



*(Ninth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 11.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

3/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of passengers who used trains;
  - (ii) the income received from passenger transport;
  - (iii) the number of train tickets printed; and
  - (iv) the amount of money spent on printing train tickets; in relation to passenger transport in 2019?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the number of train turns that needs to be deployed for passenger transport in a day; and
  - (ii) the number of train turns that operate in a day?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

51/ 2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
  - (i) of the date on which the first Covid-19 patient was reported in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) separately, of the number of Covid-19 patients reported daily, since aforesaid date up to now;
  - (iii) of the number of PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) tests performed daily, since aforesaid date; and
  - (iv) of the measures that have been taken to combat Covid-19?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

94/2020

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) Is he aware that—
  - (i) bio-weapons are still used clandestinely for various political and trade strategies even though use of bio-weapons is prohibited internationally; and
  - (ii) there is a possibility of under developed countries including Sri Lanka becoming targets for trying out these bio-weapons?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the government has taken measures to prevent attacks with bio-weapons; and
  - (ii) if so, what those measures are?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

113/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the Ministry of Justice grants appointments of Justices of the Peace; and
  - (ii) the aforesaid Justices of the Peace perform a great social service?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the minimum qualifications that are required in appointing the Justices of the Peace?
- (c) Will he admit the fact that there are a big number of social workers in rural areas, who have obtained G.C.E. (O/L) qualifications?
- (d) Will he also inform this House of the fact whether positions of Justices of the Peace will be given to such social workers?
- (e) If not, why?

5.

116/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board located in Kurunegala district;
  - (ii) of the names of those depots;
  - (iii) separately, the number of buses in running condition in each of the said depots;
  - (iv) separately, the number of vacancies in each of the said depots; and
  - (v) of the measures to be taken by the Ministry to improve the bus fleets and the human resource of the depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board located in Kurunegala district?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

6.

120/2020

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) of the institution to which, the contract of the project of developing the access route of the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone, has been awarded;
  - (ii) of the methodology through which that contract has been awarded to the above institution;
  - (iii) of the amount of the contract for that; and
  - (iv) of the period of time granted to complete the contract?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

126/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the reconstruction work of the Nanjundankulam tank, which is one among the major tanks belonging to the Pudukuduirippu Divisional Secretariat Division of Mullaitivu district, was not carried out as a result of the heavy and continuous rains, in spite of the financial allocation of Rs. 40 million made by the former government after granting approval to the above reconstruction;
  - (ii) a large number of paddy fields and lands get water from this tank and the rural people are dependent on this tank for their livelihoods; and
  - (iii) although the required approval has been granted to the State Timber Corporation to remove the unnecessary trees that grow along the dam of the Nanjundankulam tank, it has not materialized owing to the dilapidated state of the road used for transportation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) if so, of the date on which financial allocations will be made for the reconstruction of the Nanjundankulam tank; and
  - (ii) of the date on which the work related to the reconstruction of the above tank will be commenced after having repaired the access road?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

8.

158/2020

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 the construction of five pumping stations was initiated some time ago, in order to minimize the flood threat that poses on Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat area?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the amount of money allocated for construction of aforesaid five pumping stations;
  - (ii) separately, of the extent of the construction work completed in relation to each pumping station with the money so allocated;
  - (iii) of the number of pumping stations that have been fully completed out of the proposed five pumping stations of this project; and
  - (iv) separately, of the due dates of completion with regard to each pumping station that has not been completed?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

210/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

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

10.

249/2020

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 “Uda Gammana Housing Programme” has been commenced by the National Housing Development Authority in the Kelebokka Estate, which belongs to the State Plantation Corporation and is located in the Panwila Divisional Secretary’s Division in the Kandy District?

(5)

- (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 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 also 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?

11.

343/2020

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the total extent of land under paddy cultivation in Sri Lanka by now;
  - (ii) the extent of paddy lands out of that total extent?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the extent of barren paddy fields in Sri Lanka at present;
  - (ii) whether there is a plan to cultivate those barren lands; and
  - (iii) whether there is a proper supply of seeds and fertilizer required for that purpose?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
  - (i) whether it has been planned to provide necessary machinery needed for cultivation at subsidized prices; and
  - (ii) whether an attractive plan is being implemented to fill the lacuna in the labour force that has been created due to the lack of interest shown by the young people towards agriculture?
- (d) If not why?

(6)

12.

7/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— 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 archeological sites that has been destroyed from the year 2015 up to now;
- (ii) of the names of those sites;
- (iii) of the reasons for destroying the said archeological sites;
- (iv) whether the persons who destroyed the relevant archeological sites have been identified;
- (v) of the punishment meted out to them;
- (vi) of the number of archeological sites which have been destroyed, but perpetrators responsible have not been identified; and
- (vii) of the measures expected to be taken in future against the destruction of archeological sites that preserve the past glory of a country?

(b) If not, why?

13.

55/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of villages in Badulla district that potable water difficulties prevail;
- (ii) the names of those villages; and
- (iii) the courses of action that will be taken to solve the potable water problems in those villages?

(b) If not, why?

14.

98/2020

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

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) the climate of Sri Lanka is affected as a result of global climate change; and
- (ii) it directly impacts economic, social, cultural and other aspects of Sri Lanka?

(7)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the government has taken steps to conduct a study by experts regarding the manner in which trends in global climate change affect Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) if so, what the recommendations of that study are;
  - (iii) if not, whether a committee of experts will be appointed to conduct such a study; and
  - (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

122/2020

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) the number of coconut trees that were removed when developing the infrastructure facilities of the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone;
  - (ii) the parties to whom the aforesaid coconut trees were given when they were removed;
  - (iii) the methodology followed for it;
  - (iv) the price given for one coconut tree; and
  - (v) the institution whose custody the money earned through it is kept?
- (b) If not, why?

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## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Orders 50(2) and 111 of the Parliament, Standing Orders 50(2) and 111 of the Parliament shall be suspended with effect from 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020, until the Members are nominated to Sectoral Oversight Committees.

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## 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:—

**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.

<b><u>Item</u></b>		<b><u>Revision</u></b>	
(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**

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><b>Item</b></u>		<u><b>Revision</b></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**

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	From	Rs. 40,000,000
	specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs. 70,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified	From	Rs. 120,000,000
	in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	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**

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.

<b><u>Item</u></b>		<b><u>Revision</u></b>	
(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.

(12)

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

(13)

(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*