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FOR

Tuesday, September 03, 2019 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

42/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a programme has been launched to provide electricity to the low income families in Sabaragamuwa Province;
 - (ii) the number of families that has been provided with electricity by now under the aforesaid programme after the Good Governance government came into power, on Divisional Secretariat Division basis separately; and
 - (iii) the methodology followed by the Provincial Council in selecting the aforesaid beneficiaries?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

97/'18

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of interviews conducted by your Ministry with regard to making recruitments for public service from year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) whether there is a criteria the interview panel should follow during the interviews held with regard to recruitments for public service;
 - (iii) if so, whether the criteria be tabled; and
 - (iv) if the criteria mentioned in (ii) above has not been prepared, whether the measures will be taken to prepare those criterion in future?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the interviews to recruit Development Officers have been held recently;
 - (ii) whether it is aware that questions have been asked from the female candidates, who faced those interviews, in relation to their personal life and outside the scope which had embarrassed them;
 - (iii) if so, the places such incidents have occurred; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken in relation to the violation of the human rights of the relevant female candidates?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

160/'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) the objectives of the programme named “one tank for a village”, which is implemented by the Ministry of Fisheries and Water Resources;
 - (ii) the tanks selected for the aforesaid programme from each electorate in Badulla district, separately; and
 - (iii) whether the Ministry will take steps to select more tanks from Badulla district for the aforesaid programme?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

275/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of renal patients that have been reported in Moneragala district by now;
 - (ii) the number of patients that have died due to the renal disease during the last five years;
 - (iii) the hospitals in Moneragala district in which clinics are conducted for renal patients at present;
 - (iv) the number of patients that have registered themselves in the aforesaid clinics during the last five years;
 - (v) accordingly, the Grama Niladhari Divisions in which a larger number of renal patients can be found in Moneragala district; and
 - (vi) whether a detailed report of the action taken by the government in the years 2016 and 2017 in regard to these renal patients and the prevention of this disease will be presented?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

364/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of estate workers who served in 2002 in the Delthota estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
- (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate workers who went on retirement from 2000 to 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.

615/'18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total number of drinking water supply projects that have been implemented in Kandy District from the date the good governance government came into power to date;
- (ii) of the areas in which the aforesaid water supply projects are located and of the number of consumers under those projects;
- (iii) of the number of persons who have applied for obtaining water supply in the Nawalapitiya electoral area in 2017, and out of them, of the number of those to whom water supply has been given at present;
- (iv) whether he would admit that many people living in Ganga Ihala Divisional Secretariat Division in Nawalapitiya electorate are faced with severe difficulties and inconveniences due to the lack of drinking water; and
- (v) whether action will be taken to solve the drinking water problem of those people promptly?

(b) If not, why?

7.

765/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— 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 the Upparu and Ralkuli bridges, on either side of the Genge bridge through which the Mahaweli river meets the sea, are located over two tributaries of the Mahaweli river?

(4)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of sand mining licences granted to mine sand from the sand dune located in a way that prevents sea water from mixing with the water of the Mahaweli river at the Genge bay on the recommendation of the Divisional Secretary, even though Upparu tributary joins the Mahaweli river over Madanthettiwalla of the Mahaweli river and Rakkuli tributary joins the Mahaweli river at Manalaru;
- (ii) the names and addresses of licencees and the approved number of cubes of sand, separately;
- (iii) whether he will submit the copies of the two survey reports issued by the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau in June 2016 and May 2018; and
- (iv) of the obstacles to grant sand mining licences according to the recommendations of those reports?

(c) If not, why?

8.

798/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the vehicles provided for the use of the Vice Chairman and the Working Director of the National Housing Development Authority;
- (ii) of the registration numbers and the types of vehicles were;
- (iii) whether there are vehicles obtained on rent or lease among them;
- (iv) if so, the types of vehicles and their registration numbers;
- (v) of the monthly amount paid for each vehicle from 01.01.2016 to date as per above (iv); and
- (vi) of the monthly amount paid for the fuel of the said vehicles to date?

(b) If not, why?

9.

810/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the Engineering, Accountancy and other professional courses conducted by the higher educational institutions other than the universities coming under the Ministry of Higher Education;
- (ii) the fees charged by those institutions for each course;
- (iii) the fee levying courses offered by the universities coming under the Ministry of Higher Education; and
- (iv) of those courses and the fees charged?

(5)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the changes of fees that took place in relation to the courses in (ii) and (iv) above during the period from 2012 - 2015;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the bursary of the students studying in the state universities has been increased up to Rs. 5000/-; and
 - (iii) as to why the monthly bursary of the students of the Open University of Sri Lanka which is Rs. 312.50 has not been increased even though the course fees have gone up by 10% annually?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether he admits that all courses offered by the government or semi government higher educational institutions (Bachelor's degree/Diploma) should be fully exempted from fees?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

855/'19

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is widespread destruction of human lives and properties by wild elephants;
 - (ii) families have been rendered orphaned and destitute by such destruction of lives and properties; and
 - (iii) the payment of compensation for lives and properties so destroyed is continually delayed?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to make the payment of such compensation early; and
 - (ii) if so, the date whereon it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

903/'19

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the officers who became eligible within 2016 to obtain the second vehicle on concessionary basis have been subjected to severe injustice as a result of extending the five year period that had been provided to officers of the statutory institutions to obtain the second vehicle in the importation of vehicles on concessionary basis through Circular No. 01/2010 dated 10.12.2010 up to 10 years by the implementation of the Circular No. 01/2016 dated 14.07.2016 effective from 21.11.2015;
 - (ii) the officers who retired from 2016 up to 08.06.2018 were deprived of that entitlement as a result of reducing that period again to 5 years by implementing Circular No. 01/2018 (1) dated 08.06.2018 effective from 09.06.2018;

(6)

- (iii) these officers have been deprived of the permit worth Rs.3.6 million the retired officers of the same level in other institutions were entitled to through the Circular 01/2018 (1), as dates had not been mentioned in the Cabinet decision relevant to the said Circular No. 01/2018(1) as 08.06.2018 or 09.06.2018; and
- (iv) Accordingly, will he inform this House whether this permit will be provided to all the officers who retired from 2016 up to 08.06.2018 who had fulfilled the qualifications as per the Circular of 2015?

(b) If not, why?

12.

930/'19

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the only national school situated in Ampara district in Mahaweli System“C”, Am/ Dehiaththakandiya Madhya Maha Vidyalaya, is a school with over 3000 students and approximately 150 academic and non-academic staff;
- (ii) whether surveys were conducted by the Ministry of Education in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 to fulfill the physical resource and human resource requirements of that school; and
- (iii) if so, of the progress in the process of identifying and fulfilling the requirements of the said school?

(b) Will he also state whether special attention will be paid by the line Ministry for the development of that school in line with (a) (ii) above or for providing a good future for the poor children living in the remote villages?

(c) If not, why?

13.

939/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House separately and in relation to each year from 2015 to 2018—

- (i) the quantity of rice imported to Sri Lanka in Metric Tonnes;
- (ii) the amount of foreign exchange spent to import rice;
- (iii) the manner in which the Special Commodity Levy, that was charged to import rice, was amended; and
- (iv) the volumes of rice imported by the public institutions and the profit made or the loss incurred by the sale of rice?

(b) If not, why?

(7)

14.

968/'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 volunteer Police Constables were absorbed to teachers service 3- II as per the Cabinet paper No/9/1374/360/047;
 - (ii) these individuals were deployed in the difficult areas like Welioya where there was a severe shortage of teachers;
 - (iii) the schools that were scheduled to be closed down were revived owing to aforesaid reason; and
 - (iv) however, there is a move to attach them again to the Volunteer Police Service regardless of their objections?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to confirm them in the Sri Lanka Teachers' Service as per their request; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

976/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Kebithigollewa town which is a populous town in Anuradhapura district is full of unplanned constructions;
 - (ii) whether plans have been made to convert it into a planned city; and
 - (iii) if so, the date that plan will be implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.

*2.

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

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.

*8.

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.

*9.

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.

*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.

The Non Cabinet Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations,— Regulations under the Factories Ordinance (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations under Section 105 of the Factories Ordinance (Chapter 128) read with Section 3 of the aforesaid Ordinance regarding Registration of Factories and Approval of Factory Buildings, which were presented on 20.08.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Non Cabinet Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations,— Regulations under the Factories Ordinance (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations under Section 105 of the Factories Ordinance (Chapter 128) read with Section 34 of the aforesaid Ordinance regarding Registration of Steam Boilers, which were presented on 20.08.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Non Cabinet Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations,— Regulations under the Factories Ordinance (No. 3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations under Section 105 of the Factories Ordinance (Chapter 128) read with Sections 34, 35, 36, 36A, 38 and 38A of the aforesaid Ordinance regarding issuance of Certificates for Examination of Steam Boilers and other Pressure Vessels, which were presented on 20.08.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

The Non Cabinet Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations,— Regulations under the Factories Ordinance (No. 4),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations under Section 105 of the Factories Ordinance (Chapter 128) read with Section 58A of the aforesaid Ordinance regarding Protection of Workers from Excessive Noise, which were presented on 20.08.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

The Non Cabinet Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations,— Regulations under the Factories Ordinance (No. 5),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations under Section 105 of the Factories Ordinance (Chapter 128) read with Section 13 of the aforesaid Ordinance regarding General Standard of Lighting, which were presented on 20.08.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

*19.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

Counter Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

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

*24.

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

*25.

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

*26.

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

*27.

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

*28.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*29.

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*30.

Ruhunu Economic Development Corporation of Sri Lanka Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*31.

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)

*32.

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)

*33.

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)

*34.

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)

*35.

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)

*36.

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)

*37.

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)

*38.

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)

*39.

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)

*40.

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)

*41.

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)

*42.

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)

*43.

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)

*44.

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)

*45.

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)

*46.

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)

*47.

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)

*48.

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)

*49.

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.)

*50.

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.)

*51.

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.

*52.

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.)

*53.

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.

*54.

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.”

*55.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*56.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

57.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

58.

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

59.

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

60.

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

61.

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

62.

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

63.

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

64.

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

65.

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

66.

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

67.

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

68.

Mohan Lanka Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

69.

Chaya Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

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