



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 19.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

5/2020

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the number of parallel classes of Grade 5 and Grade 6 of the national schools situated in the Colombo, Ratnapura, Galle, Matara, Kandy, Kurunegala, Jaffna and Gampaha districts from the years 2010 to 2018?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately of—
 - (i) the cut-off marks of the Grade 5 scholarship examination;
 - (ii) the number of students admitted to Grade 6 on the results of the said scholarship examination; and
 - (iii) the percentage of students admitted to Grade 6 on the results of the scholarship examination as a percentage of the total number of students admitted to Grade 6;of the above schools from the year 2010 to the year 2018?
- (c) Will he further inform this House separately of the number of students admitted to Grade 6 of the above schools from the year 2010 to the year 2018 from the primary sections not on the basis of the results of the scholarship examination?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

51/ 2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (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;

(2)

(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?

3.

99/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(2)

(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 ?

(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?

4.

117/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(2)

(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?

(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?

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5.

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,—(2)

- (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?

6.

152/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the sewerage system of Bluemandhal Vidyalaya situated in the Srimavo Bandaranayake Mawatha, Colombo 14 with approximately 400 students, has not been repaired and consequently the gully covers have been replaced with wooden covers; and
 - (ii) the students of the said school do not have access to proper toilet facilities?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken by the Ministry of Education, in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

192/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the programme of constructing 1000 bridges in the Northern and Eastern provinces is a programme initiated by your Ministry; and
 - (ii) the plan does not suit the needs of the people in those areas?
- (b) Will he inform this House in relation to that programme—
 - (i) of the number of bridges constructed in each of the district in the Northern province; and
 - (ii) the names of the contractors related to those constructions?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the plan of the programme of constructing the bridges was made to suit the relevant areas; and
 - (ii) if not, whether it was implemented according to a plan made in a foreign soil?
- (d) Will he state in relation to that programme in Killinochchi district—
 - (i) the number of bridges that are proposed to be constructed;
 - (ii) the number of bridges for which money has been allocated;
 - (iii) the number of bridges of which construction work has been completed out of the bridges for which money has been allocated;
 - (iv) the number of bridges of which construction work has not been completed out of the bridges for which money has been allocated; and
 - (v) the number of bridges that are yet to be constructed?
- (e) If not, why?

8.

223/2020

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 year during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of cement imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the countries from which those cement was imported; and
 - (iii) the names of the companies which imported those cement?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing cement into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

307/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of officers that belongs to Sri Lanka Principals' Service in Tamil medium schools in Kandy district; and
 - (ii) their names along with the names of the schools in which they serve at present?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House in regard to Kandy district—
 - (i) the number of officers, who have obtained a grade in Principals' Service, but have not received an appointment of Principal relevant to the grade; and
 - (ii) the number of officers that have received appointments as Principals in Tamil medium schools without qualifications in the Principals' Service?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the details of the teachers that have received the appointments mentioned in (b) (ii) above, along with the names of the schools in which they are serving at present?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

436/2020

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

- (a) Whether he admits that there are large number of families who do not own a land and who do not have a deeds for the land they reside?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether those families have been identified separately;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to provide deeds to families who do not possess a deeds to families who do not possess a deed for the land they reside; and
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to provide lands to families who do not own a land; and
 - (iv) if so, whether lands have been identified for the purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

449 / 2020

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which Batticaloa Campus Private Limited, which was subject to intense social discourse, was established;
 - (ii) the names of persons and institutions which spent money thereon;
 - (iii) the names of persons who served in its Governing Council;
 - (iv) the number of courses that was to be conducted by the said institution; and
 - (v) the names of those courses?
- (b) Is he aware that there was a course on Sharia law amongst the courses to be conducted by this institution?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House, the stand of the incumbent government regarding the above institution?
- (d) If not, why?

12.

479/2020

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of bridges in Hambanthota district of which construction work has been commenced from 2015 to 2020;
 - (ii) the number of bridges of which construction has been completed, out of those mentioned above; and
 - (iii) the number of bridges of which work has not been completed by now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the date by which the work of the bridges still under construction would be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

132/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of state owned rice storage centers in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the places where the aforesaid facilities are established;
 - (iii) separately, of the quantity of rice that have been stored in each center from 2015 to date;
 - (iv) out of the aforesaid centers, the number of centers that have been abandoned without using for any purpose;
 - (v) of the names of those centers; and
 - (vi) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to reopen those centers?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

224/2020

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 machinery imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the countries from which those machinery were imported; and
 - (iii) the companies which imported those machinery?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing machinery into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

482/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment has been faced up with a dire financial crisis; and
 - (ii) as a result, even payment of salaries has become a difficulty?
- (b) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) of the total number of employees serving in the employ of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment at present;
 - (ii) whether a decision has been taken to give them a three-month holiday on half pay; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken by the Ministry in order to strengthen the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment financially?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Labour,— Shop and Office Employees (Regulation of Employment and Remuneration) (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Shop and Office Employees (Regulation of Employment and Remuneration) Act (Chapter 129).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Minister of Labour,— Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children Act, No. 47 of 1956.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

3.

The Minister of Labour,— Minimum Wages (Indian Labour) (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Minimum Wages (Indian Labour) Ordinance (Chapter 135).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

4.

The Minister of Labour,— Factories (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Factories Ordinance (Chapter 128).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

5.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item No. 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sittings from the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06th October 2020.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Adjourned debate on question (21st October 2020) [1].

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”
