



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 10.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

2/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the countries from which Canned Fish is imported to this country; and
 - (ii) the companies in this country, which import those Canned Fish?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the instances when Canned Fish not suitable for human consumption were imported in 2019;
 - (ii) the companies that imported such Canned Fish and the quantities imported, separately;
 - (iii) whether the permission of the Consumer Affairs Authority has been granted for the relevant imports;
 - (iv) the steps taken in relation to the imported Canned Fish, that was not suitable for consumption; and
 - (v) if Canned Fish not suitable for consumption had been imported before 2019, the companies that imported them at such instances?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

50/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of teachers that have been approved for the government schools in Badulla district;
 - (ii) of the number of teachers in relation to each subject;
 - (iii) of the number of teachers employed at present;

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- (iv) of the number teacher vacancies existing at present for each subject in Badulla district; and
- (v) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the aforesaid teacher vacancies?

(b) If not, why?

3.

93/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Community Police Units operative within Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) of the number of police officers attached to those Units;
- (iii) whether measures have been taken to make the public aware of the services available to them through the Community Police Units; and
- (iv) if so, what those measures are?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether the progress of Community Police Units in the previous year was satisfactory;
- (ii) whether the services provided by the Community Police Units in 2018 and 2019 have been assessed in terms of financial value; and
- (iii) if so, how much that financial value is?

(c) Will he further inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that a new Bill should be introduced to regulate the functions of Community Police Units; and
- (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to present a new Bill?

(d) If not, why?

4.

112/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the current number of Samurdhi recipient families; and
- (ii) the number of Samurdhi recipient families that have been empowered by now?

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- (b) Is he aware that there are a large number of families that have made applications with objective of obtaining Samurdhi relief?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to provide Samurdhi relief to the families in the aforesaid waiting list; and
 - (ii) if so, the date from which it will be provided?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

115/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of industrial estates in Kurunegala district;
 - (ii) of their names;
 - (iii) separately, the number of factories in each such industrial estate;
 - (iv) separately, the total number of employees employed in each such industrial estate; and
 - (v) of the measures to be taken by the Ministry to further strengthen industrial estates in Kurunegala district?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

119/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether compensation is paid for the properties that are damaged at, or acquired for, the construction of the access route of the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone;
 - (ii) if so, the number of recipients of such compensation;
 - (iii) the amount of compensation estimated for that purpose;
 - (iv) whether the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka has disbursed allocations to the Udubaddawa Divisional Secretary to make payments in this regard, by now;
 - (v) if so, the amount of money so disbursed; and
 - (vi) the date on which such allocations were disbursed?
- (b) If not, why?

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7.

125/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a location has been selected and plans have been made to construct the Mullaitivu District Stadium; and
 - (ii) the construction work has not hitherto been commenced?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the date on which the construction work of the aforesaid stadium will be commenced?
- (c) Is he also aware that—
 - (i) the work of the Mannar District Stadium had been suspended since a period of 2 years after having completed more than 50% of its construction; and
 - (ii) in spite of the completion of the phase 1 construction work of the Public Stadium which is under construction in the Emil Nagar area of the Mannar city limit, the phase 2 work has not hitherto been commenced?
- (d) If so, will he inform this House of the date on which the second phase construction work of the above stadium will be commenced?
- (e) If not, why?

8.

157/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) certain areas in Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat are flooded even when showers are experienced for few hours;
 - (ii) day to day activities of the people are disrupted when roads are submerged;
 - (iii) not having a proper mechanism for rain water to recede is the main reason for this situation; and
 - (iv) the previous government had given its approval to develop 25 culverts as a solution for this matter and work on five culverts had been completed under the previous administration?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has any programme to develop the remaining culverts out of the 25 culverts above; and
 - (ii) if so, the said programme is?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

205/2020

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. Ramzy Razik of Katugastota, Kandy who had made a complaint on life threat faced by him to Inspector General of Police through e-mail in the morning of 09.04.2020, has been arrested by Criminal Investigation Department on the same day evening, without an arrest order?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) why Mr. Ramzy Razik has been arrested and remanded since 09th of April, 2020 up to now;
 - (ii) how he has been arrested;
 - (iii) were there any complaint against him;
 - (iv) if so, who has made the complaint;
 - (v) has he committed any offense; and
 - (vi) if so, what are those offenses?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether any other person have been arrested on similar type of offences since 2010 in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) whether the government is satisfied with applying law for all in equal manner?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

209/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, pertaining to each of the years during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of paper imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount of money it cost;
 - (iii) the countries from which the paper was imported; and
 - (iv) the names of the companies which imported the paper?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing paper into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

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11.

248/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the National Housing Development Authority has commenced the 'Village reawakening Housing Programme' in the Levaland Estate that belong to the Janatha Estate Development Board in the Doluwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Kandy district?
- (b) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the number of each Village Reawakening Housing programme, commenced on the above Estate under the said programme; and
 - (ii) the number of houses each Village Reawakening Housing programme consists of?
- (c) Will he also inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the total amount of money promised to each recipient of houses for constructing a house;
 - (ii) the loan portion out of the total amount of money that has been made available;
 - (iii) the donation portion out of the total amount of money that has been made available; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been made available up to now?
- (d) Will he further inform this House whether steps will be taken to complete this project by making the balance amount of money available to each recipient of houses?
- (e) If not, why?

12.

342/2020

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) an open competitive examination was held for recruitment of Audit Examiners to Grade II of the Audit Examiners' Service – 2018 as per a notice published in the Government Gazette dated 11.05.2018;
 - (ii) the said competitive examination was held at several examination centres on 14th, 20th and 21st of October 2018;
 - (iii) the results of that competitive examination have not been released up to now; and
 - (iv) over 2 years have lapsed since the holding of the said competitive examination?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to release the results of the said examination speedily; and
 - (ii) whether appointments will be granted speedily to the candidates who qualified, subsequent to the release of the results in the said manner?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

6/2020

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Dhamma schools that have been registered in Sri Lanka as of today;
 - (ii) of the benefits provided by the government to the teachers teaching in the aforesaid Dhamma schools;
 - (iii) whether the services of the said Dhamma school teachers are provided on voluntary basis; and
 - (iv) if so, of the programmes that have been planned for the wellbeing of the teachers teaching in the Dhamma schools?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

54/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the length of the roads in kilo meters in Badulla district that belong to the Ministry of Highways, Uva Provincial Council and the relevant Local Authorities;
 - (ii) the names of the dilapidated roads out of those roads;
 - (iii) the length of the dilapidated roads in kilo meters; and
 - (iv) the courses of action that will be taken to repair the dilapidated roads forthwith?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

97/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a plan to connect Sri Lanka to the network of highways of India has been developed by the government;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be implemented;
 - (iii) of the amount expected to be spent in that regard by the government of Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) of the benefits expected to be gained by Sri Lanka through that project?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether an expert study on undesirable cultural and social transitions that could happen as a result of this project has been conducted; and
 - (ii) if so, what the recommendations of that study are; and
 - (iii) if not, whether such a study would be conducted?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 11th September 2020, the hours of Sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 10.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 11.00 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 1),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2019 and specified in the Order No. 19 hereto, be approved:—

(9)

ORDER
Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2019
Order No. 19 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2019, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 22302 “Stores Advance Account (Explosive items) – Sri Lanka Navy” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Revision</u>	
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised	
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From Rs.	640,000,000
		To Rs.	595,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised	
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised	

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2019)

Mahinda Rajapaksa,
Minister of Finance

09.09.2020
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 2),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2019 and specified in the Order No. 20 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER
Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2019
Order No. 20 under Section 8

(10)

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2019, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 30602 “Stores Advance Account – Department of Sri Lanka Railways” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Revision</u>	
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 1,800,000,000
		To	Rs. 2,400,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 1,800,000,000
		To	Rs. 1,500,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2019)

Mahinda Rajapaksa,
Minister of Finance

09.09.2020
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 3),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2019 and specified in the Order No. 21 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER

Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2019

Order No. 21 under Section 8

(11)

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2019, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 31002 “Stores Advance Account – Government Factory” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Revision</u>	
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 40,000,000
		To	Rs. 70,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 120,000,000
		To	Rs. 70,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2019)

Mahinda Rajapaksa,
Minister of Finance

09.09.2020
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 4),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2019 and specified in the Order No. 22 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER

Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2019

Order No. 22 under Section 8

(12)

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2019, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 31003 “Work Done Advance Account – Government Factory” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Revision</u>	
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised	
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From Rs.	440,000,000
		To Rs.	360,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised	
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised	

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2019)

Mahinda Rajapaksa,
Minister of Finance

09.09.2020
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 5),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2019 and specified in the Schedule hereto, be approved:—

SCHEDULE

Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2019 Order under Section 8

Schedule of variation of limits of Advance Accounts pertaining to Advances to public officers authorized by the Minister of Finance under Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2019 in respect of Finance year 2019.

Group Order No.01

By virtue of the powers vested in me under Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2019, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government do by this order alter / vary the maximum limits specified in Column II and IV of the Third Schedule to that Act, and the minimum limits specified in Column III of that Schedule being the limits corresponding to item Numbers 00201, 02001, 02401, 05101, 05201, 05301, 05401, 05601, 13001, 15801, 20101, 22301, 22401, 22501, 23101, 28301 and 33101 relating to Advances to Public Officers in the manner set out in the Schedule hereto.

(13)

Sri No.	Ministry/Department	Item No.	II Maximum Limits of Expenditure of Activities of the Government (Rs)		III Minimum Limits of Receipts to be credited to the Accounts of Activities of the Government (Rs)		IV Maximum Limits of Debit Balance of Activities of the Government (Rs)		Order No.
			From	To	From	To	From	To	
1	Prime Minister's Office	00201	23,000,000	21,000,000	11,000,000	9,500,000	77,000,000	76,500,000	1
2	Elections Commission	02001			18,000,000	20,000,000	95,000,000	115,000,000	2
3	National Procurement Commission	02401	1,200,000	2,100,000			3,000,000	4,000,000	3
4	Non Cabinet Minister of Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology	05101			2,500,000	1,300,000			4

5	Non Cabinet Minister of Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology	05201	22,300,000	20,000,000	5
6	Non Cabinet Minister of Economic Reforms and Public Distribution	05301	2,500,000	170,000	6
7	Non Cabinet Minister of Labour and Trade Union Relation	05401	4,400,000	3,200,000	7
8	Non Cabinet Minister of Mass Media	05501	1,000,000	3,500,000	200,000
9	Non Cabinet Minister of Special Areas Development	05601	300,000	120,000	6,000,000
10	Minister of Public Administration and Disaster Management	13001	40,000,000	65,000,000	23,200,000
11	Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development	15801	4,200,000	5,700,000	2,000,000
12	Department of Buddhist Affairs	20101	21,000,000	20,500,000	12
13	Sri Lanka Navy	22301	510,000,000	440,000,000	13
14	Sri Lanka Air Force	22401	418,000,000	380,000,000	14
15	Department of Police	22501	1,080,000,000	1,060,000,000	15
16	Department of Debt Conciliation Board	23101	500,000	449,000	16
17	Department of Forests	28301	71,000,000	66,000,000	17
18	Department of Samurdhi Development	33101	275,000,000	255,000,000	18

(14)

(These Orders are valid up to 31.12.2019)

Mahinda Rajapaksa.
Minister of Finance

09.09.2020
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*