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FOR

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

23/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that the road from Ambewila junction to Udawela via Ranwala in the Weligepola Divisional Secretariat Division in Ratnapura district has fallen into disrepair as a result of not being repaired for many years?
- (b) Will he state this House—
 - (i) of the institution to which the said road belongs to;
 - (ii) whether it has been planned to repair this road to be suitable for transport;
 - (iii) if so, the proposed dates for the commencement and completion of the repair;
 - (iv) the amount estimated for the development of this road; and
 - (v) whether money has been allocated as of now?
- (c) If not, why?

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138/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure & Community Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that malnutrition is high among estate workers and their families in Badulla district;
 - (ii) whether he admits that provision of a 'nutrition pack' to the aforementioned people through plantation companies parallel to the 'nutrition pack' issued by the current good governance government with the objective of improving nutrition levels of the people; and
 - (iii) if so, of the action that will be taken by the Ministry to implement such a programme through the plantation companies?
- (b) If not, why?

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194/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the foreign tours that the Presidents of Sri Lanka engaged in and the objectives of such tours from 2013 to date;
 - (ii) of the number of individuals participated in each foreign tour and their designations; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money spent for each foreign tour, separately in terms of each year?
- (b) If not, why?

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242/'18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) many houses have been damaged due to the Uma Oya development project; and
 - (ii) of the number of people whose houses have been damaged, 220 people have been informed to vacate their houses?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names and the addresses of the house owners to whom the notices to vacate the houses have been issued;
 - (ii) the promises that were made before they vacated their houses have not been fulfilled up to now; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to solve the problem of approximately 220 house owners?
- (c) If not, why?

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342/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that several years have lapsed since the laying of a foundation stone to build a bridge connecting the village Sriimagama in Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division and Kalawewa; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which that construction is expected to be commenced?
- (b) If not, why?

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373/'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 labourers who served in 2002 in the Rahathangoda estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
- (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate labourers who went on retirement from 2000 – 2015 after serving in this estate;
- (iii) the number of retired labourers out of the aforesaid labourers who have not been paid Employees Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
- (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid Labourer, the membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?

(b) If not, why?

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381/'18

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(4)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the Sri Lanka Scouting and Guiding Movement which completes 106 years has over 75,000 Scouts and Girl Guides affiliated to it;
- (ii) during the past five years, the sum of Rs. 8 million which is received by the Scout Head Quarters as earnings sent annually from the 'Job Week' of the scouts has been spent without adhering to a proper methodology;
- (iii) when the building which houses the Head Quarters was built, action had been taken without approval from the Scout Committee to pay to a company which had a friendly relationship with the former Chief Commissioner Mr. Nimal de Silva, a sum of Rs. 8 million as consultation fees together with a sum of Rs. 14 million for the building which had not been properly built; and
- (iv) the cement cottages built in the Nuwara Eliya area for a scout camp using funds earned from the scout 'job week' without obtaining proper approval from the Department of Forest Conservation were banned causing a grave financial loss?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a formal inquiry into the said misuse of funds has been started by now;
 - (ii) if so, of the progress of the said inquiry; and
 - (iii) if not, whether a full inquiry in to this matter will take place in future?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

427/'19

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the area brought under pepper cultivation in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the pepper yield of this country from 2015 to 2018, separately for each year;
 - (iii) of the amount of pepper exported from this country from 2015 to 2018, separately for each year;
 - (iv) whether an amount of pepper exceeding that produced locally, has been exported within the said years;
 - (v) if so, whether pepper is imported to Sri Lanka; and
 - (vi) of the countries from which pepper is imported to Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that only a few high level businessmen enjoy benefits as a result of importing pepper to Sri Lanka while it is destroying pepper cultivation in the country causing injustice to the innocent pepper farmers;
 - (ii) whether any programme is implemented to uplift pepper industry again;
 - (iii) if so, what that programme is; and
 - (iv) of the date on which that programme will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

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437/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land belonging to the Janata Estate Development Board that has been given to outsiders on lease basis as at 30.06.2018;
 - (ii) the name, address, lease period, the extent of land leased out and the lease amount of the persons and institutions they have been given to; and
 - (iii) whether the properties have been valued according to the rates in the open market and lease amount charged accordingly in leasing out these lands?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) if the persons who leased those lands have sub-leased them, what those lands are;
 - (ii) the name, address, lease period, the extent of land and the lease amount of the persons to whom those lands have been sub-leased separately;
 - (iii) the amount of money the Board lost as a result of not updating the levying of lease and illegal sub-leasing; and
 - (iv) the measures that can be taken against sub-leasing in terms of the lease agreement?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

446/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) why the security provided to the President and Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapaksa former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence has not been increased since DIG Nalaka Silva, who is accused of hatching a conspiracy against them, had contacts with a LTTE member, Tamil diaspora and a notorious underworld member;
 - (ii) the reason for not providing bullet proof vehicles or such facilities to the President and the former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence since they engage in various public meetings and other activities throughout the country; and
 - (iii) the reason for IGP to retain the said DIG in service while the inquiry was on since technical evidence related to the incident can be destroyed within 05 minutes as stated by Namal Kumara who divulged information in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

453/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the functions of the National Council for the Elderly and the National Secretariat for Elders;
 - (ii) of the programmes that were implemented in 2017 for promoting public welfare; and
 - (iii) the amount of money that was spent of those programmes?

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- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the number of the elderly in the population in Sri Lanka is rapidly increasing at present;
 - (ii) the majority of the elderly do not have any means making a living;
 - (iii) they do not have adequate knowledge about ways of making a living; and
 - (iv) they have been rendered helpless as their children have refused to look after them?
- (c) If so, will he also inform this House of the nature of the measures that will be taken to remedy this situation?
- (d) If not, why?

12.

528/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a programme to grant full or semi scholarships through the President's Fund to Sri Lankans for local or foreign academic purposes;
 - (ii) if so, the basis and the methodology for the selection of suitable persons for scholarships as per the said programme;
 - (iii) whether there is a system to award scholarships for students securing the highest marks at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination;
 - (iv) whether there is a system to award scholarships to graduates for postgraduate studies;
 - (v) whether there is a system to award local or foreign scholarships except in (iii) and (iv) above;
 - (vi) if so, what that system is; and
 - (vii) separately the names of persons who received local or foreign scholarships outside the systems indicated in (iii) and (iv) above, the amount of money, institution and if a foreign country the name of same in respect of each year from the year 2005 to year 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

565/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Finance,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the 'Govisetha Lottery' was started;
 - (ii) the primary objectives thereof;
 - (iii) separately, the income generated annually from the sale of the said lottery from its inception up to now;

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- (iv) of the said income, the amount given as prizes annually;
- (v) the amount spent for the welfare of the farmer community; and
- (vi) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to spend a higher amount for the welfare of the farmer community?

(b) If not, why?

14.

630/'18

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of vacancies in the post of Director and Assistant Director in the Department of National Archives as at 30 September 2018;
- (ii) of the date on which the aforementioned posts became vacant; and
- (iii) of the reasons why steps have not been taken up to now, to fill the aforementioned vacancies?

(b) If not, why?

15.

1052/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number officers of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service employed in the Department of Immigration and Emigration;
- (ii) of the number of vacancies in the posts of the Department, if there are any;
- (iii) of the grade in the Sri Lanka Administrative Service to which the position of the Controller General of Immigration and Emigration belong;
- (iv) of the date on which the aforesaid post has become vacant, if it has so happened;
- (v) whether it is accepted the fact that a direct impact on the security condition of the country owing to the security risk prevailing in the country at the moment as steps have not been taken to fill the said position; and
- (vi) if so, of the date on which the aforesaid vacancy will be filled?

(b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

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

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.

*9.

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.

*10.

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.

*11.

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

*12.

Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

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. 2138/10 of 27th August 2019, which was presented on 06.09.2019, be approved.

*14.

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

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1), — That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2122/4 of 07th May 2019, which was presented on 03.09.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2124/2 of 21st May 2019, which was presented on 03.09.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2124/4 of 21st May 2019, which was presented on 03.09.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2130/20 of 03rd July 2019, which was presented on 03.09.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2131/30 of 10th July 2019, which was presented on 03.09.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 6),— That the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2132/13 of 18th July 2019, which was presented on 03.09.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 03.09.2019, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2127/13 of 11th June 2019)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

The Minister of Finance,— Rules under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Rules made by the Minister of Finance under Section 32 read with Sections 8 and 30 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Sticker and Sticker Management System and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2128/30 of 20th June 2019, which were presented on 04.09.2019, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 04/2019).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

Regulations under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— Adjourned Debate on Question (05th September, 2019) Motion made and question proposed,—“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.”

*27.

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.)

*28.

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.

*29.

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.

*30.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,— Determination under the Office for Reparations Act,— Whereas payment of salaries of five members, including the Chairperson of the Office for Reparations, appointed on the recommendation of the Constitutional Council in terms of the provisions of the Office for Reparations Act, No. 34 of 2018, shall be determined by Parliament and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund in terms of Section 17 of the said Act;

And whereas this Office, established by the Government, is mandated to deal with Transitional Justice initiatives aimed at reconciliation, formulate policies and recommend to the Cabinet of Ministers with regard to the grant of individual and collective reparations to aggrieved persons affected by conflict, receive recommendations with regard to reparations to be made to aggrieved persons from the Office on Missing Persons, implement such policies on reparations as may be approved by the Cabinet of Ministers, provide restitution, rehabilitation, administration and other assistance and welfare services to aggrieved persons not causing any discrimination;

And whereas it has been decided at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers on 04th June 2019 in terms of the Cabinet Memorandum dated 16th May 2019 submitted by the Prime Minister as the Minister in charge of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement and Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs to pay salaries and allowances to the Chairperson and other members of the Office for Reparations with effect from 01st April, 2019, as follows;

- (a) payment of a monthly allowance of Rs. 135,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 10,000/- and granting of an official vehicle with a quota of 225 liters of fuel per month to the Chairperson of this Office; and
- (b) payment of a monthly allowance of Rs. 90,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 8,000/- and a monthly transport allowance of Rs. 25,000/- to the other members up to a limit of 350 km or a monthly transport allowance of Rs. 50,000/- for a distance over and above 350 km depending on the distance from the residence to the Office.

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines that the aforementioned salaries and allowances to the Chairperson and other members of the Office for Reparations be paid with effect from 01st April, 2019 which shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund in terms of Section 17 of the Office for Reparations Act, No. 34 of 2018.

*31.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

*32.

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

- *33.
Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *34.
Prescription (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *35.
Counter Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *36.
Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *37.
Excise (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *38.
Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *39.
Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *40.
Finance Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *41.
Immigrants and Emigrants (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *42.
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)
- *43.
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)

*44.

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)

*45.

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)

*46.

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)

*47.

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)

*48.

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)

*49.

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)

*50.

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)

*51.

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)

*52.

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)

*53.

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)

*54.

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)

*55.

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)

*56.

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)

*57.

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)

*58.

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)

*59.

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)

*60.

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.)

*61.

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.)

*62.

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.

*63.

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.)

*64.

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.

*65.

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.”

*66.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*67.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

68.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

69.

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

70.

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

71.

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

72.

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

73.

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

74.

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

75.

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

76.

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

77.

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

78.

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

79.

Mohan Lanka Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

80.

Chaya Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

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