



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, August 23, 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

55/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is an institution called “Hadabima Authority”, under the purview of the Ministry of Agriculture;
- (ii) if so, of the major tasks of aforesaid institution;
- (iii) of the name and the address of the building in which aforesaid office has been housed by now;
- (iv) of the monthly and annual rent paid for aforesaid building; and
- (v) of the measures taken by the Ministry to locate aforesaid institution in the same building in which the Ministry of Agriculture has been housed?

(b) If not, why?

2.

96/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately in terms of each year, of the number of individuals who lost the properties owing to road constructions after the year 2015;
- (ii) of the aforesaid number in terms of each district;
- (iii) of the number of persons received compensations for the lost properties from year 2015 to date; and
- (iv) of the amount paid for the aforementioned purpose?

(2)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the preparations have been made to pay the compensation with an interest by reason of the delays in paying the same;
 - (ii) whether compensation payments have been made with the interests by now;
 - (iii) of the criterion adopted in doing so; and
 - (iv) of the interest rate?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of beneficiaries who received the compensation; and
 - (ii) the number of beneficiaries expected to be provided with the compensation?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

158/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the irrigation systems belonging to the central government and Provincial Council available in the district of Badulla;
 - (ii) separately per each Divisional Secretariat Division, the amount of paddy lands cultivated by the irrigation systems belonging to the central government;
 - (iii) separately per each Divisional Secretariat Division, the amount of paddy lands cultivated by the irrigation systems belonging to the Provincial Council; and
 - (iv) separately of the amount of money spent by the central government and the Provincial Council for the maintenance and reconstruction of the irrigation systems of the Badulla district from the year 2010 to date?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

274/'18

Hon. Padama Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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 the forest in the Maragala Oya mountain range situated above Moneragala town in Moneragala district has been declared a reserve;
 - (ii) if so, of the date it was done;
 - (iii) whether this forest in the Maragala mountain range has been gazetted as an environmentally sensitive area;

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- (iv) if so, of the date it was done;
- (v) the extent of land belonging to the Maragala Oya forest;
- (vi) whether the boundaries of this sensitive area or the reserve have been marked;
- (vii) of the rivers, water courses, rivulets and streams that start from this mountain range;
- (viii) whether it has been reported recently that the water of the drinking water project had been contaminated due to unauthorized activities near the “G-Lone” water reserve, a water source here; and
- (ix) of the action taken to protect the forest and the water sources?

(b) If not, why?

5.

362/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandy Heritage and Kandy Development,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of estate workers who served in 2002 in the Bopitiya 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 workers 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.

527/'19

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) pipes have been laid and a water tank has been constructed under the community water project by the Thilaka Community Development Society in the year 2017 for providing pipe borne water facility to 180 families residing in Sirisumanagama of Thilakapura, Ambalangoda;
- (ii) the Thilakapura Community Development Society has collected a sum of rupees 10,000/- from the particular residents pledging to provide water supply through this water project in February 2017; and
- (iii) sanitary issues have arisen since the water in the wells of the area has been contaminated by sewage?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not hitherto providing the aforesaid water supply; and
 - (ii) whether steps would be expeditiously taken to provide the pipe borne water supply to these residents without further delay?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

635/'18

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it is possible for administrations of universities to authorize signing agreements in secret with private companies; and
 - (ii) whether it is possible to provide the results of a research to a private company for a minimal amount like Rs.100/-, as the value of the results of a research cannot be determined prior to commencing the research?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Council of University of Moratuwa has entered into an agreement with the private company called Code Gen on 06.02.2017 for a research on artificial intelligence;
 - (ii) whether the two parties have agreed to provide the result of that research to the said company for a sum of Rs.100/- as per that agreement;
 - (iii) why the academic staff of the University was not informed of the content of the agreement prior to signing it;
 - (iv) whether a lecture hall assigned for students' educational purposes has been provided for the use of the relevant company because of this agreement;
 - (v) if so, for what purpose;
 - (vi) why providing a lecture hall has been included in the agreement; and
 - (vii) of the date on which this agreement and its impact will be inquired into by the Committee on Public Enterprises?
- (c) If not, why?

(5)

8.

660/'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) of the main objectives of establishing Consumer Affairs Authority;
 - (ii) of its tasks;
 - (iii) of the offences committed in relation to consumer affairs against which the authority is able to take actions; and
 - (iv) powers of the authority and steps that could be taken against the culprits, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the raids carried out; and
 - (ii) of the number of awareness programmes conducted and the locations they were held;by the Authority during 2017?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts that most of the cafeterias where the long distance passenger busses are called at, sell low quality food at higher prices and the consumers are severely inconvenienced as the consumers have limited choice; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that would be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

754/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilme,— 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 total number of officers in different ranks of the three armed forces, the Police and the Civil Security Department who are in remand prison or in prison at present;
 - (ii) of the nature of the charges that have been filed against all the officers against whom judicial action has been taken including those who are in remand prison and in prison and the present situation of those charges; and
 - (iii) out of those officers, of the names and addresses of those who have been sentenced to death and of the nature of the offences relevant to such sentence?

(6)

- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total number of civilians of various statuses against whom judicial action has been taken filing various charges including Mr. Nishantha De Alwis of “Sathya Gaveshakayo” Organization who extended their cooperation in combatting terrorism?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

778/’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) whether he is aware that the construction work of the Karasnagala water supply scheme, which was initiated by the pervious government with a view to providing drinking water to people in 5 divisional secretariat divisions in the Gampaha district, has come to a halt;
 - (ii) of the present state of that project;
 - (iii) of the measures taken to take that project forward;
 - (iv) whether he admits that the scheduled date of completion of the project and providing benefits to the people has long expired; and
 - (v) if so, the expected date of completion of the project and providing benefits to the people?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

795/’19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— 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 buildings provided to other public institutions for rent or on lease owned by the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) separately, of the buildings and the annual rent or lease charged for them;
 - (iii) out of them, whether there is any building that had been given without an agreement; and
 - (iv) if so, they are?

(7)

- (b) Whether he will inform this House, that persons who had obtained buildings on rent without an agreement, have paid rents?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

966/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2037/16 and dated 21.09.2017 had been issued by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) a notification regarding the establishment of Faculty of Allied Health Sciences in the University of Ruhuna had also been issued through this Gazette in line with the order of Clause 27(1) of the University Act No. 16 of 1978; and
 - (iii) despite the statement that a building will be constructed for this purpose, no measure has been taken yet?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether money has been allocated from the Ministry to establish the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences;
 - (ii) if so, the amount is; and
 - (iii) accordingly, the date of which the construction will commence?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

975/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the road from Ganewalpolu town to Dachchihalmillewa in the Kekirawa Divisional Secretariat divisions in a severely dilapidated condition;
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken to develop this road which is used by a large number of people of the area, expeditiously; and
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

1010/'19

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) whether there are any payments due by the Air Force from the public institutions for providing aviation services;
 - (ii) if so, separately, of the name of each public institution, amount due and the due period; and
 - (iii) of the measures taken by the Sri Lanka Air Force to recover the said due amounts?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1028/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the measures adopted to encourage foreign companies for dollar listing in the Colombo Stock Exchange as per budget proposal Nos. 294 and 295 of the budget proposals presented in 2016;
 - (ii) whether market capitalization of the Colombo Stock Exchange was increased to Rs. 50 billion from Rs. 28 billion as per proposal No. 295;
 - (iii) whether it is intended to introduce and operate the 'Capital Gains Tax' as stated by the Hon. Prime Minister on a number of occasions;
 - (iv) whether he acknowledges that the Super Gains Tax imposed in the year 2015 had served as a severe impediment for the development of the Stock Exchange; and
 - (v) whether it is expected to impose taxes with retrospective effect?
- (b) If not, why?

Votes of Condolence

1.

The late Hon. Salinda Dissanayake, Member of Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

People's Bank (Amendment) Bill—Adjourned Debate on question — (22nd August, 2019) [1]

*2.

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.

*3.

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 14th May 2019, which was presented on 25.07.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2117/48 of 04th April 2019, which was presented on 31.07.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,— Regulations under the Construction Industry Development Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs under Section 58 of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 read with Section 52(2) of the aforesaid Act relating to Registration of Adjudicators and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/63 of 08th March 2019, which was presented on 06.08.2019, be approved.

*7.

The Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,— Regulations under the Construction Industry Development Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs under Section 58 of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 read with Sections 53(2) and 54(1)(a) of the aforesaid Act relating to Appeal Procedure and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2116/47 of 28th March 2019, which were presented on 06.08.2019, be approved.

*8.

The Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,— Regulations under the Construction Industry Development Act (No. 3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs under Section 58 of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 read with Section 55(2) of the aforesaid Act relating to Information Secretariat and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2116/48 of 28th March 2019, which was presented on 06.08.2019, be approved.

*9.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 29(2)(d) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Scheme for Registration of Exporters and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2118/60 of 11th April 2019, which were presented on 09.08.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution (No. 1),— Whereas in terms of Article 108 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal shall be determined by Parliament and provision has been granted by Article 108 (2) that the salary payable to, and the pension entitlement of said Judges shall not be reduced after their appointment;

And whereas when a Judge of the Supreme Court or a Judge of the Court of Appeal has granted retirement by the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 1190/18 dated 28.06.2001 as amended the Section 25 of the Minutes on Pensions, he is entitled to a pension of 90% of the salary received at the time of retirement;

And whereas Judges of the Superior Court may, on their preference, receive a gratuity up to 24 times of the monthly pension they are entitled to, and the entire pension has been paid monthly without deducting this gratuity, for a long period of time. Since the method of recovery of the said gratuity to the Government upon preference to obtain same gratuity has also been defined, based on the Cabinet Decision taken on 19th July 2019 related to the Cabinet Memorandum dated 24th June 2019 submitted by the President, recovery of gratuity paid as an advance to a Judge of the Superior Court through 10 years or 120 monthly installments does not violate Article 108 (2) of the Constitution;

And whereas the Attorney General has pointed out that the Constitution has empowered Parliament to deal with all matters relating to the reduction of pension or consequents therein of the Judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

And whereas it has also been concerned that the judicial sector has received a very high salary increase recently;

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines to recover pension gratuity of Judges of the Superior Courts in 120 months in accordance with the existing law.

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution (No. 2),— Whereas in terms of Article 153 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Mr. W. P. C. Wickremaratne has been appointed as the Auditor-General with effect from 26.04.2019 by the President, with the approval of the Constitutional Council;

And whereas salary of the Auditor-General shall be determined by Parliament in terms of Article 153 (2) and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund;

And whereas as per the Cabinet Decision taken on 19th July 2019 based on Cabinet Memorandum dated 24th June 2019 submitted by the President on the recommendation of the National Salaries and Cadre Commission, approval has been granted to place Auditor-General Mr. W. P. C. Wickremaratne on the salary step 7 of the salary scale SL-4 of Public Administration Circular 03/2016 & pay the salary with effect from 26.04.2019 and to pay him other allowances entitled to the post in terms of the Public Administration Circulars and to pay annual increments as per the same salary scale;

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines to pay the above mentioned monthly salary and allowances to Auditor-General Mr. W. P. C. Wickramaratne to be charged to the Consolidated Fund, in terms of Article 153 (2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

*12.

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.)

*13.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

*14.

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

*15.

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

*16.

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

*17.

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

*18.

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

*19.

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

*20.

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

*21.

Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

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

*23.

The Minister of Plantation Industries,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Kalubovitiyana Tea Factory Ltd (2015/2016),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Kalubovitiyana Tea Factory Ltd together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2016 and presented on 08.08.2018 under the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 11.07.2019)

*24.

The Minister of Plantation Industries,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Plantation Management (2016),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Plantation Management together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 08.08.2018 under Section 23 of the National Institute of Plantation Management Act No. 45 of 1979, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 24.05.2019)

*25.

The Minister of Plantation Industries,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority (2015),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 09.05.2018 under Section 14-1 A, Section II of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 and Tea Small Holdings Development Law No. 35 of 1975, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 24.05.2019)

*26.

The Minister of Plantation Industries,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority (2016),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 19.09.2018 under Section 14-1 A, Section II of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 and Tea Small Holdings Development Law No. 35 of 1975, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 24.05.2019)

*27.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board (2016),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 20.06.2019 under Section 16 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act No. 40 of 1979 and Section II of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and presented its report to Parliament on 23.07.2019)

*28.

The Minister of Ports & Shipping and Southern Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (2015),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 23.01.2018 under Section 14 (3) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication and presented its report to Parliament on 07.06.2019)

*29.

The Minister of Ports & Shipping and Southern Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (2016),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 19.07.2018 under Section 14 (3) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication and presented its report to Parliament on 07.06.2019)

*30.

The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (2016),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 20.06.2018 under Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 11.07.2019)

*31.

The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Lanka Phosphate Company Ltd (2016/2017),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Lanka Phosphate Company Ltd together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2017 and presented on 21.06.2018 under the Public Enterprises Circular No. PED 12, Chapter 6.5.3 dated 02nd June 2003, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 25.01.2019)

*32.

The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Post-Harvest Technology (2015),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Post-Harvest Technology together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 24.08.2018 under Section 2 of the State Agricultural Corporations Act No. 11 of 1972, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 25.01.2019)

*33.

The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Paddy Marketing Board (2013),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Paddy Marketing Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 18.09.2018 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 16.03.2019)

*34.

The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Agriculture and Agrarian Insurance Board (2016),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Agriculture and Agrarian Insurance Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 18.09.2018 under Section 27 of the Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Act, No. 20 of 1999, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 16.03.2019)

*35.

The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute (2016),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 09.10.2018 under Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 16.03.2019)

*36.

The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Paddy Marketing Board (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Paddy Marketing Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 22.05.2019 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 11.07.2019)

*37.

The Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Medical Institute (2015),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Medical Institute together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 20.07.2018 under Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication and presented its report to Parliament on 07.06.2019)

*38.

The Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka (2015),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 25.11.2017 under Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication and presented its report to Parliament on 07.06.2019)

*39.

The Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka (2016),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 09.10.2018 under Section 14 (2) (c) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication and presented its report to Parliament on 07.06.2019)

*40.

The Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 09.01.2019 under Section 14 (2) (c) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication and presented its report to Parliament on 07.06.2019)

*41.

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.)

*42.

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.)

*43.

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.

*44.

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.)

*45.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,— Order under the Essential Public Services Act,— That the Order declared by the President under Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979, making Public Transport Services for passengers or goods as essential public services and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2133/65 of 27th July 2019, which was presented on 01.08.2019, be approved.

*46.

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.”

*47.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*48.

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

49.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

50.

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

51.

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

52.

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

53.

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

54.

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

55.

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

56.

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

57.

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

58.

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

59.

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

60.

Mohan Lanka Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

61.

Chaya Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1] Motion made and Question proposed "That the Bill be now read a Second time."
