



*(Ninth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 13.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, October 06, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

9/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of—

- (i) industrial estates;
  - (ii) land units;
  - (iii) factories functioning in the industrial estates; and
  - (iv) employees employed in the industrial estates;
- belonging to the Sri Lanka Industrial Development Board?

(b) Will he also inform this House separately of the—

- (i) programmes conducted with a view to promoting self-employment;
- (ii) locations where the said programmes were conducted;
- (iii) equipment provided;
- (iv) basis on which the beneficiaries were selected; and
- (v) the technological training programmes conducted;

by the Sri Lanka Industrial Development Board for the Central Province in the year 2017?

(c) Will he further inform this House—

- (i) will he admit that the people residing in the rural areas have not been provided with the required and sufficient knowledge, in spite of the possibility available for them to access business opportunities through internet facilities at present; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to provide the required knowledge in a methodical manner?

(d) If not, why?

(2)

2.

58/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— 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 employees in public institutions and statutory institutions that were interrogated; and
  - (ii) the number of employees in public institutions and statutory institutions that were arrested;in regard to the Easter Sunday attack that occurred in the year 2019?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the names of the public institutions/statutory institutions in which the aforesaid employees were employed;
  - (ii) the names and addresses of the aforesaid employees along with the positions that they held in the aforesaid institutions;
  - (iii) the actions taken so far against the aforesaid employees; and
  - (iv) the actions to be taken in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

100/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that the people who seek the service of Sri Lanka Police will be immensely benefitted through the appointment of at least one legal professional as a police prosecutor for one magistrate court division for obtaining legal advice and for solving the legal disputes of people expeditiously?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether there is possibility of taking necessary steps to establish the aforesaid new position; and
  - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid relevant actions are?
- (c) If not, why?

(3)

4.

128/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Rs. 25 million had been allocated from the budget 2018 to establish a new cultural center in place of the cultural center situated at Thalwupadu area, Mannar in Mannar district as it had been damaged when it was used for purposes of Mannar District Secretariat during the war; and
- (ii) that necessary actions had been pursued to take over the land permit to the then Ministry of Cultural Affairs after the then Secretary to that Ministry of Cultural Affairs and the officials of that Department had directly visited the area to identify the land required for the construction of this Cultural Center?

(b) If so, will he inform this House the date of commencement of the activities of the new cultural center?

(c) If not, why?

5.

161/2020

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 there are a considerable number of unauthorized houses in No. 101 Watte, Pothuwilkumbura, Dahampura in Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat Division?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there are any families among those living in the aforesaid houses to whom flats have been awarded under a government housing project;
- (ii) if so, of the number of such families;
- (iii) whether the government has charged any money when awarding those flats to the aforesaid families;
- (iv) if so, of the purpose for which the money was charged;
- (v) of the methodology that was adopted in making the priority list for awarding those flats;
- (vi) of the number of remaining families in that area to whom houses are yet to be awarded; and
- (vii) of the date on which houses are expected to be awarded to them?

(c) If not, why?

(4)

6.

184/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that there is an island known as Eluwaithivu in the island zone of Jaffna district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of government schools in that island; and
  - (ii) the distance between Eluwaithivu and Urkavatturai in nautical miles?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the year in which the students sat for the General Certificate of Education (O/L) examination last held at the Saravanabava College the ancient island known as Eluwaithivu;
  - (ii) the place where the students of that school sit for the above examination, at present; and
  - (iii) the obstacle for conducting the General Certificate of Education (O/L) examination at Eluwaithivu?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

212/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
  - (i) the quantity of plastic imported to Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the amount spent therefor;
  - (iii) the countries from which plastic was imported; and
  - (iv) the names of companies which imported plastic;in each year from the years 2015 to 2019?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, the total amount of money spent for the import of plastic to Sri Lanka during the above period?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

251/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the names of the companies that cultivate palm oil trees in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately, the extent of land used by each of the aforesaid companies to cultivate palm oil trees?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
  - (i) whether those companies have licenses to cultivate palm oil trees; and
  - (ii) whether steps will be taken to remove the palm oil cultivations?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

304/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of complaints received by the National Child Protection Authority in 2020 regarding cases of child abuse;
  - (ii) out of those complaints, of the number of those of which investigations have been completed;
  - (iii) out of the number of cases of which investigations have been completed, of the number of those for which prosecution has been initiated;
  - (iv) when a complaint has been received, of the time that is usually taken to carry out an investigation and to prosecute or dismiss the complaint; and
  - (v) of the nature of the measures that have been implemented by the Authority to expedite investigations?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, in relation to the child victims of the cases related to such complaints—
  - (i) of the number of children living with their family members;
  - (ii) of the number of those that have been taken away from their families;
  - (iii) of the names of the places where those children are detained after they have been taken away from their families;
  - (iv) of the number of those who are continuously engaged in their studies (formal and/or informal) as before as a percentage; and
  - (v) of the number of children to whom psychosocial assistance has been provided by properly trained personnel?

(6)

- (c) Will he further inform this House of the nature of the measures that have been implemented in order to ensure the safety of child victims connected with these complaints?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

10/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the oil tank farm at China Bay was acquired by the government during Bandaranaike's rule paying a sum of £ 250,000;
  - (ii) a part of the aforesaid tank farm has been leased out to India at present; and
  - (iii) a decision has been made to lease out the remaining oil tanks as well to India?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) as to whether there is no effective alternative other than leasing out the remaining oil tanks to India;
  - (ii) since a public opinion has been formed in the country against leasing out of those oil tanks to India, of the steps that will be taken in that regard paying heed to public opinion; and
  - (iii) of the names of the countries that have made requests to get the oil tanks leased out to them and of the basis on which such requests have been made?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether he will present to this House copies of the cabinet papers and the project reports, if any, that have been presented regarding the aforesaid oil tanks on various occasions by the consecutive governments since independence to date including the present government?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

59/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of employees recruited on the basis of—
    - (i) permanent;
    - (ii) casual; and
    - (iii) substitute;
- to Sri Lanka Cricket from year 2015 to date, separately?

(7)

- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately—
  - (i) of the names and positions of the employees recruited; and
  - (ii) of the salaries and allowances approved for each positions?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the measures that will be taken to regularize schemes of—
  - (i) recruitment; and
  - (ii) payment of salaries and allowances; of Sri Lanka Cricket?
- (d) If not, why?

12.

101/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) a large number of fallow paddy fields are found in Matara district; and
  - (ii) weak drainage and a change in the chemical composition of water in those stretches of paddy fields have caused this situation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a survey on the extent of fallow paddy fields in Matara district has been conducted;
  - (ii) if so, of that extent in acres;
  - (iii) whether the government has planned using these paddy lands for some productive economic purpose; and
  - (iv) if so, what that purpose is?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

162/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of houses without water and sewerage facilities in the Thimbirigasyaya Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether a programme is available for providing the above facilities to each housing unit?
- (c) If so, will he submit how that programme will be?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

213/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, in respect of each year from 2015 to 2019—
  - (i) the amount of iron and steel imported to Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the amount of money spent for that;
  - (iii) the countries from which iron and steel was imported; and
  - (iv) the names of the companies that imported iron and steel?
- (b) Will he also inform this House the total amount of money spent to import iron and steel to Sri Lanka during the said period?
- (c) If not, why?

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Motions**

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1 to 10 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order 121 of the Parliament at the Sittings on Tuesday 06<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 07<sup>th</sup>, October 2020.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020, from 06<sup>th</sup> October 2020, the hours of Sitting of Parliament on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during the First Session of the Ninth Parliament shall be 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 4.30 p.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Finance (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 20 read with Sections 4(3) and 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by the Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987, published in the Extraordinary Gazettes No. 2171/5 of 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020, No. 2176/19 of 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020, No. 2182/10 of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and No. 2184/21 of 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020, which were presented on 25.09.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

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.

(10)

<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. To Rs.	640,000,000 595,000,000
(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.)

\*7.

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.

<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.	From Rs. To Rs.	1,800,000,000 2,400,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From Rs. To Rs.	1,800,000,000 1,500,000,000

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| (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.)

\*8.

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

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| (iv) | Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act. | Not Revised |
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(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2019)

Mahinda Rajapaksa,  
Minister of Finance

09.09.2020  
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.

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.

<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	

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| (iv) | Maximum limit of liabilities<br>specified in Column V of the Third<br>Schedule to that Act. | Not Revised |
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(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2019)

Mahinda Rajapaksa,  
Minister of Finance

09.09.2020  
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

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.

(14)

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	6,000,000	25,000,000	8	
9	Non Cabinet Minister of Special Areas Development	05601		300,000	120,000			9	
10	Minister of Public Administration and Disaster Management	13001	40,000,000	65,000,000	23,200,000	42,000,000	85,000,000	206,000,000	10
11	Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development	15801	4,200,000	5,700,000	2,000,000	2,500,000			11
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
(These Orders are valid up to 31.12.2019)									
Mahinda Rajapaksa. Minister of Finance									

09.09.2020  
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*12.

The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the Medical Ordinance (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 72 read with Section 19(e) of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2055/54 of 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018, which were presented on 23.09.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*13.

The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the Medical Ordinance (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medical Services under Section 72 read with Section 19(e) of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2155/15 of 26<sup>th</sup> December 2019, which were presented on 23.09.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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