



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 102.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, November 07, 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

61/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of radio channels in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the institutions that run those radio stations;
 - (iii) the names of the owners of those radio stations and the dates on which such radio stations have been started;
 - (iv) whether there are radio stations in Sri Lanka that are not functioning by now; and
 - (v) if so, the names of those radio stations?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the institution that regulates the radio stations;
 - (ii) whether he admits that regulation of those radio stations are not done in a proper manner;
 - (iii) whether a proper procedure to regulate radio channels will be prepared to prevent certain radio stations broadcasting programmes harmful to the society; and
 - (iv) if so, how?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

168/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that Mr. Sujeewa Jayasingha had been appointed as the educational advisor to the Chief Minister of Uva Province;

(2)

- (ii) if so, the date on which he was appointed to that post and the monthly allowance paid to him;
- (iii) his educational and professional qualifications;
- (iv) the qualifications he possesses in the field of education to give advice in the field of education; and
- (v) whether the details of the audit quarry with regard to this appointment will be submitted?

(b) If not, why?

3.

273/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money spent on the renovation of the “Rathri wewa” located at the Buttala Divisional Secretariat Division in Monaragala district in the year 2016;
- (ii) whether he will submit the environmental and other approvals obtained in that regard;
- (iii) the renovation work mentioned in the estimate relevant to this project;
- (iv) whether he will submit a full report of the relevant estimate;
- (v) whether he acknowledges that layers of soil have been removed from the tank bed during the renovation to increase the depth and the area of the tank; and
- (vi) how the layers of soil were removed and the place on which they were dumped?

(b) If not, why?

4.

650/'18

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the carpeting process of certain road segments of around 1.8 kilometers located near the Kantale-Bhathiyagama Stadium which got delayed owing to heavy rains, in spite of the fact that all the arrangements required for the carpeting process had been made, got suspended parallel to the change of governments in 2015;

(3)

- (ii) whether steps will be taken to carpet the particular road segments which have been prepared for carpeting by laying ABC stones as well, with a view to benefiting from the aforesaid expenditure which has already been made with regard to this purpose; and
- (iii) of the reason for discriminating the Bhathiyagama area where the highest population of the Kantale Divisional Secretariat Division reside?

(b) If not, why?

5.

781/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the officer who functioned as the Assistant Manager (Human Resources and Administration) of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority from 05.08.2014 sat the Efficiency Bar examination which he had to sit for in relation to the post;
- (ii) whether he is aware that the person who holds that post has to immediately resign from that post if he has not sat or failed that examination; and
- (iii) accordingly, whether steps have been taken against the Board of Directors of the Authority for keeping that person on that post even after 05.08.2017?

(b) If not, why?

6.

874/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the reasons for stopping the development work between Pepiliyana and Pamankada along Horana Road;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid work should be completed before giving publicity for the Light Rail Project;
- (iii) of the amount of money that has already been spent on Consultants and state apparatus and publicity on the Light Rail project;
- (iv) of the amount of the dollar funds given by Japan out of the money spent as stated in (iii) above; and
- (v) whether the foreign Consultants engaged, for the aforesaid project have been recommended by recognized international institutions;

(b) If not, why?

(4)

7.

940/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that arrangements have been made to provide financial benefits and various privileges to a few employees of the Bank of Ceylon, People's Bank, National Savings Bank and Regional Development Bank which are the main state banks in the country, recommending that they had undergone political victimization;
 - (ii) whether he admits the fact that political revenge was not taken place in banks under the previous government;
 - (iii) if not, why; and
 - (iv) whether he will take immediate steps to stop the aforesaid course of action which provides special privileges to a few political allies in an unprecedented manner in the history of banks amidst the protest of all professionals including the Bank Employees Union?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1021/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the tenants of this country encounter inconveniences in admitting their children to schools due to the reasons such as being unable to verify the ownership of the dwelling places and being unable to submit water bills and electricity bills; and
 - (ii) it is difficult to get the identity cards as well?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to what measures are taken to resolve very important issues of this nature?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1061/'19

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the road from Kekirawa to Ganewalpola with an extent of approximately 7 km., is the short-cut to access the Ganewalpola town in the A-11 Anuradhapura-Batticaloa road when coming from the town of Kekirawa on the A 9 Kandy-Anuradhapura road;
 - (ii) the aforementioned section of the road has not been developed for over 50 years; and
 - (iii) although development work on the aforementioned road was commenced in under the former government, by now, the work has been suspended?

(5)

- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken expeditiously to develop this road?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

1117/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a divisional hospital called Hettipoala in the Panduwasnuwara electorate;
 - (ii) if so, separately, the approved medical staff for the said hospital;
 - (iii) the number of employees serving at present and the number of vacancies in the hospital; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to provide the required human and physical resources and further develop this hospital which is an asset to the area?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

1137/'19

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Export Processing Zones established in Sri Lanka make a significant contribution to the economy of the country;
 - (ii) whether work has been started by now to construct new Export Processing Zones centered on the Hambantota, Mirijjawila and Bingiriya areas;
 - (iii) if so, the date;
 - (iv) the date on which the work is expected to be completed of the construction projects of the said Export Processing Zones; and
 - (v) the manner in which they are expected to make a contribution to the economy of the country upon the completion of the construction of these new Export Processing Zones?
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

12.

1153/'19

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the state land in Rasendrakulam located close to Suduvendapulavu village belonging to Vengalavettikulam Divisional Secretary's Division in Vavuniya district has been used by the people in that area for Chena cultivations and Livestock activities since 1970's;
- (ii) if so, the number of persons who were identified as persons eligible for the receipt of land permits through Land Kachcheris in terms of the Circular No. 2013/01 of the Commissioner General of Land;
- (iii) their names and other details;
- (iv) the number of persons out of them who have received Land permits by now;
- (v) the obstacles for giving Land permits to all identified persons;
- (vi) if so, whether arrangements would be made to remove those obstacles and give Land permits to all of them; and
- (vii) the date on which such land permits would be given?

(b) If not, why?

13.

1156/'19

Hon. D. V. Chanaka,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state separately, according to each year—

- (i) the number of houses constructed by the Ministry of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs and the institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry;
- (ii) the number of houses constructed under the 'Gam Udawa' programme; and
- (iii) the amount spent for publicity campaigns to educate the public on housing construction projects;

from January 2015 to date?

(7)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether houses have been provided to the public on installment payment basis;
 - (ii) if so, the total amount due;
 - (iii) of the total floor area of the houses constructed under the 'Gam Udawa' programme;
 - (iv) whether the floor area of the houses change from one project to another;
 - (v) whether basic sanitary facilities are provided for the houses constructed under the 'Gam Udawa' programme; and
 - (vi) whether there is a mechanism followed to select beneficiaries when providing houses?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1168/'19

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) calculation of overtime allowances of Custom Officers of the Department of Customs has been specifically mentioned in the subsection 6.1 of the Chapter VIII of the Establishment Code; and
 - (ii) in addition, the hourly rate for deploying Custom Officers for overtime work has been declared in the Gazette Notification No. 1570/17 dated 26.10.2007?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that provisions of the aforesaid Gazette Notification are not followed when paying overtime allowances to Custom Officers;
 - (ii) whether he admits that a serious injustice has been caused to the aforesaid officers due to the very low overtime allowance paid to them; and
 - (iii) if so, whether measures will be taken to pay the overtime allowances legally entitled by the Custom Officers after calculating them in terms of the Establishment Code and to pay with the arrears of the overtime allowances that have not been paid properly to date?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

1177/'19

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Dry Zone Development,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of Children's Homes administered by the government;
 - (ii) the total number of children in those Homes; and
 - (iii) that number separately for each Children's Home?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of Children's Homes administered by the private sector, social service organizations and non-government organizations; and
 - (ii) the number of children residing in each of those Homes and the address and the name of the administering organization?
- (c) Will she state—
 - (i) the number of children legally adopted by foreigners within the last twenty years; and
 - (ii) separately, the countries where each of those children live at present and the addresses of their guardians?
- (d) Will she also state—
 - (i) whether court orders have been received against any Children's Home located within the country;
 - (ii) if so, what those institutions are; and
 - (iii) if those orders had been in connection with child abuse, the steps taken against the relevant accused persons?
- (e) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,— Powers of Attorney (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Powers of Attorney Ordinance (Chapter 122).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 1.30 p.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 03rd December, 2019.

4.

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Tobacco Tax Act, No. 08 of 1999.”

5.

Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

National Innovation Agency Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,— Regulations under the Sports Law (No. 1),— 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 Associations 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.)

*3.

The Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,— Regulations under the Sports Law (No. 2),— 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 Associations of Sports and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2137/85 of 23rd August 2019, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,— Regulations under the Sports Law (No. 3),— 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 Associations of Sports and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2137/86 of 23rd August 2019, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

5.

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

6.

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

*7.

The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Sections 61(1)(sc) and 61(1)(sd) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 relating to Conservation of Fish and Aquatic Resources within Sri Lanka Waters and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2008/30 of 03rd March 2017, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

*8.

The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 read with Section 28 of the aforesaid Act relating to Prohibition of Use of Spears in Fishing Operations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2008/31 of 03rd March 2017, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

*9.

The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 read with Sections 29 and 61(1)(u) of the aforesaid Act relating to Prohibition of Catching Fish Species Thambuwa and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2014/4 of 11th April 2017, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

*10.

The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 4),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development under Section 61(1)(u) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 relating to Fish and Fishery Products, Import and Re-export Management and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2023/51 of 15th June 2017, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

*11.

The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 5),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development under Sections 61(1)(l) and 61(1)(t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 relating to Implementation of Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal Unreported Fishing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2027/32 of 13th July 2017, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

*12.

The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 6),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 relating to Landing of Fish and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2027/32 of 13th July 2017, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

*13.

The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 7),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(b) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 read with Section 64(a) of the aforesaid Act relating to Beach Seine Fishing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2065/33 of 05th April 2018, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

*14.

The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 8),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economy under Section 61(1)(t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 relating to Minimum Standards for the citizens of Sri Lanka engaged in fishing operations in foreign flagged fishing boats and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2107/50 of 25th January 2019, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

*15.

The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 9),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 read with Sections 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the aforesaid Act relating to Fishing Operations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2115/8 of 18th March 2019, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

*16.

The Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs,— Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife under Section 2(2) of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) relating to Kotuathhawala Sancturay and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2007/37 of 23rd February 2017, which was presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

The Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs,— Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife under Section 2(2) of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) relating to Kodigahakanda Sanctuary and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2039/5 of 03rd October 2017, which was presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

The Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs,— Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs under Section 2(2) of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) relating to Kayankerni Marine Sanctuary and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2118/59 of 11th April 2019, which was presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

The Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs,— Orders under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (No. 4),— 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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.

*22.

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.

*23.

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.

*24.

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.”

*25.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2142/69 of 26th September 2019, which was presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

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.

*27.

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.

*28.

Mortgage (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

- *29.
Finance Leasing (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *30.
Inland Trust Receipts (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *31.
Secured Transactions Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *32.
Prevention of Offences relating to Sports Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *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.
Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
73.
Moneragala District Kantha Maha Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
74.
Lasallian Community Education Services (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
75.
International Women's and Children's Rights Council (IWCRC) (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
76.
Aloka Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
77.
Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
78.
Institution of Building Services Engineering & Technology of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
79.
Dr. S. S. Gunawardana Indigenous Ayurveda Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
80.
Mohan Lanka Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
81.
Chaya Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
- *82.
Ruhunu Economic Development Corporation of Sri Lanka Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
83.
Sri Natha Ahasthana International Buddhist Meditation Centre Performance Society (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
84.
K. K. Piyadasa Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.