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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

24/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— 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 a telephone tapping system has been brought to or installed in the country to listen to or record telephone conversations taking place over telephone networks operated in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so, the value of said system;
- (iii) the number of telephones covered by that system; and
- (iv) the object of bringing down such a system?

(b) If not, why?

2.

81/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— 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) of the number of job opportunities generated by now under the government scheme to generate one million jobs;
- (ii) of the employment programmes implemented for the graduates;
- (iii) of the number of graduates recruited under these programmes;
- (iv) of the number of graduates directed towards the private sector; and
- (v) of the number of graduates directed towards government jobs?

(2)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the number of persons recruited to permanent positions in the government service;
 - (ii) of the number of persons recruited to casual posts in the government;
 - (iii) of the number of persons recruited to government from each district; and
 - (iv) separately of the number of persons attached to government departments, corporations etc.?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

143/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis & Western Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether institutions undertaking matters of garbage management exist under the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development;
 - (ii) if so, of the names and addresses of the aforesaid institutions;
 - (iii) whether officers of the aforesaid institutions have participated in trainings on Garbage Management from the year 2010 to date;
 - (iv) if so, separately of the names and positions of the officers who participated in those programmes, the cities in which the workshops were conducted and the expenditure borne; and
 - (v) of the steps that were taken by the Ministry regarding garbage management, utilizing the expertise and experiences of the officers who underwent foreign training?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

196/'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 Prime Minister engaged in from the period of 09.01.2015 to 30.06.2018;
 - (ii) of the objectives of such tours;
 - (iii) of the number of individuals participated in each foreign tour and their designations; and
 - (iv) separately, of the amount of money spent for each foreign tour?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

429/'19

Hon. Kanaka Hearth,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Whether a new rural development programme known as 'Gamperaliya' has been started;
 - (ii) if so, the nature of the rural projects implemented under that;
 - (iii) of the methodology of obtaining development proposals for this and the committee through which such proposals are obtained; and
 - (iv) the value of the allocations made to an electorate through this?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the methodology through which contracts of these projects are intended to be handled?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

438/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he will submit a detailed description of the statutory allowances paid to the employees of Janatha Estate Development Board, including the benefits of the Employees Provident Fund and the Employees Trust Fund, during the period from the year 2015 up to 2018, separately for each year;
 - (ii) the cumulative total of the allowances that have not been paid yet, separately for each year; and
 - (iii) the number of cases filed by the Labour Commissioner's Office in regard to the non-payment of the contributions of the aforesaid Funds?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

490/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of fuel filling stations located in the district of Kandy;
 - (ii) of the addresses of the aforesaid filling stations;
 - (iii) separately, of the filling stations coming under the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and the Indian Oil Company (IOC);

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- (iv) of the number of filling station permits that have been issued in the district of Kandy from the year 2010 to date;
 - (v) of the names and the addresses of the persons who obtained the aforesaid permits;
 - (vi) of the amount of money earned by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation by so issuing the permits; and
 - (vii) of the criteria considered by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in issuing the permits for Fuel filling stations?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

506/'19

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) it has been disclosed by the Price Water House Coopers audit firm that corruption and frauds have taken place in the Lanka Puthra Bank during the period in which the position of the CEO was held by Mrs. Shiromani Wickramasinghe, the sister of Ajith Niwad Cabral, the former governor of the Central Bank;
 - (ii) loans had been granted to persons with political affiliations contravening the Bank Act from the year 2006 to 2014; and
 - (iii) certain loans had been granted without considering the re-paying ability keeping as sureties, the lands possessed by the government, lands possessed by the temples, barren lands and quartz depicted as gems?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the persons and institutions that have obtained loans in this manner;
 - (ii) of the loan amount obtained by each of the aforesaid persons and the institutions;
 - (iii) of the amount that has been hitherto paid back, out of the aforesaid loans;
 - (iv) whether legal action has been taken against the then Board of Directors including the CEO that approved the grant of such loans;
 - (v) if so, of the progress of the legal proceedings; and
 - (vi) if not so, whether proper legal measures will be taken pertaining to this matter?
- (c) If not, why?

(5)

9.

540/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— 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) Air Vice Marshall K. T. B. G. Jayampathi of Sri Lanka Air force, having obtained a permit on 08.01.2008 for the import of a car on concessionary basis had got his vehicle released from the Customs;
- (ii) though the said officer can obtain another car on concessionary basis only after five years, having submitted an application again for the import of a car on concessionary basis on 14.01.2011 with the recommendation of the then Commander of the Air force and the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, he had obtained the relevant permit on 07.06.2011 and imported a motor car; and
- (iii) he has thus violated the provisions of circulars?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the legal action constituted against this officer; and
- (ii) the legal action constituted against the then Secretary to the Ministry of Defence and the Commander of the Air force for issuing recommendations for the import of a motor car under the concessionary basis in breach of the regulations of the relevant circulars?

(c) If not, why?

10.

569/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Kidney patients reported from Kurunegala district since year 2010 to date;
- (ii) separately, in terms of each Divisional Secretariat Division, of aforesaid number of patients;
- (iii) of the measures that the Ministry has taken to provide medical facilities and other facilities to aforesaid patients; and
- (iv) of the measures that the Ministry takes in controlling the Kidney disease that spreads rapidly in Kurunegala district?

(b) If not, why?

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11.

601/'18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Non Cabinet Minister of Mass Media,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Independence Television Network, which had once been rated No. 01, has now fallen down to the 06th position; and
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons that led this Television Network to the present situation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the annual income of the Independence Television Network in years 2014 and 2017;
 - (ii) whether an arrangement is underway to sell the Independence Television Network;
 - (iii) whether salaries of the employees of this institute are being paid utilizing the money in the fixed deposits of the institute; and
 - (iv) if so, of the reasons for doing so?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

631/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of Indian or Pakistan nationals who have been granted Sri Lankan citizenship in each year from 1947 to 2000?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

638/'18

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) whether a statement has been recorded from the former Deputy Inspector General of Police who was in charge of the Terrorism Investigation Division in regard to the conspiracy which is said to have been made by him against the President and Mr. Gotabaya Rajapaksa the former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence;
 - (ii) whether an investigation has been conducted in regard to the his official, residential and mobile telephone calls; and
 - (iii) whether the security of Mr. Namal Kumara who is said to be the Operational Director of “Dushana Virodee Balakaya” will be assured until the veracity of the fact that he said to have received life threats is confirmed?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House of the current situation of this incident in a manner in which the future legal action in that regard is not disturbed?
- (c) Will he further inform this House whether action will be taken to enhance the security of the former President Mahinda Rajapaksa and the former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, Mr. Gotabaya Rajapaksa even though the security of the President can be determined in accordance with his discretion?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

674/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Maha Wewa bridge situated at Grama Niladhari Division No.635 in Kekirawa Pradeshiya Sabha area of Anuradhapura district is in a dilapidated condition;
 - (ii) an estimate, requesting funds for the renovation of the bridge has been forwarded to your Ministry by the Commissioner of Local Government of the North Central Province;
 - (iii) the Secretary to the Ministry has not provided funds for the purpose so far; and
 - (iv) around 7000 farmers living in 8 villages will face difficulties in transportation if the bridge is destroyed during the upcoming rainy season?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to renovate this bridge; and
 - (ii) if so, the time that will take for the purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

833/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware various aids were received through local and international institutions for the benefit of thousands of families who were directed to Manikfarm camp of the displaced in Vavuniya district during the final war against terrorism in the period from year 2009 to 2012;

(8)

- (ii) of the number of free vehicles provided by local and international organizations as well as foreign countries for the activities of Manikfarm camp during aforesaid period;
 - (iii) the types of vehicles and local registration numbers of the aforesaid vehicles;
 - (iv) of the persons who have used the aforesaid vehicles; and
 - (v) of the persons who are currently using the aforesaid vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,— Prescription (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Prescription Ordinance (Chapter 68).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,— Trust Receipts (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Trust Receipts Ordinance (Chapter 86).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report to Parliament on the terrorist attacks that took place in different places in Sri Lanka on 21st April 2019,—In terms of Standing Order 102 of the Parliament, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee of Parliament appointed by a resolution passed by Parliament on 22nd May 2019 to look into and report to Parliament on the terrorist attacks that took place in different places in Sri Lanka on 21st April 2019, an extension of time till 31st October 2019 to present its final report.

4.

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— Leave to withdraw a Bill,— That leave be granted to withdraw the “Computer Society of Sri Lanka (Incorporation)” Bill introduced on 26th January 2016.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution,— 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.

*4.

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.

*5.

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.

*6.

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.

*7.

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.

*8.

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.

*9.

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

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.”

*22.

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.)

*23.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution,— 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.

*24.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

*25.

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

*26.

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

*27.

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

*28.

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

*29.

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

*30.

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

*31.

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

*32.

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

*33.

Finance Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*34.

Immigrants and Emigrants (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*35.

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)

*36.

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)

*37.

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)

*38.

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)

*39.

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)

*40.

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)

*41.

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)

*42.

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)

*43.

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)

*44.

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)

*45.

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)

*46.

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)

*47.

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)

*48.

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)

*49.

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)

*50.

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)

*51.

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)

*52.

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)

*53.

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.)

*54.

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.)

*55.

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.

*56.

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.)

*57.

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.

*58.

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.”

*59.

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

*60.

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

61.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

62.

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

63.

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

64.

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

65.

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

66.

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

67.

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

68.

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

69.

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

70.

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

71.

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

72.

Mohan Lanka Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

73.

Chaya Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

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