



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 12.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, September 25, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

8/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a large number of local and foreign tourists visit the Elephant Orphanage in Pinnawala; and
 - (ii) a substantial income is generated by the aforesaid institution on behalf of the Department of National Zoological Gardens?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the number of foreign tourists who visited the Elephant Orphanage, Pinnawala from 2015 to 2019 during each quarter; and
 - (ii) separately of the income generated through the aforesaid visits from 2015 to 2019 based on each year and each quarter?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the opportunity given to the visitors who visit the Elephant Orphanage, Pinnawala to bottle feed the baby elephants, has been suspended by now;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for the above decision;
 - (iii) of the annual loss incurred by the institution as a result of not providing the tourists with the opportunity to bottle feed the baby elephants;
 - (iv) whether a certain programme will be implemented by the government to develop the Elephant Orphanage, Pinnawala which is considered one of the most valuable assets in Sri Lanka; and
 - (v) if so, what the said programme is?
- (d) If not, why?

(2)

2.

52/ 2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan employees in abroad, by now;
 - (ii) of the names of the countries in which aforesaid employees are employed at; and
 - (iii) separately, of the number of employees employed at each country?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures that have been taken by the Ministry for the welfare of the Sri Lankan foreign employees, distressed due to Covid-19 pandemic; and
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken by the Ministry to bring them back to the country?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

95/2020

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) a large number of persons serve on contract/substitute/casual basis attached to the Civil Administration Office of the Sri Lanka Navy;
 - (ii) these employees serve in detachments and hospitals of the Navy located throughout the island; and
 - (iii) salaries are paid to them on a daily basis?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to give them permanent appointments;
 - (ii) if so, what those measures are; and
 - (iii) of the date they would be given permanent appointments?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

117/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the address of each officer and salary, allowances and other privileges paid monthly to each officer served/ serving in Sri Lanka Cricket from the year 2015 up to now?

(3)

- (b) Will he admit that they have failed to uplift the game of cricket in Sri Lanka during their period in relation to the salaries and other benefits received by them during the said period?
- (c) Will he also inform this House as to what measures will be taken by the Ministry to further develop cricket in Sri Lanka?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

121/2020

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 number of investments, for which agreements have been entered into, of the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone, up to now;
 - (ii) of the value of those investments; and
 - (iii) of the number of investments, out of the number mentioned above, that has begun work at present?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

127/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the transportation is hampered owing to the dilapidated state of the Wattuwakal Bridge which is 402 meters in length and considered as the major bridge in the Kilinochchi - Mulative A 50 main road belonging to the Road development authority, which has not hitherto undergone any repair but being used as a single track road with the possibility of passing one vehicle at a time, in spite of the fact that ten years have lapsed after the conclusion of terrorism which prevailed in the Northern Province; and
 - (ii) no action has been hitherto taken with regard to this situation, although this has been reiterated by me in this House on many occasions during the last regime?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the date on which the above Wattuwakal bridge would be reconstructed as a double track road and opened for public?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

7.

159/2020

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) deaths and destruction caused to the lives, houses and vehicles due to the Meethotamulla garbage dump collapse in 2017; and
 - (ii) compensation payments were awarded in connection with losses of lives and damages caused to houses in that case?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether compensation payments will be granted for the vehicles affected by Meethotamulla garbage dump collapse;
 - (ii) of the methodology of granting compensation;
 - (iii) of the number of applications received for compensations;
 - (iv) whether a government valuation was conducted to grant compensation; and
 - (v) if so, of the number of vehicles for which compensation was granted as per aforesaid valuations?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the date on which the compensation will be granted for the vehicles for which the compensation was not granted?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

211/2020

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

9.

250/2020

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 “Reawakening Village Programme” in the Waithalawa estate owned by the State Plantations Corporation situated in Theldeniya Divisional Secretariat of Kandy district?
- (b) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the number of each Village Reawakening Housing programmes, commenced on the above Estate under the said programme; and
 - (ii) the number of houses, each Village Reawakening Housing programme consist of?
- (c) Will he also inform this House, separate—
 - (i) the amount of money agreed 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?

10.

303/2020

Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House against a backdrop where a separate state ministry has been established for education reforms, open universities and distant learning promotion—
 - (i) whether the government intends to establish multiple open universities in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) out of the groups that intend to receive higher education, of the groups of those that are targeted by the government in expanding distant learning opportunities; and
 - (iii) whether the government will take steps to provide concessions for distant learning opportunities in future as well?

(6)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Open University of Sri Lanka will continue to be operated under the University Grants Commission and its funds; and
 - (ii) if not, of the name of the authority under which the Open University will be brought?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of funds that have been allocated for the affairs of the Open University of Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) out of the expenditure of the Open University, of the amount that is incurred by the government?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

344/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money that has been collected in the Tea Shakthi Fund from the date of its establishment to date;
 - (ii) of the benefits provided by this Fund to tea small holders;
 - (iii) of the number of those who have obtained membership of the Tea Shakthi Fund from the date of its establishment to date; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money that has been invested in this Fund by tea small holders?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether tea factories have been set up using the moneys of the Tea Shakthi Fund;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of factories that have been set up in that manner;
 - (iii) of the names of the areas where such factories have been set up;
 - (iv) of the total amount of money that has been spent on setting up such factories;
 - (v) whether any profit is earned from the money that has been invested in such factories; and
 - (vi) if so, of the amount of the profit that has been earned through such investment?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

417/2020

Hon. Sujith Perera,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are plans to construct a tank called ‘Wee Oya’ in Yatiyanthota Divisional Secretariat area of Kegalle district; and
 - (ii) if so, the objectives of constructing the said tank are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of families who will be displaced due to the construction of the tank;
 - (ii) of the measure that will be taken to resettle the displaced families;
 - (iii) of the mechanism that will be followed to compensate persons, displaced due to the project, for their houses and lands; and
 - (iv) of the future measures that will be taken regarding people who will be displaced?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

57/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that there were allegations against a doctor named Safi of the Kurunegala Teaching Hospital for performing sterilization surgeries on Sinhalese women?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names and the addresses of the lawyers who appeared in courts on behalf of him in the case filed against that doctor;
 - (ii) the courses of action taken against that doctor so far; and
 - (iii) the courses of action that will be taken to expedite the inquiries against that doctor and mete out justice to the aggrieved mothers;
- (c) If not, why?

14.

99/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the forest cover of Sri Lanka including the Wilpattu National Park is being destroyed due to human activity;
 - (ii) the North Central Province has already been reduced to semi-arid condition;
 - (iii) this situation has affected the entire climate of Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) some region of Sri Lanka is affected by natural disasters such as floods, drought, landslides etc. all the time due to this ?

(8)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to develop national policies for environment conservation in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) Will he also admit that it is appropriate to conduct a study on climate change in Sri Lanka through a committee of experts?
- (d) If so, will he also inform this House whether arrangements will be made to conduct that study?
- (e) If not, why?

15.

123/2020

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 extent of lands acquired by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka for the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone;
 - (ii) the institutions from which the aforesaid lands were acquired;
 - (iii) the date on which the aforesaid lands were acquired;
 - (iv) the value paid for the aforesaid lands;
 - (v) the methodology followed in assessing the value of the aforesaid lands; and
 - (vi) the institution which carries out the maintenance of the coconut cultivations in the aforesaid lands and obtains the yield from them?
- (b) If not, why?

Votes of Condolence

The late Hon. R. M. K. B. Ratnayake, ex-Member of Parliament.

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.

<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

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

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*