



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

52/'18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of daycare centers established in the Badulla District under the 'Puraneguma' project which is functioning under the Ministry of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government;
- (ii) of the names of those daycare centers;
- (iii) of the amount of money spent on those daycare centers; and
- (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to improve the quality of the daycare centers in Badulla District?

(b) If not, why?

2.

99/'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 Police officers who have been killed while engaged in country's crime suppression activities from the year 2015 separately in respect of each year;
- (ii) of the reasons why the Police officers concerned were killed;
- (iii) whether he will state the value of the compensation paid to their wives and children;
- (iv) what steps have been taken by the Department of Police to protect their wives and children; and
- (v) whether their widows and orphans allowances have been paid duly?

(2)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Police officers who have been granted promotions after being killed;
 - (ii) of the number of Police officers who have not been granted promotions after being killed; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for not granting them promotions?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he will take action to improve the methodology that is in place to protect the lives of police officers engaged in crime suppression activities and to safeguard their wives and children in future; and
 - (ii) if so, table the timeframe and the expected methodology for doing it?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

165/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of teachers serving in the schools that come under the Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that salary arrears due to be paid to most of those teachers; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to pay the salary arrears to which those teachers are entitled?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

368/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of estate workers who served in 2002 in the Kolapathana estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
 - (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate workers who went on retirement from 2000 – 2015 after serving in this estate;
 - (iii) the number of retired workers out of the aforesaid 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 worker, the membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

497/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees that served in the Janatha Estates Development Board as at 31.12.2017 as the particular manpower estimate and the scheme of recruitment;
 - (ii) of the aforesaid number separately as per each position;
 - (iii) separately of the number of permanent, casual and temporary employees that have been recruited to this Board from January 2015 to date;
 - (iv) whether it is admitted that, among these employees, there are certain individuals who have been recruited outside the scheme of recruitment; and
 - (v) of the steps that have been taken by the Janatha Estates Development Board with pertinence to these recruitments and the payment of their salaries?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

559/'19

Hon. S. Shriritharan,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, in terms of each district, of the number of state banks, private banks, insurance companies, finance companies and micro finance companies which are operative in the Northern Province;
 - (ii) of their names; and
 - (iii) separately, of the interest rates charged by the state banks, private banks and micro finance companies in providing loans for the general public?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a lot of lives are lost due to the injustices caused by the unfair practices of the micro finance companies which are operative in the North and the Eastern provinces;
 - (ii) whether the government will intervene in monitoring the operations of aforesaid Micro Finance Companies in future in order to avoid such losses; and
 - (iii) of the intention of the micro finance companies in accelerating the operations targeting the people of the Northern and the Eastern provinces who lost their economic capabilities owing to the war?
- (c) If not why?

(4)

7.

670/'18

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a drinking water project was launched at the expense of millions of rupees under the aid of a Non Governmental Organization with the objective of fulfilling the drinking water requirement of the people who were resettled in Valaiyankattu village in Madhu Divisional Secretariat in Mannar;
- (ii) the project mentioned above has been abandoned halfway without being completed; and
- (iii) the people of the aforesaid area encounter a huge difficulty in getting their drinking water requirement fulfilled?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps will be taken to complete the aforesaid drinking water project and fulfill the drinking water requirement of the people in Valaiyankattu village;
- (ii) if so, the date on which day it will be done; and
- (iii) if not, the reason for it?

(c) If not, why?

8.

698/'19

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— 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) the names of the non citizens of Sri Lanka who hold the post of a Director or a membership of a board of management in corporations, statutory bodies or public companies as at 30.09.2017; and
- (ii) the names of the dual citizens who hold the post of a Director or a membership of a board of management in corporations, statutory bodies or public companies as at 30.09.2017?

(b) If not, why?

9.

763/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that media have constantly reported about awarding of monetary grants to certain persons including mainly the Members of Parliament and Ministers through the bank account of the Mendis Company alleged to be maintained at the Seylan Bank by the Perpetual Treasuries Ltd. which is involved with the Central Bank bond scam?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount that has been credited from 01.01.2015 to 01.01.2018 to the account that is maintained at Seylan Bank by Perpetual Treasuries Ltd. in the name of Mendis Company;
 - (ii) of the number of occasions on which the aforesaid amount has been credited to that account, and separately of the amount that has been credited on each of those occasions; and
 - (iii) separately of the dates on which money has been withdrawn from the aforesaid account of the Mendis Company from 01.01.2015 to 01.01.2018, of the amount that has been withdrawn on each of those days, and of the names to whom the amounts thus withdrawn have been paid?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

844/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of financial companies registered under the Central Bank of Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) names and boards of directors thereof;
 - (iii) the number of financial companies faced with financial crises since the 'good governance' government assumed office;
 - (iv) separately, the number of depositors who had maintained deposits in each such financial institution; and
 - (v) the measures hitherto taken and to be taken to ensure justice to the depositors of said financial companies?
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

11.

870/'19

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Non Cabinet Minister of Mass Media,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) injustice has been caused to Mr. L. P. Karunarathne and 17 others in the payment of pension by the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation; and
- (ii) the then Ministry of Finance and Mass media has not implemented the recommendations of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka and the Committee on Public Petitions?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that the officers of the then Ministry of Finance and Mass media have promised to pay the pension at the investigation conducted by the Public Petitions Committee;
- (ii) of the reasons for not implementing the recommendations given by the Presidential Secretariat on the instructions of the President; and
- (iii) whether arrangements would be made to pay pension to these persons?

(c) If not why?

12.

902/'19

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether committees consisting of three field officers have been established in each GN Division of the Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division as per Clause 04 of circular bearing No. NDRSC/2018/03 issued with pertinence to the provision of Drought Relief;
- (ii) if so, whether the number of meetings, relevant dates, times, locations, attendance and the agendas and the discussion notes will be submitted;
- (iii) whether the committee has unanimously recommended the unavailability of beneficiaries; and
- (iv) whether the aforesaid recommendation will be submitted?

(7)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the committee chaired by the Divisional Secretary and consisting of the relevant officers has met with pertinence to this matter;
- (ii) if so, whether a detailed report will be submitted about the aforesaid meetings;
- (iii) whether the committee has unanimously recommended the unavailability of beneficiaries; and
- (iv) whether the aforesaid recommendation will be submitted?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it is admitted that the people of Polpithigama had been discriminated with pertinence to the phase II of Drought Relief 2018;
- (ii) of the measures taken to rectify the matter;
- (iii) whether the particular assistance will be extended to these people; and
- (iv) of the measures that have been taken against the perpetrators?

(d) If not, why?

13.

980/'19

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Kalawewa railway station along the Colombo-Batticaloa railway line is used by a large number of commuters;
- (ii) the 300-meter road for commuters to access the main road from the railway station is in a badly dilapidated condition; and
- (iii) the train commuters could meet with accidents in entering the main road riskily from the railway platform across the railway line without using the said road due its dilapidated condition?

(b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken expeditiously to develop this short distance road of about 300 meters?

(c) If not, why?

14.

1135/'19

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Cooperative Development and Vocational Training and Skills Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the measures taken by the government to develop the roofing tile industry which is the direct or indirect livelihood of hundreds of thousands of people and is also a 100% local industry;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that this industry has experienced a rapid decline;
 - (iii) the fate that would befall the roofing tile manufacturers who are local industrialists and the employees working in tile manufactories due to the collapse of this industry;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the government institutions purchase asbestos sheets granting duty concessions to multinational companies that produce asbestos sheets; and
 - (v) the state patronage extended to local clay roofing tile manufacturers as of now?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1138/'19

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the income earned by Sri Lanka from the fisheries industry during the last 5 years, separately in respect of each year; and
 - (ii) the income earned by Sri Lanka from the export of fish products during the last 5 years, separately in respect of each year?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the products of the fisheries industry of Sri Lanka are not adequate for the consumption of the country;
 - (ii) whether fish products are imported to the country;
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money spent for same;
 - (iv) whether the fisheries industry of the country is not subject to a decline through the import of fish products; and
 - (v) when there is potential for the large scale development of the fisheries industry of the country which is surrounded by the sea, why it has not been done?
 - (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,— National Innovation Agency,— Bill to provide for the establishment of the National Innovation Agency and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Minister of Finance,— Mortgage (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Mortgage Act (Chapter 89).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

3.

The Minister of Finance,— Finance Leasing (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Finance Leasing Act, No. 56 of 2000.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

4.

The Minister of Finance,— Inland Trust Receipts (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Inland Trust Receipts Act, No. 14 of 1990.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

5.

The Minister of Finance,— Secured Transactions,— Bill to provide for an institutional framework for the regulation of Secured Transactions in movable property by the establishment of the Secured Transactions Registration Authority; to set out the powers and duties of such Authority; to provide for the determining of priorities amongst creditors having competing security rights in the movable property of their debtors; to set out the rights and duties of parties to security agreements; to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a registry of security rights in movable property and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

6.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1 & 21 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 121 of the Parliament.

7.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, 07th November, 2019.

8.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to study and report to Parliament its recommendations to ensure National Evaluation Capacity in Sri Lanka,— In terms of Standing Order 102 of the Parliament, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee of Parliament to study and report to Parliament its recommendations to ensure National Evaluation Capacity in Sri Lanka appointed by a resolution passed by Parliament on 29th March 2019, an extension of time till 07th March 2020 to present its final report.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,— In terms of paragraph (2) of Article 150 of the Constitution, that this Parliament resolves that during the period commencing on January 1, 2020 and ending on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of the Appropriation Act providing for the services of the financial year 2020 or ending on April 30, 2020 whichever date occurs first—

- (a) sums not exceeding Rupees Seven Hundred Fifty Seven Billion Six Hundred Eighty Three Million Six Hundred Sixty One Thousand (Rs. 757,683,661,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services specified in the First Schedule to this Resolution tabled, (being services in respect of which provision for expenditure was made by the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2019 and by Supplementary Estimates) and that the said sums may be expended during the aforesaid period, in the manner specified in such schedule; and
- (b) sums not exceeding Rupees Seven Hundred Eleven Billion Eight Hundred Seventy Four Million Three Hundred Eighty Two Thousand (Rs. 711,874,382,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services specified in the Second Schedule to this Resolution tabled (for expenditure pertaining to providing for the services authorized by laws to be charged to the Consolidated Fund) and that the said sums may be expended during the aforesaid period, in the manner specified in such Schedule; and
- (c) sums not exceeding Rupees Five Billion (Rs. 5,000,000,000) in the aggregate, shall be payable by way of advances out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services specified in Column I of the Third Schedule to this Resolution tabled and that the debits incurred in respect of any such services during the aforesaid period, shall not exceed the maximum limits as specified in the corresponding entry in Column II of that Schedule; and

- (d) sums not exceeding Rupees Seven Hundred Twenty One Billion (Rs. 721,000,000,000) shall be proceeds as loans to be raised in terms of relevant laws whether in or outside Sri Lanka, for and on behalf of the Government, in respect of which provision for expenditure for providing such services mentioned in the schedules to this Resolution tabled and the details of such loans shall be incorporated in the Final Budget Position Report which is required to be tabled in Parliament under section 13 of the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No. 3 of 2003.

(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 14th 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 05th 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 04th April 2019, which was presented on 31.07.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

The Minister of Finance,— Regulations under the Finance Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 19 read with Section 51 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 regarding Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/11 of 05th March 2019, which were presented on 17.09.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Minister of Finance,— Regulations under the Finance Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 19 read with Section 51 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 regarding Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/46 of 07th March 2019, which were presented on 17.09.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Minister of Finance,— Regulations under the Finance Act (No. 3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 19 read with Section 51 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 regarding Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2118/24 of 09th April 2019, which were presented on 17.09.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

The Minister of Finance,— Regulations under the Finance Business Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 33 read with Section 69 of the Finance Business Act, No. 42 of 2011 regarding Priority of Claims in a winding up of a Licensed Finance Company and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2125/58 of 31st May 2019, which were presented on 17.09.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

Excise (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

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

*19.

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

*20.

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

*21.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act,— That this Parliament resolves, under Section 75(1) of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Sultanate of Oman for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income entered in to on 15th August, 2018, which was presented on 08.10.2019 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

22.

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

*23.

Prevention of Offences relating to Sports Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

The Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,— Regulations under the Sports Law,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports under Section 41 read with Section 31 of the Sports Law No. 25 of 1973 regarding National Association of Sports and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2128/8 of 18th June 2019, which were presented on 08.10.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

The Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs,— Orders under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance,— That the Orders made by the Minister of Tourism and Sports under Section 2 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1920/3 of 22nd June 2015, which were presented on 08.10.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

The Minister of Finance,—Scheme under the Welfare Benefits Act,— That the Scheme made by the Minister of Finance under Section 9 of the Welfare Benefits Act, No. 24 of 2002 relating to Methodology to identify low-income families for Welfare Benefit payments and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2128/24 of 20th June 2019 as amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2141/16 of 18th September 2019, which was presented on 08.10.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

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.

*28.

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.

*29.

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.

*30.

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.”

*31.

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.

*32.

The Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Section 164 of the aforesaid Act relating to Signs, Signals, Symbols and Road Markings and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2128/9 of 18th June 2019, which were presented on 20.09.2019, be approved.

*33.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

*34.

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

*35.

Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*36.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*37.

Counter Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*38.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*39.

Immigrants and Emigrants (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*40.

Prescription (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*41.

Trust Receipts (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*42.

Companies (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*43.

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)

*44.

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)

*45.

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)

*46.

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)

*47.

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)

*48.

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)

*49.

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)

*50.

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)

*51.

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)

*52.

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)

*53.

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)

*54.

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)

*55.

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)

*56.

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)

*57.

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)

*58.

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)

*59.

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)

*60.

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)

*61.

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.)

*62.

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.)

*63.

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.

*64.

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.)

*65.

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.

*66.

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.

*67.

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. 2143/51 of 03rd October 2019, which was presented on 08.10.2019, be approved.

*68.

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.”

*69.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*70.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

71.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

72.

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

73.

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

74.

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

75.

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

76.

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

77.

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

78.

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

79.

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

80.

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

81.

Mohan Lanka Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

82.

Chaya Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

*83.

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

84.

Sri Natha Ahasthana International Buddhist Meditation Centre Performance Society (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

85.

K. K. Piyadasa Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

86.

Chamber of Construction Industry of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business.*
