



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

17/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that there are cases that have not been taken up for hearing yet and there are pending cases from the cases that have been filed in the District Courts of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the case numbers along with the dates on which such cases were filed?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the case number and dates on which the case filed/ recorded, in regard to the old cases pending for a period of—
 - (i) 1-5 years;
 - (ii) 5 -10 years;
 - (iii) 10-15 years;
 - (iv) 15-20 years;
 - (v) 20-25 years; and
 - (vi) Over 25 years?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

92/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) there is a network of tunnels with historical importance in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) these tunnels are falling into decay due to lack of proper exploration and conservation; and
 - (iii) these tunnels can be used for the promotion of defence and transport affairs and tourism industry of the country by taking steps to explore and conserve them?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Government will take steps to start the exploration of historical tunnels;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps will be; and
 - (iii) of the amount expected to be spent for that?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Government will take steps to conserve the tunnels that have been discovered;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps will be; and
 - (iii) of the amount expected to be spent for that?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

115/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Industries,—(2)

- (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?

4.

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,—(2)

- (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?

(3)

5.

127/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(2)

- (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?

6.

130/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Municipal Councils functioning at present in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the names of those Municipal Councils; and
 - (iii) out of the aforesaid Municipal Councils, of the names of those that have given the task of removing garbage to the private sector?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately—
 - (i) of the names of the private companies that have undertaken the removal of garbage in Municipal Councils; and
 - (ii) of the amounts of money that have been paid to the aforesaid companies from the year 2015 up to date?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to get the garbage collected by the workers of the aforesaid Local Authorities?
- (d) If not, why?

(4)

7.

150/ 2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the relevant Finance companies have been made aware of the 6 months grace period that was promised to be offered to the customers who had obtained finance facilities, to pay their instalments during the Covid-19 period;
- (ii) if so, whether it can be affirmed that the customers who obtained finance facilities received that relief;
- (iii) if the customers did not receive that relief, the reason for that; and
- (iv) the future steps the Government will take regarding the customers who have been subjected to injustice owing to that reason?

(b) If not, why?

8.

204/2020

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

(a) Is she aware that—

- (i) there are thousands of patients on the waiting list of the Government hospitals for heart surgeries, for years; and
- (ii) millions of rupees are being spent to private hospitals in Sri Lanka and abroad for the surgeries?

(b) If so, will she inform this House—

- (i) how many heart related diseases reported in Sri Lanka in last five years;
- (ii) how many patients have registered for heart surgeries in Government hospitals for last five years; and
- (iii) from those registered patients, how many surgeries were carried out annually in last five years?

(c) Will she also inform this House—

- (i) whether the Government is satisfied with the present practice; and
- (ii) what are the key observations and recommendations made for further improvement of this situation?

(d) If not, why?

(5)

9.

219/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the year during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of chemicals/goods related to health sector, imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the countries from which those chemicals/goods were imported; and
 - (iii) the companies which imported those chemicals/goods?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing chemicals/goods into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

305/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that Maha/Hindu Senior School, a type 2 school, is situated in Kandy Education Zone in Kandy district?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of students, studying;
 - (ii) the number of class rooms, in use; and
 - (iii) the total extent of lands, in use;in that school at present?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the Ministries that allocated money for constructions of that school; and
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of money allocated by aforesaid Ministries for constructions?
- (d) Is he also aware that construction work of aforesaid school has been stalled by now?
- (e) Will he also inform this House whether steps will be taken to restart aforesaid constructions?
- (f) If not, why?

(6)

11.

344/2020

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(2)

- (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.

433/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Whether he admits that forests contribute immensely for the protection of eco-system of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the current forest density of Sri Lanka as a percentage;
 - (ii) of the forest density Sri Lanka should have; and
 - (iii) whether a programme has been prepared to fulfill the required forest density if it is unavailable?
- (c) If not, why?

(7)

13.

477/2020

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of housing projects commenced in Sri Lanka from 2015 to 2020?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of housing projects commenced in Hambanthota district from 2015 to 2020;
 - (ii) the number of housing projects provided for occupation by now, out of the said number;
 - (iii) the number of housing projects that has not been provided for occupation by now;
 - (iv) the number of housing projects provided with electricity, water and road facilities; and
 - (v) the number of housing projects that has not been provided with electricity, water and road facilities?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

220/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the years during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of waste materials imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the countries from which those waste materials were imported; and
 - (iii) the companies which imported those waste materials?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing waste materials into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

480/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of irrigation reserves located in the Kurunegala district; and
 - (ii) of the extent of land belonging to the aforesaid reserves?
- (b) Is he aware that the lands belonging to those reserves have been acquired by unauthorized cultivators?

(8)

- (c) Will he also inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to remove those unauthorized cultivators?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Appropriation (2020),— Bill to provide for the service of the financial year 2020; to authorize the raising of loans in or outside Sri Lanka, for the purpose of such service; to make financial provision in respect of certain activities of the Government during that financial year; to enable the payment by way of advances out of the Consolidated Fund or any other fund or moneys of, or at the disposal of the Government, of moneys required during that financial year for expenditure on such activities; to provide for the refund of such moneys to the Consolidated Fund and to make provision for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Appropriation (2021),— Bill to provide for the service of the financial year 2021; to authorize the raising of loans in or outside Sri Lanka, for the purpose of such service; to make financial provision in respect of certain activities of the Government during that financial year; to enable the payment by way of advances out of the Consolidated Fund or any other fund or moneys of, or at the disposal of the Government, of moneys required during that financial year for expenditure on such activities; to provide for the refund of such moneys to the Consolidated Fund and to make provision for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industrial Export and Investment Promotion under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2182/21 of 30th June 2020, which was presented on 09.10.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industrial Export and Investment Promotion under Section 14(2) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2182/22 of 30th June 2020, which was presented on 09.10.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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 26th December 2019, which were presented on 23.09.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

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 26th January 2018, which were presented on 23.09.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*
