



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 27.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, November 20, 2020 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

19/2020

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 admit that—

- (i) Sri Lanka Air Force had sent a Radar Receiver and an Antenna Scanner to China for repair in 2014 April; and
- (ii) aforesaid items have been misplaced?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the company that undertook this transporting of the aforesaid items;
- (ii) of the members of the Director Board of aforesaid company;
- (iii) whether aforesaid company still provides services to any state institution in Sri Lanka; and
- (iv) of the loss incurred by the misplacement of aforesaid items?

(c) If not, why

2.

65/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of national schools in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) of the names of those schools?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the qualifications required to hold the post of principal in a national school;
- (ii) of the numbers and names of the schools with such qualified principals; and
- (iii) of the number and names of schools in which such principals serve without such qualifications?

(2)

- (c) Will he further inform this House of the steps taken by the Ministry to appoint duly qualified principals for each national school?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

109/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) of the number of railway carriages, locomotives and multiple-unit trains (power sets) that were imported during the period from 01.01.2015 to 31.12.2019; and
 - (ii) what amounts of money were spent for this purpose?
- (b) Is he aware that some of the railway carriages, locomotives and multiple-unit trains (power sets) so imported are unsuitable for running in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If so, will he state separately—
 - (i) of the names and designations of the members of the tender committees and technical evaluation committees appointed pertaining to the process of importing the aforesaid railway carriages, locomotives and multiple-unit trains (power sets); and
 - (ii) what action was taken against them?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) on which date the fabrication of railway carriages will be commenced in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) how much money the Government will be able to save from it?
- (e) If not, why?

4.

164/2020

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,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amounts of money which the Government has to pay back for Local and foreign debts in the years from 2020 to 2024, separately in respect of each year in repayment?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the date and project in respect of each loan that has been obtained?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the course of action formulated by the Government to pay these loans?
- (d) If not, why?

(3)

5.

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?

6.

435/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— 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 admit that a large number of road accidents take place every day?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the average number of persons who die in road accidents per day;
 - (ii) separately of the number of persons who died in road accidents in years 2018 and 2019; and
 - (iii) of the arrangement that is in place with Sri Lanka Police at present to minimize the number of road accidents?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a Parliament Select Committee on Minimizing of Road Accidents had been appointed; and
 - (ii) whether the decisions and recommendations of that Select Committee have been taken into consideration?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

448/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Madrasa schools in operation at present in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the addresses of locations where these schools are situated?

(4)

- (b) Is he aware that there is an intense social dialogue in society about these Madrasa schools subsequent to the Easter Sunday attacks in the year 2019?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the steps to be taken by Ministry to regulate those Madrasa schools; and
 - (ii) the stand of the incumbent government with regard to these schools?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

456/2020

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the ancient Yodha Ela (Giant Canal) which carries water from the Kalawewa reservoir to the Thisawewa reservoir, located in the district of Anuradhapura has gone into wilderness?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any programme is available to clean and restore this canal;
 - (ii) if so, what the said programme is; and
 - (iii) of the date on which the said programme would be initiated?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,—That November 23rd Monday, 24th Tuesday, 25th Wednesday, 26th Thursday, 27th Friday, 28th Saturday, 30th Monday, 2020 and December 01st Tuesday, 02nd Wednesday, 03rd Thursday, 04th Friday, 05th Saturday, 07th Monday, 08th Tuesday, 09th Wednesday, 10th Thursday, 2020 be allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2021)”.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of Sittings of Parliament on allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2021)” from November 23rd Monday to 30th Monday, 2020 and December 01st Tuesday to 09th Wednesday, 2020 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.:

Provided that at 5.00 p.m., provisions of paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament shall operate.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of the Sitting of Parliament on Thursday, 10th December, 2020 allotted for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2021)” shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.. At 5.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2021)— (Third Allotted Day)— Adjourned debate on question (17th November 2020) [1].

*2.

Shop and Office Employees (Regulation of Employment and Remuneration) (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Minimum Wages (Indian Labour) (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Factories (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

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