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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

15/2020

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 of persons arrested on charges of selling and using illicit drugs from 01.02.2015 up to now in respect of each year separately;
  - (ii) of the names of the government institutions and government sponsored institutions that take measures to control illicit drugs; and
  - (iii) of the amount of illicit drugs that had been taken into custody by each of the aforesaid institutions separately?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

63/2020

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) of the number of illicit drug raids carried out since year 2015 to date; and
  - (ii) of the amount of illicit drugs seized during aforesaid raids?
- (b) Is he aware that the illicit drug so raided had reverted back to drug smugglers through Police Narcotic Bureau?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the steps taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

(2)

3.

105/2020

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) the number of raids to recover artificial toddy;
  - (ii) the number of liters of artificial toddy seized; and
  - (iii) the value of the fines acquired to the government;on raids conducted by the Sri Lanka Police, the Special Task Force and the Excise Department from 01.01.2017 to 01.01.2019, in relation to each institution, separately?
- (b) Will he admit that—
  - (i) some toddy producers have more storage facilities than required;
  - (ii) artificial toddy are produced and stored by them;
  - (iii) even though the Special Task Force conducts raids and seizes such artificial toddy, in enforcing the law some Excise officials release the offenders by not producing them before the court and subjecting them for an arbitration fee by portraying them as technical defects;
  - (iv) the production of artificial toddy is not a technical defect but some Excise officials deliberately act to defend these producers; and
  - (v) this results in the government being deprived of a large tax income?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps have been taken to introduce amendments to the relevant laws to stop the production of artificial toddy; and
  - (ii) if so, what those measures are?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

166/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of houses which do not have deeds or entitlements that are situated in the Kotte Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (ii) whether there is a course of action to provide deeds for such houses; and
  - (iii) if so, such course of actions?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

187/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) there is a school by the name of Kili/ Kilinochchi Central College, in the Karachchi Divisional Secretariat Division of Kilinochchi district; and
  - (ii) there are a number of shortcomings including the poor standards of education, dearth of teachers/workers, scarcity of furniture/ buildings and resources in the above school, which is one of the two national schools in the district of Kilinochchi?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to when this school will be provided with the required buildings and furniture?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the particulars related to each of the positions of the entire staff of the above school including the principal, deputy principal, teachers and the non- academic staff?
- (d) Will he further inform this House of the reasons for not hitherto taking steps to fill the vacancies that exist in the non academic staff of the above school?
- (e) Will he admit the fact that the education activities of the students cannot be enhanced without filling the above vacancies?
- (f) If not, why?

6.

207/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that though 03 years have passed since the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE) in Mannar district which is under the Ministry of Education, started the Higher National Diploma courses, this institution is still functioning in a temporary building;
- (b) Will he admit that—
  - (i) as a result, only Information Technology, English and Tourism courses have been started;
  - (ii) laboratory facilities for courses are not available; and
  - (iii) it is not possible to commence courses like Accounting, Management?
- (c) Is he also aware that more than one year has passed since a land of 5 acres in Uilankulam that belonged to the Mannar Divisional Secretariat Division was donated by Mannar District Secretariat to the then Ministry of Higher Education to construct a permanent building for the SLIATE institution?

(4)

- (d) Will he state the date on which the construction of a permanent building of the SLIATE in Mannar will be started, as several discussions took place to construct a permanent building with the contribution from the World Bank?
- (e) If not, why?

7.

217/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
  - (i) the amount of green gram imported to Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the amount of money spent therefor;
  - (iii) the countries from which green gram was imported; and
  - (iv) the names of companies which imported green gram; 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 green gram to Sri Lanka during the above period?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

254/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that Great Valley Estate situated in Delthota Divisional Secretariat Division in Kandy district is an estate belonging to the Janatha Estate Development Board;
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) of the number of Divisions that belonged to the aforesaid Estate at the time the state owned estates were reformed in 1992;
  - (ii) of the names of those Divisions;
  - (iii) is there any Divisions that had been abandoned or closed in the aforesaid Estate by year 2015; and
  - (iv) if so, the extent of land of the aforesaid abandoned Divisions?
- (c) Will he inform this House, separately—
  - (i) whether lands, the factory and other buildings belonging to the aforesaid Estate had been awarded to external/private parties during the period from 1992 to 2015; and
  - (ii) if so of the details of such awarding; and
  - (iii) of the extent of land in the aforesaid Estate that has been cultivated and that has not been cultivated in relation to the land survey that was conducted last?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

419/2020

Hon. Waruna Liyanage,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of families who live in estates in Ratnapura district;
  - (ii) whether lands have been granted to them for the construction of houses;
  - (iii) if so, the number of families to whom lands have been granted;
  - (iv) the extent of land given to the said families; and
  - (v) the names of the plantation companies to which the families belong and such lands have been given?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether measures will be taken by the government to grant lands to landless estate families; and
  - (ii) if so, what such measures are?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

16/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) drivers, conductors and officers at technical level (PL Category) of the Sri Lanka Transport Board are receiving salaries as per the Public Administration Circular No. 3/2016; and
  - (ii) there is a method to award promotions to officers of aforesaid 'PL' category as per the Public Administration Circular No. 3/2016?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of drivers, conductors and officers at technical level (PL category) as well as executive level officers serving in the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
  - (ii) whether these promotions are to be given to the officers attached to the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
  - (iii) if so, the grades to which those promotions are to be given;
  - (iv) whether those promotions are awarded as per the Public Administration Circular No. 3/2016;
  - (v) if not, the method followed; and
  - (vi) of the number of Executive level officers that will be newly appointed to each depot from the promotions awarded as per the Public Administration Circular No. 3/2016 in addition to existing Executive officers?
- (c) If not, why?

(6)

11.

64/2020

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) of the number of raids carried out by the Police Narcotics Bureau to seize illicit drugs from year 2015 to date;
  - (ii) of the names of Police Officers who received Presidential Awards for carrying out those raids;
  - (iii) of the prize money offered to each Police Officer, separately;
  - (iv) of the number of Police Officers who are accused of smuggling drugs, seized in the raids, to the drug racketeers;
  - (v) their names are; and
  - (vi) of the progress of the inquiries held against the said Police Officers?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

106/2020

Hon. Buddika Pathirana,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the districts in Sri Lanka where toddy industry is found; and
  - (ii) the number of people who engage in the said industry for their livelihood?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the number of individuals/institutions that were licensed toddy producers in Sri Lanka as at 31.12.2019;
  - (ii) whether each of those factories have been provided an approved capacity; and
  - (iii) if so, what the capacities are in relation to each institute?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
  - (i) whether action has been taken by the Government for the welfare of those who engage in the toddy industry; and
  - (ii) if so, the amount spent in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

167/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the numbers of houses without the entitlement of land deeds in the Rathmalana Divisonal Secretariat Division;
  - (ii) whether there is a programme to provide deeds to those houses; and
  - (iii) if so, the manner through which that process takes place?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

190/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number or Cricket Associations in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Is he aware that—
  - (i) there are 25 Cricket Associations for the 25 administrative districts in Sri Lanka; and
  - (ii) the approval required for the establishment of the Cricket Association for Kilinochchi district has not hitherto been granted?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the reasons—
  - (i) for not granting the approval required to establish the Cricket Association for Kilinochchi district up to now;
  - (ii) for not registering the Cricket Association of Kilinochchi district up to now, in spite of the applications made for registration on several occasions?
- (d) Will he further inform this House of the assistance extended by the Ministry of Sports for the Cricket Association of Kilinochchi district after 2010?
- (e) If not, why?

15.

218/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, in respect of each year from 2015 to 2019—
  - (i) the amount of cowpea imported to Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the amount of money spent for that;
  - (iii) the countries from which cowpea was imported; and
  - (iv) the names of the companies that imported cowpea?

(8)

- (b) Will he also inform this House the total amount of money spent to import cowpea to Sri Lanka during the said period?
  - (c) If not, why?
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## NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

P. 1/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in the Buddhist temples of rural areas,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated by the government for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in rural Buddhist temples since most of the Buddhist temples in the rural areas of Sri Lanka are in an extremely low economic.

2.

P. 2/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Address the professional issues of the regional journalists,— That this Parliament resolves that a suitable mechanism be formulated by the government to address the professional issues of regional journalists, who render an important service in providing information, which are pivotal for the development of a country.

3.

P. 3/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Making optimum use of the river basins system,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme that will allow the optimum utilization of the water resource by the government for the development of the country in the same way it was done in the time of King Parakramabahu the Great be implemented, since research studies too have revealed that a large proportion of the water resource in rivers reach the sea without being utilized although the river basin system of the island is rendering an immense service to the agriculture of the country.

4.

P. 4/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Transport vegetables by train,— That this Parliament resolves that a suitable programme should be implemented by the government to transport the produce of vegetable farmers from the Badulla district and from other districts where vegetables are cultivated to the markets in other parts of the country by train with a low cost and minimum waste.

5.

P. 5/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Controlling floods in the Ratnapura district,— That this Parliament resolves that a suitable programme be formulated by the government to control the floods that constantly affect the Ratnapura district during periods of inclement weather.



6.

P. 6/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Safeguarding the inherent heritage of the Sabaragamuwa for the future generation,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated by the government to safeguard the inherent heritage of the Sabaragamuwa for the future generation due to the fact that there is a risk of the inherent characteristics prevalent in many sectors such as art, sports in Sabaragamuwa becoming defunct at present as a result of commercialization.

7.

P. 7/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Mitigate natural disasters in Ratnapura district,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme should be prepared by the government to mitigate the natural disaster situations in Ratnapura district due to the fact that it has been pointed out by the reports issued by the National Building Research Organization that there are a number of places in Ratnapura district, which are at the risk of being affected by natural disasters.

8.

P. 8/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Curtail the circulation of pornographic videos in the internet,— That this Parliament resolves that an effective special unit be set up within the Criminal Investigation Department to investigate the individuals who create, distribute and keep the pornographic videos, since the privacy of the people is damaged and the women are mostly inconvenienced seeing that various pornographic videos are circulated, presently in the internet, in abundance.

9.

P. 9/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Compulsion of Dhamma School Education,— That this Parliament resolves that Dhamma School Education must be made compulsory to all the children (up to grade 11) according to their religion in order to curb abuse and juvenile offences which are spreading in a manner that is not suitable for a civilized society and to promote self-discipline.

10.

P. 10/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Teaching in Sinhala medium in every Tamil Medium School in Sri Lanka,—That this Parliament resolves that a Sinhala medium teaching section be established in every Tamil Medium School in Sri Lanka, in support of initiating long term goals of building more effective advancement of national reconciliation, mutual understanding and the unity among nationalities.

11.

P. 11/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pahthirana,— Conducting a systematic study about King Ravana,— That this Parliament resolves that a study should be conducted about King Ravana through a panel of experts due to the fact that a study on King Ravana enables to unveil a hidden period of time in Sri Lankan history, and use the knowledge that King Ravana possessed for the uplifting of the country and enhance the attitudes in the country about him, even though specific historical information about him are not available.

12.

P. 12/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Producing the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka within the country,— That this Parliament resolves that factories required for producing and refining the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka be established, functioning with proper management, efficiency and planning, the sugar industry be protected as the country possesses the resources required for the production of the sugar requirement.

13.

P. 13/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a programme for persons who are over the age of 60 to make them active members of the society,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be adopted to create awareness in the society including the school community to formulate a programme to make the elders over the age of 60, who laboured for the social economic progress and who are now in an inactive and left out state without any recognition in the society, active members of the society.

14.

P. 14/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Expanding the knowledge of school children regarding Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be drawn up to include Motor Mechanics as a subject in the school syllabus, as a solution for the unemployment problem of the future youth of Sri Lanka and with the aim of meeting the demand for skilled workers in comparison to the advancement of the field of Motor Mechanics.

15.

P. 15/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Ensuring security of Employment of those who are engaged in occupations related to three wheelers and motor bikes,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be prepared expeditiously to develop the economic strength of youth, retired members of the Armed Forces and senior citizen groups living in Sri Lanka who are willing to engage in direct and indirect occupations related to three wheelers and motor bikes, with the objective of obtaining their contribution to the total national production and thereby adding the active contribution of those who are involved in the aforementioned field to the national economy.

16.

P. 16/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating the syllabuses of Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formulated to change and update the syllabuses of Motor Mechanics that are 25-30 years old, since the government technical colleges and the affiliated institutes related to the Motor Mechanics still follow such archaic syllabuses.

17.

P. 17/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a College of Education to train teachers for teaching Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a College of Education be established to train teachers for teaching Motor Mechanics at school level so that the demand for skilled workers in the field can be met in a manner that keeps pace with the growth and development taking place in the field of Automotive Technology in Sri Lanka and abroad.

18.

P. 18/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a Loan Scheme for the elderly community that enables them to contribute towards the economic development of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that, since the non-existence of a Loan Scheme in the Banking System for the elders who have passed 60 years of age that enables them to contribute to the overall economic development of Sri Lanka and strengthening their means of livelihood is social discrimination against them, a proper programme be formulated to prevent this injustice caused to the elders.

\*19.

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.)

\*20.

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.)

\*21.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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