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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, September 05, 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

56/'18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,—(1)

(a) Will he inform the House about—

- (i) whether he is aware that an allegation has been levelled regarding match fixing during the Youth Netball Tournament;
- (ii) if so, whether the Ministry has conducted an investigation in this regard;
- (iii) if so, whether he will present details regarding that investigation; and
- (iv) what steps will be taken against the persons who committed match fixing?

(b) If not, why?

2.

104/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of migrant workers who did not return to the country after completing the due period of service in the Middle East countries from the year 2000 up to date;
- (ii) the number of complaints received by the Foreign Employment Bureau in that regard;
- (iii) the number of investigations conducted in relation to those complaints; and
- (iv) the number of complaints of against which investigations were not conducted?

(2)

- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of complaints out of which reasons for not returning were found;
  - (ii) what those reasons are;
  - (iii) the number of complaints of which reasons for not returning were not found; and
  - (iv) the measures to be taken in future in regard to the complaints of which reasons for not returning were not found?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

162/'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) the number of vehicles that belong to the Bandarawela Municipal Council;
  - (ii) the number of each of the aforesaid vehicles;
  - (iii) the officers to whom each of the aforesaid vehicles has been handed over along with the section to which they have been handed over;
  - (iv) if the vehicles of the Municipal Council have been handed over to other external institutions, the names of the officers to whom they have been handed over along with the intuitions to which they have been handed over; and
  - (v) if any irregularity has occurred when handing over the vehicles of Bandarawela Municipal Council to other parties, the steps that will be taken by the Ministry in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

276/'18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the economic indicators used for measuring poverty in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) accordingly, the number of poor people as of now;
  - (iii) the 10 poorest Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Sri Lanka;
  - (iv) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on poverty of Sri Lanka by provinces and districts; and
  - (v) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on poverty of Sri Lanka during the past 10 years?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

661/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— 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 separately—
  - (i) of the density of the forest reserves of Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) of the number of tanks found in aforesaid reserves; and
  - (iii) of the rain forests and their density?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) of the programmes launched on forest conservation during 2017;
  - (ii) of the amount of money spent on aforesaid programmes; and
  - (iii) of the programmes conducted in appreciation of environment friendly businesses?
- (c) Will he state the measures taken by the Ministry to avoid direct flow of waste water into the rivers as the waste water that runs through most of the cities flows in to the rivers causing water pollution in large scale?
- (d) If not, why?

6.

766/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of licensed liquor shops in operation throughout the country at present;
  - (ii) of the names and the addresses of the licence-holders and the Licence Numbers of such liquor shops, the date on which or the year in which each such licence was originally granted, and the place at which each such liquor shop is run; and
  - (iii) of the annual liquor consumption in each year since 2000 till now, separately according to the percentage of alcohol strength and according to each brand name?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

7.

800/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the amount allocated to the National Housing Development Authority for 2018 as recurrent expenditure;
  - (ii) of the amount allocated for each district of the island out of the said allocation, separately; and
  - (iii) of the amount allocated for each district as a percentage, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

866/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he acknowledges that the drinking water level has dropped due to the water bottling business operated in Viharahena in Karandana area;
  - (ii) whether he is aware that this business was initially launched on 16.12.2003 as Rubber Products and subsequently changed its name as Vihara Natural Products on 30.06.2017 and started a water bottling plant using a tube well;
  - (iii) the reason for not offering a proper solution to this problem despite a number of letters submitted by me in this connection, taking into account strong objections raised by the people of the area; and
  - (iv) whether an inquiry will be conducted into this matter and action will be taken to prevent the decrease in the water level?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

932/'19

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,—To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that an SLTB bus used to run daily at 4.15 from Pangollamada to Maharagama via Akurana and Kandy on route No. 595 in Kandy district;

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- (ii) whether a policy decision has been taken to stop that bus service which was operated for the convenience of the public including the patients coming to the Cancer Hospital in Maharagama;
  - (iii) the date on which the said bus service was operative last; and
  - (iv) whether steps will be taken to operate the said bus service on a daily basis?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

969/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Poultry farm situated in a close proximity to Kotagala Siriperakum Vidyalaya was removed in 2015 in the wake of the protests of the School Development Society and the staff of the teachers;
  - (ii) there is a move to replace the poultry farm with a large scale cattle farm at present; and
  - (iii) the School Development Society and the staff of teachers of Siriperakum Vidyalaya have protested against the move considering the harmful effects that will cause on the health of the students with the establishment of a cattle farm?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he would take measures to stop the construction of the cattle farm considering the possible harm that may cause to the students?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

977/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that there is a surplus of the officers who are not essential and a shortage of the officers who are essential in the Divisional Secretariats in Anuradhapura district; and
  - (ii) the date on which necessary action will be taken to provide a more productive service to the public having balanced the aforesaid number of officers?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1003/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the institution which organized the ceremony “Integrity Conference” which was conducted in Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 to launch the Five year plan for the eradication of bribery in the Public Service;
- (ii) of the expenditure incurred on the aforesaid ceremony;
- (iii) of the number of invitees that took part in the aforesaid ceremony; and
- (iv) of the institution that made the expenses of the event?

(b) If not, why?

13.

1023/'19

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) who had given the approval to commit a financial irregularity countermanding Notice No. 818 from the Fund from which rewards are given to Excise Officers under Section 58 (a) of the Excise Ordinance;
- (ii) the amounts annually paid according to the Notice concerned to the 1,200 non-uniformed members of the staff who collect revenue and to the 150 non-uniformed members of the staff who collect revenue together with the percentages of those amounts as against the amount of the Fund; and
- (iii) the number of uniformed officers who had not reached the threshold in the special conditions cited in No. (vi) of that Notice?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) who had given the approval for making illegal payments during the past five years contravening Section 5.2;
- (ii) the amounts exceeding which payments had been made during the past 5 years to the members of the staff who may lay claim to 7.2-ii and its percentage as against the overall reward fund income;
- (iii) whether acts of crediting that are illegal have been carried out after paying the relevant sums due towards Grades in 7.2-ii; and
- (iv) whether legal action has been taken regarding the above-mentioned illegal disproportionate payments?

(c) If not, why?

14.

1029/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) as to how Rs 500 million allocated for the training of labourers in building and construction sectors as per budget proposal number 240 of 2016 was utilized;
  - (ii) whether the target of providing training to 30,000 youths with 7,500 youths trained on quarterly basis was achieved as per the above budget proposal; and
  - (iii) the institutions and organizations which shouldered the national programme of training such a large number like thirty thousand youths and the total amount of money paid to each institution?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1034/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
    - (i) the St. Catherine Estate located within the Seaforth Division belonging to the Yatiyantota Divisional Secretariat Division is a water catchment area of the River Kelani and a haven for animals such as sambar and deer; and
    - (ii) it is an area sought by local tourists?
  - (b) Will he inform the House—
    - (i) whether arrangements are being made to demarcate a 50-acre portion of that Estate and allot it to an individual or a group of persons;
    - (ii) whether the Land Reform Commission has been conducting survey activities for this purpose;
    - (iii) of the reasons for conducting its survey activities clandestinely on public holidays; and
    - (iv) whether the same problems will not recur under the circumstances although the requests made by the private sector with regard to this area since 2010 were rejected owing to the environmental concerns and the public outcry against it?
  - (c) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019, which were presented on 09.08.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*2.

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.)

\*3.

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.)

\*4.

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 04<sup>th</sup> April 2019, which was presented on 31.07.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

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.)



\*6.

Shrama Vasana Fund (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*7.

Wages Boards (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

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.)

\*9.

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.)

\*10.

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.)

\*11.

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.)

\*12.

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.)

\*13.

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 08<sup>th</sup> March 2019, which was presented on 06.08.2019, be approved.

\*14.

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 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019, which were presented on 06.08.2019, be approved.

\*15.

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 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019, which was presented on 06.08.2019, be approved.

\*16.

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

\*17.

Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*18.

Ruhunu Economic Development Corporation of Sri Lanka Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*19.

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 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019 related to the Cabinet Memorandum dated 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

\*20.

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 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019 based on Cabinet Memorandum dated 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

\*21.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

\*22.

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

\*23.

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

\*24.

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

\*25.

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

\*26.

Code of Criminal Procedure (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.

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)

\*31.

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)

\*32.

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)

\*33.

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)

\*34.

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)

\*35.

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)

\*36.

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)

\*37.

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)

\*38.

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 02<sup>nd</sup> June 2003, be approved.

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

\*39.

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)

\*40.

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)

\*41.

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)

\*42.

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)

\*43.

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)

\*44.

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)

\*45.

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)

\*46.

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)

\*47.

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)

\*48.

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.)



\*49.

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.)

\*50.

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.

\*51.

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.)

\*52.

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 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019, which was presented on 01.08.2019, be approved.

\*53.

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.”

\*54.

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

\*55.

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

56.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

57.

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

58.

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

59.

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

60.

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

61.

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

62.

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

63.

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

64.

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

65.

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

66.

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

67.

Mohan Lanka Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

68.

Chaya Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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

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