



(Eighth Parliament - Fourth Session)

No. 13.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

17/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare,—(1)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) charges of financial frauds have been levelled and judicial proceedings are pending against some persons to whom awards were given at the 96th International Co-operatives Day celebration that was held under the auspices of his Excellency the President and the Ministers and Members of Parliament in Batticaloa on 07th July 2018;
- (ii) the credibility of this awards ceremony has been tarnished as a result of it; and
- (iii) the Commissioner of Co-operatives has misguided the leader of the country and the Ministers by taking action to give awards to these corrupted persons?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to conduct an inquiry against the Commissioner of Co-operatives and the ineligible persons that obtained awards;
- (ii) if so, the manner in which it will be done; and
- (iii) the date on which the aforesaid inquiry will be done?

(c) If not, why?

(2)

2.

58/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Primary, English, Science and Mathematics teachers employed in Badulla district to date;
- (ii) of the approved number of teachers to teach aforesaid subjects;
- (iii) of the number of vacancies available for each aforesaid subject; and
- (iv) of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to fill aforesaid vacancies?

(b) If not, why?

3.

85/2020

Hon. Hessa Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of cultural centres established from the year 2010 to date;
- (ii) their locations;
- (iii) the amount spent on each of the aforesaid cultural centres;
- (iv) the objectives of establishing the said cultural centres; and
- (v) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to establish more cultural centres in the Ratnapura district in future?

(b) If not, why?

4.

96/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of investments contracted in relation to the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone;
- (ii) of the value of the said investments; and
- (iii) the number of those investments in respect of which work has commenced at present?

(b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

117/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that the radar receiver and the scanner antenna sent to China by the Air Force in April 2014 for repairs have been misplaced;
- (ii) of the company that undertook the transportation of said items;
- (iii) of the names of the members of the Board of Directors of the said company;
- (iv) whether the said company continues to provide services to any of the public institutions of Sri Lanka; and
- (v) of the loss incurred from misplacement of said items?

(b) If not, why?

6.

124/2020

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

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

(b) Will he inform this House—

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

(c) If not, why?

(4)

7.

129/2020

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of drug raids carried out;
 - (ii) of the number of persons taken into custody for offenses related to drugs; and
 - (iii) of the value of drugs seized;in Kandy District during the past two years separately in respect of each year?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, a list comprising of drugs which have been identified as illegal substances and the names of the countries from which they enter to Sri Lanka?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that Gampola and surrounding areas belonging to Kandy District have been a drug distribution hub for a while now and that the aforesaid distribution network continues function powerfully, targeting school children and the youth; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to capture these drug traffickers expeditiously and eliminate the drug menace from this area?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

135/2020

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities,—(1)

- (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?

(5)

9.

18/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a vehicle has been provided to Mr. S.L. Nazeer, Co-operative Development Commissioner, for official duties;
- (ii) if so, the make and the registered number of the aforesaid vehicle;
- (iii) if not, whether a monthly allowance is paid to him for a vehicle; and
- (iv) if so, the amount of such allowance?

(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) the above-named officer uses vehicles of other officers for his personal purposes; and
- (ii) this often happens during weekends?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an investigation will be carried out into the aforesaid misuse of vehicles; and
- (ii) if so, of the date on which such investigation will be commenced?

(d) If not, why?

10.

60/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Buddhist temples and Dhamma schools which were affected by the floods occurred in May, 2017;
- (ii) of the names and addresses of aforesaid temples and Dhamma schools; and
- (iii) of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to reconstruct aforesaid temples?

(b) If not, why?

(6)

11.

86/2020

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Lands & Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extents of lands owned by government institutions within the Godakawela Divisional Secretariat Division, separately;
 - (ii) of the methodology followed in granting government lands within that Divisional Secretariat Division during period from the year 2005 to the year 2015;
 - (iii) of the names of beneficiaries who obtained lands during the period concerned; and
 - (iv) what methodology is followed when granting lands?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

97/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the institution which implements the access road development project of the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone;
 - (ii) of the methodology in which the contract has been awarded in respect of the project;
 - (iii) of the allocated funds for the aforesaid contract; and
 - (iv) the time given for the performance of the said contract?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

118/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are any payments due by the Air Force from the public institutions for providing aviation services;
 - (ii) if so, separately, of the name of each public institution, amount due and the due period; and
 - (iii) of the measures taken by the Sri Lanka Air Force to recover the said due amounts?
- (b) If not, why?

(7)

14.

130/2020

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of schools for which cricket equipment sets were granted by Sri Lanka Cricket during the good governance government;
- (ii) of the names of aforesaid schools;
- (iii) separately of the value of the cricket equipment sets provided for each aforesaid school;
- (iv) of the criterion adopted in selecting aforesaid schools; and
- (v) of the measures taken by the ministry grant cricket equipment sets to the difficult schools of the country in time to come?

(b) If not, why?

15.

136/2020

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Relations,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of persons other than citizens of Sri Lanka who have received diplomatic staffs as at 30.09.2017; and
- (ii) of the names of persons possessing dual citizenship who have received diplomatic appointments as at 30.09.2017?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

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 sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 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.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sittings of Parliament on Thursday, 20th February 2020 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. At 12.30 p.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

Institute of Environmental Professionals, Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 1),— 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. 2131/29 of 10th July 2019, which was presented on 21.01.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 2),— 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. 2135/55 of 09th August 2019, which was presented on 21.01.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 3),— 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. 2135/68 of 10th August 2019, which was presented on 21.01.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 4),— 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. 2145/12 of 14th October 2019, which was presented on 21.01.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2151/60 of 01st December 2019, which was presented on 21.01.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Ports and Airports Development Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 1),— 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 and Unregulated Fishing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2027/32 of 13th July 2017, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

*11.

The Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 2),— 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.

*12.

The Minister of Environment and Wildlife Resources and Minister of Lands & Land Development,—Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance,— 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.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*
