



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 33.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, November 27, 2020 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

20/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) circular number 22/2002 was issued in connection with absorption of Public Health Field Officers to middle level technical service;
 - (ii) however Health authorities and the Public Service Commission authorities of the Sabaragamuwa Province do not adhere to aforesaid circular; and
 - (iii) the direction of the Governor of Sabaragamuwa province in this regard, has been neglected by the Public Service Commission of Sabaragamuwa Province?
- (b) Will she inform this House of the reason as to why the Public Service Commission of Sabaragamuwa Province neglected the direction of the Governor of Sabaragamuwa Province, three times?
- (c) Will she also inform this House —
 - (i) of the total outstanding amount payable for Public Health Field Officers of the Sabaragamuwa Province; and
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to pay aforesaid amounts in future?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

110/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) there are a large number of medicinal plants endemic to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) patents have not been obtained for the chemical substances and genetic elements contained in certain such plants; and
 - (iii) as a result, a tremendous economic loss is ceased to this country?

(2)

- (b) Will she state—
- (i) whether a survey has been conducted regarding medicinal plants endemic to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the number of medicinal plants endemic to Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the number of such plants for which patents are owned by Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) the names of such plants; and
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to obtain patents for medicinal plants which do not have patents?
- (c) Will she state the foreign exchange income that the Government derives annually from the medicines or other products manufactured using plants for which patents are owned?
- (d) Will she also inform the House what courses of action have been adopted to —
- (i) uplift the medicinal or other products manufactured using plants for which patents are owned; and
 - (ii) increase foreign exchange income for the products?
- (e) If not, why?

3.

153/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) there is one teacher vacancy each for the subjects of Catholicism and Eastern Music and in the primary division of Ave Maria College, Colombo 15; and
 - (ii) the small stadium in this school gets flooded with rainwater due to the lack of a proper methodology for rain water drainage, hampering the sports activities of the students?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken by the Ministry to solve these issues?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

225/2020

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 Copper imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the countries from which those Copper was imported; and

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(iii) the companies which imported those Copper?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing Copper into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?

(c) If not, why?

5.

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?

(c) Will he also inform this House, the stand of the incumbent government regarding the above institution?

(d) If not, why?

6.

452/2020

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

(a) Is he aware that the businessmen who are engaged in business activities for a long time in the Kekirawa town of Anuradhapura district and the people residing there, have faced with immense difficulties, as they have not received land deeds?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) if so, the measures hitherto taken with regard to offering deeds for the aforementioned lands;

(ii) of the current progress of the aforesaid measures; and

(iii) of the date on which deeds will be provided for the said lands?

(c) If not, why?

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7.

607/2020

Hon. Gayantha Karunatilaka,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Will she inform this House—

- (i) of the number of persons who receive the Senior Citizens' allowance;
- (ii) of the number of persons who had applied for the allowance and in the waiting list;
- (iii) whether measures have been taken to increase the Senior Citizens' allowance from Rs. 2000/- to Rs. 2500/- according to the National Policy framework "Vistas of Prosperity";
- (iv) if so, the date on which the increased allowance will be provided;
- (v) whether a programme is in place to provide loans at concessionary rates for Senior Citizens who engage in foreign pilgrimage; and
- (vi) if so, the institutions that co-ordinate the process?

(b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation (2021) Bill — (Ninth Allotted Day) — Committee.
(Progress 26th 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.)

*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”.
