



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 32.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, November 26, 2020 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

50/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of teachers that have been approved for the government schools in Badulla district;
 - (ii) of the number of teachers in relation to each subject;
 - (iii) of the number of teachers employed at present;
 - (iv) of the number teacher vacancies existing at present for each subject in Badulla district; and
 - (v) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the aforesaid teacher vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

123/2020

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 extent of lands acquired by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka for the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone;
 - (ii) the institutions from which the aforesaid lands were acquired;
 - (iii) the date on which the aforesaid lands were acquired;
 - (iv) the value paid for the aforesaid lands;
 - (v) the methodology followed in assessing the value of the aforesaid lands; and
 - (vi) the institution which carries out the maintenance of the coconut cultivations in the aforesaid lands and obtains the yield from them?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

414/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the number of children currently institutionalized in Remand Homes, Certified Schools, Receiving Homes and Detention Homes?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in respect of each of the above institutions—
 - (i) average time duration of a child's stay;
 - (ii) money allocated by the Government per child;
 - (iii) categories and basic qualifications of the staff attached;
 - (iv) staff-child ratio;
 - (v) steps taken for reintegrating the children back into the community;
 - (vi) steps taken for ensuring the wellbeing of these children; and
 - (vii) the procedures adopted for monitoring of these institutions?
- (c) Will he further inform this House in respect of the period from 2015 to 2019 of the number of children—
 - (i) entered and left each of the above institutions; and
 - (ii) left and are gainfully employed and living securely in the community?
- (d) If not, Why?

4.

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 deed 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 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?

(3)

5.

481/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that an illegal sand mining smuggle has been underway in the old Eluwankulama area in Wanathawilluwa in Puttalam district for quite some time without sand mining permits?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures taken by the Ministry to curb this illegal sand mining smuggle, so far; and
 - (ii) the measures to be taken in future?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

507/2020

Hon. Jagath Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that Samurdhi assistance was provided by the former Government on political grounds;
 - (ii) whether he admits that a large number of eligible people did not receive that assistance as a result ;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken in line with ‘Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour’ manifesto to provide Samurdhi assistance to those who did not receive it;
 - (iv) if so, the date by which it will be done;
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to increase the value of the Samurdhi assistance; and
 - (vi) if so, the date by which it will be done?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that Samurdhi Development Officers have not been granted any promotion even though nearly 25 years have lapsed from the founding of the Samurdhi movement;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to grant promotions to those officers; and
 - (iii) if so, the date by which it will be done?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that several Cabinet papers have been submitted by the incumbent Government to solve the problems of the Samurdhi movement and Samurdhi officers;
 - (ii) what the issues submitted through those Cabinet papers are; and
 - (iii) the steps taken in that regard by now?
- (d) If not, why?

(4)

7.

524/2020

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of government schools located in the Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) the number of schools, out of those schools which have permanent Principals; and
 - (iii) the number of schools which have acting Principals at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the steps to be taken by the Ministry to appoint permanent Principals to the Government schools located in the Anuradhapura district?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

732/2020

Hon. K.P.S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) nearly 305 million people around the world use PayPal Gateway as the E Commerce websites are the easiest channels to sell goods to a foreign country;
 - (ii) aforesaid option can be used to sell Sri Lankan goods to foreign countries;
 - (iii) foreign exchange income channels related to sale of goods and services to foreign countries are rendered useless as the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has not made aforesaid option available in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) Sri Lankan Companies that use the online systems to provide services, create PayPal accounts with foreign addresses;
 - (v) a huge amount of income that should reach Sri Lanka has been diverted to foreign countries as commissions due to aforesaid reason?
 - (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to remove existing barriers with regard to sale of goods and services to foreign countries by way of Online systems; and
 - (ii) If so, of aforesaid measures?
 - (c) If not why ?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Trade,— Intellectual Property (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Intellectual Property Act, No. 36 of 2003.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Minister of Justice,— Evidence (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Evidence Ordinance (Chapter 14).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

3.

The Minister of Justice,— Bail (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Bail Act, No. 30 of 1997.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation (2021) Bill — (Eighth Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress 25th November).

*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.)

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*6.

Penal Code (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Regulations under the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act,— Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 112 of the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act, No. 43 of 2000 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2118/1 of 08th April 2019, which were presented on 13.11.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on the Appropriation (2021) Bill —See separate Paper “Supplement to the Orders of the Day”.
