



[ Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 237.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 9.30 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1945/11

1.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Bus Stand which was constructed in Katupotha town in Kuliypitiya Pradeshiya Sabha of Kurunegala District was opened about fourteen years ago; and
- (ii) the aforesaid buildings including 12 stalls are decaying as they have not been used since the opening?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the reasons for abandoning the aforesaid Bus Stand and the stalls without making any use; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to reconstruct the aforesaid buildings and to hand them over to public ownership?

(c) If not, why?

2280/12

2.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the year in which training centres were established to bring about the professional development of government school teachers;
- (ii) of the number of above mentioned training centres established throughout the country;
- (iii) the number of managers appointed to these training centres from the year of commencement;
- (iv) whether the aforesaid managers have been absorbed into the Educators' Service; and
- (v) if not, the reasons for it ?

(2)

- (b) Will he state separately on an annual basis—
- (i) the amounts of allocations made for providing professional training to teachers through the aforesaid training centres from the year of commencement up to now; and
  - (ii) the number of teachers who have been provided with professional training by the aforesaid training centres from the year of commencement up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

2316/'12

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of workers in the Postal Department ;
  - (ii) the number of required members of staff to provide good postal services; and
  - (iii) required number of staff of the Postal Department per district, separately ?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) whether the postal service can be automated in order to be made the mail sorting quicker ; and
  - (ii) the loss to the government owing to the fact that the revenue was less than the actual cost of the Postal Department for the last 2 years separately?
- (c) If not, why?

2341/'12

4.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the 'Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future' manifesto that an islandwide programme to prevent the tendency of the youth to take liquor, drugs and other intoxicant substances would be implemented?
- (b) If the aforesaid programme has already been implemented, will he inform this House of its progress ?
- (c) If not, why?

2959/12

5.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the practice question papers which had been given to the students of Anuradhapura Education Zone who sat the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination in the year 2012 had contained a large number of errors ?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the reasons as to why the authorities had not taken steps to correct the errors in the aforesaid question papers before they were given to the students;
  - (ii) the names of the parties who are responsible for the damage which was caused to the students who were about to sit the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination by giving practice question papers which contained errors; and
  - (iii) whether action will be taken to attach officers who perform duties in a responsible manner to the relevant positions so that problems of the aforesaid nature would not arise again ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3032/12

6.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware of a racket of exporting to India the timber of the tree called 'Wallapatta' (Gyrinops Walla) belonging to the group of endangered plants, which is a plant with herbal medicinal efficacy that is endemic to Sri Lanka and used as a substitute for the medicinal herb called agava?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of kilogrammes of 'Wallapatta' timber in piece form that was taken into custody from the Wemmiyagoda area (adjoining the Sinharaja Rain Forest) in Kalawana ready to be exported;
  - (ii) the amount that had been paid by the racketeers per kilogramme;
  - (iii) the price at which a kilogramme of 'Wallapatta' timber has been sold in the world market;
  - (iv) the names of the racketeers behind the 'Wallapatta' exportation;
  - (v) whether the racketeers above have been taken into custody by now; and
  - (vi) the punishment that will be imposed on them ?
- (c) Will he also state the steps that have been taken to conserve the medicinal plant called 'Wallapatta' ?
- (d) If not, why?

3093/'12

7.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the children of about 70 families that have been resettled after being displaced due to the war, in Tennamarawedi Tamil village of Kuchchaweli Pradeshiya Sabha area, Trincomalee District, do not have a school to receive education ?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether he admits that it is the responsibility of the Ministry of Education to provide basic facilities to the children of the aforesaid village to receive education ; and
  - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to start a primary school, enabling the children of Tennamarawadi village to receive their education ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3094/'12

8.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
  - (i) the Colombo Crime Investigation Unit of the Department of Police has been asked to conduct a formal investigation to ascertain whether the Auditor known as Jayawardana has committed an act of fraud by not attempting to prevent a fraud that took place in the National Water Supply and Drainage Board during 1996-2006 ;
  - (ii) the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption has been asked to conduct an investigation to ascertain whether the aforesaid Auditor has obtained bribes ;
  - (iii) No-pay leave has been approved for that officer to migrate for employment ; and
  - (iv) he admits that it is illegal to approve leave to him without carrying out the recommendations of the preliminary inquiry conducted by a formal committee?
- (b) If not, why ?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2013)— (Sixteenth Allotted Day)—Committee (Progress 28<sup>th</sup> November).

\*2.

The Minister Plantation Industries,— Regulations under the Tea Small Holdings Development Law,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Plantation Industries under Section 22, read with Section 15 of the Tea Small Holdings Development Law, No. 35 of 1975 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1783/26 of November 8th, 2012, which were presented on 22.11.2012, be approved.

\*3.

The Minister Plantation Industries,— Regulations under the Rubber Replanting Subsidy Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Plantation Industries under Section 8 of the Rubber Replanting Subsidy Act (Chapter 437) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1776/36 of September 20th, 2012, which were presented on 23.11.2012, be approved.

\*4.

Divineguma Bill—Adjourned debate on question (06<sup>th</sup> November, 2012) [1].

\*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution,— That this Parliament determines that the salary of Mr. H.A.S. Samaraweera, the incumbent Auditor - General appointed with effect from 15.08.2011 shall be as follows in terms of Article 153(2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

That this Parliament further determines that Mr. H.A.S. Samaraweera, Auditor - General shall be placed on the salary point of Rs.48,940/- which is the 2nd step in the salary scale of SL-4-2006, with effect from 15.08.2011 when he was appointed to the said post and that he be paid the other allowances relevant to the post and such annual salary increments as specified in the salary scale.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Bill— Second Reading.

\*7.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.1),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the State of Kuwait for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 05th November 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or of corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Lands and Land Development under Section 67 of the Registration of Title Act, No. 21 of 1998 read with Section 60 and 62 of that Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1616/23 of August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 25 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), related to Serving of Standard Liquor in Hotels approved by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1689/20 of January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 935.)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,—Adjourned Debate on Question (08th September, 2011) Motion made and question proposed,— “ Order made by the Minister of Justice under subsection (2) of Section 7 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No.42 of 2007, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1708/5 of May 30th, 2011, which was presented on 23.08.2011, be approved.”

\*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife under subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1735/21 of December 06<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

13.

Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

14.

State Employees' Development Finance Corporation (Incorporation) Bill—  
Consideration.

15.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

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16.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa  
Hon. Palany Thigambaram  
Hon. Douglas Devananda  
Hon. Mohan Lal Grero  
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan  
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake  
Hon. Reginold Cooray  
Hon. Nandimithra Ekanayake  
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake  
Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena  
Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera  
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam  
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna  
Hon. Sanath Jayasuriya  
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera  
Hon. Jagath Balasuriya  
Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer  
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma  
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage  
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi  
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera  
Hon. (Mrs) Sriyani Wijewickrama  
Hon. (Mrs) Malani Fonseka  
Hon. Dayasritha Thissera  
Hon. Vinayagamoorthi Muralidaran  
Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah  
Hon. A. L. M. Athaulla

Hon. M. K. A. D. S. Gunawardana  
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane  
Hon. Nirmala Kotalawala  
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda  
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura  
Hon. H.R. Mithrapala  
Hon. Lalith Dissanayake  
Hon. Wijaya Dahanayake  
Hon. Sarana Gunawardena  
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne  
Hon. Achala Jagodage  
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake  
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana  
Hon. (Miss) Kamala Ranathunga  
Hon. Jayarathne Herath  
Hon. Rohana Dissanayake  
Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena  
Hon. A. P. Jagath Pushpakumara  
Hon. Arundika Fernando  
Hon. Shantha Bandara  
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana  
Hon. Victor Antony  
Hon. Sarath Kumara Gunaratne  
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena  
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara  
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon  
Hon. Milroy Fernando  
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte  
Hon. Hunais Farook  
Hon. (Mrs) Upeksha Swarnamali  
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena  
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne  
Hon. Hemal Gunasekera  
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage  
Hon. Kumara Welgama  
Hon. Janaka Bandara

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka  
Hon. A. R. M. Abdul Cader  
Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga  
Hon. Felix Perera  
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka  
Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara  
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara  
Hon. Sanee Rohana Kodithuvakku  
Hon. Neranjan Wickremasinghe  
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake  
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake  
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena  
Hon. Gamini Wijith Wijithamuni De Zoysa  
Hon. P. Dayaratna  
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala  
Hon. Gamini Lokuge  
Hon. Earl Gunasekara  
Hon. C. A. Suriyaarachchi  
Hon. Udith Lokubandara  
Hon. V. K. Indika  
Hon. T. B. Ekanayake  
Hon. P. Piyasena  
Hon. Gunaratne Weerakoon  
Hon. A. M. Chamika Buddhadasa  
Hon. Siripala Gamalath  
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake  
Hon. Tissa Karalliyadda  
Hon. Praba Ganesan  
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame  
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle  
Hon. Jeewan Kumaranatunga  
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya  
Hon. S. B. Nawinne  
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekara  
Hon. Sajin De Vass Gunawardena  
Hon. J. R. P. Suriyapperuma  
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella  
Hon. Dilum Amunugama  
Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana  
Hon. W. B. Ekanayake  
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe  
Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe  
Hon. S.C. Mutukumarana  
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage  
Hon. (Ven.) Ellawala Medhananda Thero  
Hon. Perumal Rajathurai  
Hon. Silvastrie Alantin  
Hon. (Mrs.) Nirupama Rajapaksa  
Hon. Y. G. Padmasiri  
Hon. Navin Dissanayake  
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera  
Hon. Basheer Segu Dawood

Hon. H. M. M. Harees,—Resolution as per Article 107(2) of the Constitution for a motion of Parliament to be presented to His Excellency the President for the removal of the Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Upatissa Atapattu Bandaranayake Wasala Mudiyanse Ralahamilage Shirani Anshumala Bandaranayake from the office of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,—

1. Whereas by purchasing, in the names of two individuals, i.e. Renuka Niranjali Bandaranayake and Kapila Ranjan Karunaratne using special power of attorney licence bearing No. 823 of Public Notary K.B. Aroshi Perera that was given by Renuka Niranjali Bandaranayake and Kapila Ranjan Karunaratne residing at No. 127, Ejina Street, Mount Hawthorn, Western Australia, 6016, Australia, the house bearing No. 2C/F2/P4 and assessment No. 153/1-2/4 from the housing scheme located at No. 153, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 08 belonging to the company that was known as Ceylinco Housing and Property Company and City Housing and Real Estate Company Limited and Ceylinco Condominium Limited and is currently known as Trillium Residencies which is referred in the list of property in the case of fundamental rights application No. 262/2009, having removed another bench of the Supreme Court which was hearing the fundamental rights application cases bearing Nos. 262/2009, 191/2009 and 317/2009 filed respectively in the Supreme Court against Ceylinco Sri Ram Capital Management, Golden Key Credit Card Company and Finance and Guarantee Company Limited belonging to the Ceylinco Group of Companies and taking up further hearing of the aforesaid cases under her court and serving as the presiding judge of the benches hearing the said cases;

2. Whereas, in making the payment for the purchase of the above property, by paying a sum of Rs 19,362,500 in cash, the manner in which such sum of money was earned had not been disclosed, to the companies of City Housing and Real Estate Company Limited and Trillium Residencies prior to the purchase of the said property;
3. Whereas, by not declaring in the annual declaration of assets and liabilities that should be submitted by a judicial officer, the details of approximately Rs. 34 million in foreign currency deposited at the branch of NDB Bank located at Dharmapala Mawatha, Colombo 07 in accounts 106450013024, 101000046737, 100002001360 and 100001014772 during the period from 18 April 2011 to 27 March 2012;
4. Whereas, by not declaring in the annual declaration of assets and liabilities that should be submitted by a judicial officer the details of more than twenty bank accounts maintained in various banks including nine accounts bearing numbers 106450013024, 101000046737, 100002001360, 100001014772, 100002001967, 100101001275, 100110000338, 100121001797 and 100124000238 in the aforesaid branch of NDB Bank;
5. Whereas, Mr. Pradeep Gamini Suraj Kariyawasam, the lawful husband of the said Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Upatissa Atapattu Bandaranayake Wasala Mudiyanse Ralahamilage Shirani Anshumala Bandaranayake is a suspect in relation to legal action initiated at the Magistrate's Court of Colombo in connection with the offences regarding acts of bribery and/or corruption under the Commission to Investigate into Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No 19 of 1994;

Whereas, the post of Chairperson of the Judicial Service Commission which is vested with powers to transfer, disciplinary control and removal of the Magistrate of the said court which is due to hear the aforesaid bribery or corruption case is held by the said Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Upatissa Atapattu Bandaranayake Wasala Mudiyanse Ralahamilage Shirani Anshumala Bandaranayake as per Article 111D (2) of the Constitution;

Whereas, the powers to examine the judicial records, registers and other documents maintained by the aforesaid court are vested with the said Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Upatissa Atapattu Bandaranayake Wasala Mudiyanse Ralahamilage Shirani Anshumala Bandaranayake under Article 111H (3) by virtue of being the Chairperson of the Judicial Service Commission;

Whereas, the Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Upatissa Atapattu Bandaranayake Wasala Mudiyanse Ralahamilage Shirani Anshumala Bandaranayake becomes unsuitable to continue in the office of the Chief Justice due to the legal action relevant to the allegations of bribery and corruption levelled against Mr. Pradeep Gamini Suraj Kariyawasam, the lawful husband of the said Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Upatissa Atapattu Bandaranayake Wasala Mudiyanse Ralahamilage Shirani Anshumala Bandaranayake in the aforesaid manner, and as a result of her continuance in the office of the Chief Justice, administration of justice is hindered and the fundamentals of administration of justice are thereby violated and whereas not only administration of justice but visible administration of justice should take place;

6. Whereas, despite the provisions made by Article 111H of the Constitution that the Secretary of the Judicial Service Commission shall be appointed from among the senior judicial officers of the courts of first instance, the Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Upatissa Atapattu Bandaranayake Wasala Mudiyanse Ralahamilage Shirani Anshumala Bandaranayake acting as the Chairperson of the Judicial Service Commission by virtue of being the Chief Justice, has violated Article 111H of the Constitution by disregarding the seniority of judicial officers in executing her duties as the Chairperson of the Judicial Service Commission through the appointment of Mr. Manjula Thilakaratne who is not a senior judicial officer of the courts of first instance, while there were such eligible officers;
7. Whereas, with respect to the Supreme Court special ruling Nos. 2/2012 and 3/2012 the said Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Upatissa Atapattu Bandaranayake Wasala Mudiyanse Ralahamilage Shirani Anshumala Bandaranayake has disregarded and /or violated Article 121 (1) of the Constitution by making a special ruling of the Supreme Court to the effect that the provisions set out in the Constitution are met by the handing over of a copy of the petition filed at the court to the Secretary General of Parliament despite the fact that it has been mentioned that a copy of a petition filed under Article 121 (1) of the Constitution shall at the same time be delivered to the Speaker of Parliament;
8. Whereas, Article 121(1) of the Constitution has been violated by the said Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Upatissa Atapattu Bandaranayake Wasala Mudiyanse Ralahamilage Shirani Anshumala Bandaranayake despite the fact that it had been decided that the mandatory procedure set out in the said Article of the Constitution must be followed in accordance of the interpretation given by the Supreme Court in the special decisions of the Supreme Court bearing Nos. 5/91, 6/91, 7/91 and 13/91;

9. Whereas, irrespective of the absolute ruling stated by the Supreme Court in the fundamental rights violation case, President's Counsel Edward Francis William Silva and three others versus Shirani Bandaranayake (1992 New Law Reports of Sri Lanka 92) challenging the appointment of the Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Upatissa Atapattu Bandaranayake Wasala Mudiyanse Ralahamilage Shirani Anshumala Bandaranayake, when she was appointed as a Supreme Court judge, she has acted in contradiction to the said ruling subsequent to being appointed to the office of the Supreme Court judge;
10. Whereas, the Supreme Court special rulings petition No. 02/2012 filed by the institution called Centre for Policy Alternatives to which the Media Publication Section 'Groundview' that had published an article of the Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Upatissa Atapattu Bandaranayake Wasala Mudiyanse Ralahamilage Shirani Anshumala Bandaranayake, while she was a lecturer of the Law Faculty of the University of Colombo prior to becoming a Supreme Court judge, has been heard and a ruling given;
11. Whereas, in the case, President's Counsel Edward Francis William Silva and three others versus Shirani Bandaranayake (1992 New Law Reports of Sri Lanka 92) that challenged the suitability of the appointment of the Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Upatissa Atapattu Bandaranayake Wasala Mudiyanse Ralahamilage Shirani Anshumala Bandaranayake who holds the office of the Chief Justice and thereby holds the office of the ex-officio Chairperson of the Judicial Service Commission in terms of the Constitution, Attorney-at-Law L.C.M. Swarnadhipathi, the brother of the Magistrate Kuruppuge Beeta Anne Warnasuriya Swarnadhipathi filed a petition against the appointment of the said Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Upatissa Atapattu Bandaranayake Wasala Mudiyanse Ralahamilage Shirani Anshumala Bandaranayake owing to which the Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Upatissa Atapattu Bandaranayake Wasala Mudiyanse Ralahamilage Shirani Anshumala Bandaranayake has harassed the said Magistrate Kuruppuge Beeta Anne Warnasuriya Swarnadhipathi;

12. Whereas, the Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Upatissa Atapattu Bandaranayake Wasala Mudiyanse Ralahamilage Shirani Anshumala Bandaranayake who holds the office of the Chief Justice and thereby holds the office of the ex-officio Chairperson of the Judicial Service Commission in terms of Article 111D (2) of the Constitution has, by acting ultra vires the powers vested in her by the Article 111H of the Constitution ordered the Magistrate (Mrs.) Rangani Gamage's right to obtain legal protection for lodging a complaint in police against the harassment meted out to her by Mr. Manjula Thilakaratne, the Secretary of the Judicial Service Commission;
13. Whereas, the said Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Upatissa Atapattu Bandaranayake Wasala Mudiyanse Ralahamilage Shirani Anshumala Bandaranayake being the Chief Justice and thereby being the Chairperson of the Judicial Service Commission, in terms of Article 111D (2) of the Constitution, has abused her powers by ordering the Magistrate (Mrs.) Rangani Gamage to obtain permission of the Judicial Service Commission prior to seeking police protection thereby preventing her from exercising her legal right to obtain legal protection;
14. Whereas, the Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Upatissa Atapattu Bandaranayake Wasala Mudiyanse Ralahamilage Shirani Anshumala Bandaranayake by performing her duties as the Chairperson of the Judicial Service Commission has referred a letter through the Secretary of the Judicial Service Commission to the Magistrate (Mrs.) Rangani Gamage, calling for explanation from her as to why a disciplinary inquiry should not be conducted against her for seeking protection from the Inspector General of Police by exercising her legal right;

By acting in the aforesaid manner,—

- (i) whereas it amounts to improper conduct or conduct unbecoming of a person holding the office of the Chief Justice;
- (ii) whereas she had been involved in matters that could amount to causes of action or controversial matters,
- (iii) whereas she had influenced the process of delivery of justice,
- (iv) whereas there can be reasons for litigants to raise accusations of partiality/ impartiality,

she has plunged the entire Supreme Court and specially the office of the Chief Justice into disrepute.

Therefore we, the aforementioned Members of Parliament resolve that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed in terms of Article 107 (3) of the Constitution read with the provisions of Article 107 (2) and Standing Order 78 A of Parliament enabling the submission of a resolution to His Excellency the President for the removal of the Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Upatissa Atapattu Bandaranayake Wasala Mudiyanse Ralahamilage Shirani Anshumala Bandaranayake from the office of the Chief Justice of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in the event the Select Committee reports to Parliament that one or more of the charges that have been levelled have been proved after the aforesaid charges of misconduct have been investigated.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on the Appropriation Bill (2013)— See separate Paper “ Supplement to the Orders of the Day ”.

[1].

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

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