have been conserved according to that;
  - (iii) whether the officers and the employees of that section are provided with foreign training relating to conservation of films;
  - (iv) if so, the institutions to which the persons have been referred for foreign training; and
  - (v) the number of persons who have been provided with foreign training recently?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

880/'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) the amount of dried chilies required for the annual consumption in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the manner in which the aforesaid amount of dried chilies is obtained;
  - (iii) whether he accepts the fact that the required amount of dried chilies cannot be obtained only from the local produce; and
  - (iv) the amount of chilies cultivated in the country in each year during the period from the year 2013 up to 2018, separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the amount of locally produced chilies provided to the market in each year during the period from the year 2013 up to 2017, separately;
  - (ii) whether a decline or an increase in the supply is indicated during this period of time;
  - (iii) if there is a decline, whether action will be taken to increase the supply; and
  - (iv) if there is an increase, whether action will be taken to further improve the supply?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

967/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the Police Department maintained a fund called “Sponsors fund”;
  - (ii) the fund was raised with the money drawn from the salaries of the employed officers; and
  - (iii) even though Mr. W.H.M. Karunathilake Banda, a retired Police Inspector of No. 08, Galthenna Road, Ampitiya, Kandy who got his retirement 7 years back had submitted documents requesting the amount he is entitled from the fund, no payment has been made until now?

(8)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether measures will be taken to refund Rs. 12,328/- that had been deducted from Mr. Karunathilaka Banda's salary;
  - (ii) whether an interest will be paid on this amount that had been retained for number of years; and
  - (iii) if so, of the date on which the payment will be made?
- (c) If not, why?

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Presentation of Bills**

1.

The Minister of Finance,— Excise (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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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.)
- \* 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 Shakyasinharama 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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