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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Land (Restrictions on Alienation) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,—Notification under the Excise Ordinance,—That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, under Section 32 read with Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), regarding impose of excise duty on foreign liquor and impose of rules with regard to import of foreign liquor, and published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1981/87 of 26th August 2016, which was presented on 25.10.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification Number 989)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,—Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),—That the order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1980/41 of 19th August 2016, which was presented on 26.10.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,—Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1980/42 of 19th August 2016, which was presented on 26.10.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,—Regulations under the Judicature Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice with the concurrence of the Chief Justice, under Section 61 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 read with Section 60 of that Act and published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1967/7 of 16th May 2016, which were presented on 26.10.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1981/32 of 23rd August 2016, which was presented on 25.10.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Friday, November 11, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

704/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total amount of money spent for the propaganda advertisements on debt crisis in print and electronic media by the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs from April 2016;
 - (ii) separately, the names of the newspapers in which the aforesaid advertisements were published along with the amount of money spent for that;
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money paid to the TV and Radio channels to broadcast those advertisements;
 - (iv) as to how the funds were raised for those advertisements;
 - (v) if the funds for those advertisements were obtained from Public Funds the Expenditure Heads from which those funds were obtained; and
 - (vi) if the funds for those advertisements were obtained through semi government and private sector sponsorship, the names of those institutions and the amount of money obtained from each institution, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

716/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara, — To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the extent of lands that is required for distributing 7 perches each among two hundred fifty thousand families in the estates;
 - (ii) separately on per estate basis the extent of lands that is required for the number of families that need lands in each estate and the total extent of lands available in each estate; and

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- (iii) whether the worker families might refuse to accept those lands if the lands were distributed among them subject to a law that the ownership of those lands should be transferred only among members of their families?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he would admit that, if the fact that tea has been cultivated in most of the lands that are suitable for constructing houses is taken into consideration as per the answer given to the question asked by me on 06.05.2016 related to the same issue, it would be impossible to provide lands to the people in estate areas as long as tea cultivation exist in those areas;
 - (ii) whether there is possibility of providing these workers, who have been living in estates for over hundred years, an extent of land of 7 perches from the lands in front of and behind the houses they are already residing at; and
 - (iii) whether there is possibility of utilizing slope areas for tea cultivation and providing the plain areas for the estate communities?
- (c) If not, why?

723/16

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the Local and the Foreign Indebtedness of Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) of the Total Indebtedness as a percentage to the National Income;
 - (iii) whether aforesaid percentage is lower or higher than the indebtedness that was prevailing in the year 2004; and
 - (iv) of the steps that the government proposes in order to settle aforesaid debts?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House of the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs, recently, to advertise on aforesaid indebtedness through domestic electronic and print media?
 - (c) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the amount of money allocated for state and private television channels, for telecasting aforesaid advertisements;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of money allocated for state and private radio channels; and
 - (iii) of the total amount of money allocated for daily and weekend newspapers?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Saturday, November 12, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

708/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the media institutions to which Sri Lanka Telecom awarded contracts for commercials during the period from May 2010 to January 2015; and
 - (ii) the dates on which each such media institution was given such contracts and the value of each commercial in respect of each media institution, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

728/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the types of Direct Taxes charged by the government of Sri Lanka since 1995 up to now;
 - (ii) the basis of charging each of the taxes separately?
 - (iii) the contribution made by the Direct Taxes to the State Revenue from 1995 to 2015, in relation to each year separately in rupees;
 - (iv) the contribution mentioned in the (iii) above as a percentage of Total Government Revenue and the Gross Domestic Product in relation to each year separately;
 - (v) the reasons for the Direct Tax Income of Sri Lanka remaining at a lower level, when compared to developed countries;
 - (vi) the trends of the Direct Tax Income of Sri Lanka in comparison to countries in the SAARC region in 2015; and
 - (vii) the proposed special measures to be introduced in order to enhance the Direct Tax Income of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

896/16

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the amount of money that were allocated to the Trincomalee District for Divineguma Development Project in years 2013 and 2014;
 - (ii) of the names of the projects implemented utilizing those funds; and
 - (iii) separately of the amount of money that was allocated for each Divisional Secretariat in each of the aforesaid years?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether complaints have been received against not following a proper purchasing procedure for the projects implemented in the aforesaid years;
 - (ii) whether an audit has been done relevant to the aforesaid years regarding those projects; and
 - (iii) if so, whether such audit reports will be presented to this House?
- (c) Will he state —
- (i) whether there has been any impact on the living standards of the people consequent to the allocation of the aforesaid funds;
 - (ii) if so, what those changes are; and
 - (iii) the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries whose living standards have improved accordingly?
- (d) If not, why?

Tuesday, November 15, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

864/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Mr. Chandana Pelpita serves as a working director at the Ceylong Fertilizers Limited;
 - (ii) if so, what his salary, allowances and the monthly rental for the vehicles assigned to him are;
 - (iii) whether the Presidential Commission of Inquiry had sent a letter dated 6th November 2015 to the Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture with regard to Petition No. PCI/52/2015;
 - (iv) what acts of serious financial fraud had been committed by Mr. Chandana Pelpita during his engagement as Deputy General Manager at the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation according to the letter concerned;
 - (v) what recommendations were made by the Presidential Commission of Inquiry with regard to the acts of fraud concerned;
 - (vi) the date on which such recommendations were implemented; and
 - (vii) the reasons why if the recommendations by the Presidential Commission of Inquiry have not been implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

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897/16

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date of establishment of Thoppur sub-divisional secretariat in the Trincomalee District;
 - (ii) of the details of the permanent staff and the acting staff working at the aforesaid secretariat; and
 - (iii) of the nature of the services the aforesaid secretariat offers to the public?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons as to why the LGN development projects announced by the Ministry of Home affairs are not implemented by Thoppur sub-divisional secretariat; and
 - (ii) whether the former District Secretary stopped that project in a planned manner?
- (c) Will he state whether action will be taken to increase the cadre of Thoppur sub-divisional secretariat in order to provide more services through that office in the interest of the public?
- (d) If not, why?

914/16

Hon. T.Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a survey is being conducted at present by the Department of Agrarian Development with the participation of Agricultural Research Production Assistants;
 - (ii) whether the relevant survey is being conducted throughout the island; and
 - (iii) if so, the objective of the said research?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of officers participating in the survey;
 - (ii) the period of time to be taken for the said survey;
 - (iii) whether the Ministry of Agriculture has allocated money for this survey; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount so allocated?
 - (c) if not, why?
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Wednesday, November 16, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

713/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the reasons led for the objections raised by the present Chairmen of Labour Tribunals, with regard to their functions in terms of the Section 46 of the Industrial Disputes Act (amended) and the regulations under the same, in connection to the appearance of a representative on behalf of applicant or respondent in Labour Tribunals ;
 - (ii) whether he accepts the fact that the anti labour policy of the government has been proven by the abrupt discontinuation of 60 years of long standing practice and opportunity of providing employees with the access to convenient and low cost legal work;
 - (iii) whether this situation has arisen due to a request made by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) whether he is aware of the fact that it will be difficult for the applicants to be represented by the Lawyers, unless the Labour Tribunal affairs are restored in a reasonable and lawful manner to the previous system that it was used to be;
 - (v) whether he is aware of the fact that the applicants do not trust the legal aid service of the Legal Aid Commission of providing lawyers;
 - (vi) if not, whether the word “Social” which was initially found in Market Economy Policy, has been removed, by now?
- (b) If not, why?

898/16

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksha, — To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs , —(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total yield of paddy, received in Yala and Maha seasons in the year 2015 and in Yala season in the year 2016 ;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of paddy, the quantity purchased by Paddy Marketing Board as per each district and the paddy stores; and
 - (iii) of the price of a kilogram of paddy, purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the quantity of balance stocks of paddy in the paddy stores, as at 31.07.2016;
 - (ii) separately, of the quantity of paddy stocks, sold from aforesaid warehouses; and

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(iii) of the names of the individuals or companies to whom aforesaid paddy stocks were sold and the prices at which they were sold?

(c) Will he state —

(i) the quantity of paddy stocks, issued to Sathosa and other state institutions;

(ii) the reasons for the sale of paddy to individuals and companies ; and

(iii) separately, the quantity of paddy stocks , issued for animal feed and liquor production and the prices they were sold at?

(c) If not, why?

911/16

Hon. Prasanna Ranathunga , — To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

(a) Is he aware—

(i) that the University of Kelaniya commenced a four year special degree programme by the name of Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Sciences with effect from the year 2007 ;

(ii) that this degree course is named as two separate Bachelor of Science special courses as Speech and Auditory Therapy and Hearing Science after the first year of study; and

(iii) that the graduates who have followed Speech and Auditory Therapy are recruited to the ministry of Health as language therapists?

(b) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made by the Ministry of Health to recruit the graduates who have completed the Degree in Hearing Sciences?

(c) If not, why?

913/16

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House separately on the basis of each District and each year during the past five years—

(i) the number of students that sat for the Grade five scholarship examination;

(ii) the number of students that passed the Grade five scholarship examination;

(iii) the number of students that passed the Grade five scholarship examination as a percentage of the number that sat for the examination;

(iv) the number of students that receive student bursary out of the students that passed the examination; and

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- (v) the number of students that were admitted to popular schools out of the students that passed the examination?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that issues and shortcomings were reported from some examination centers during the Grade 5 scholarship examination which was held in August 2016;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of examination centers from which incidents of such nature were reported;
 - (iii) of the persons responsible for the aforementioned incidents;
 - (iv) whether a formal investigation will be carried out regarding aforementioned persons responsible;
 - (v) whether he admits that students who had to face such issues have been subjected to injustice; and
 - (vi) if so, whether action will be taken to serve justice to those students?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, November 17, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

899/16

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksha,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, —(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of farmers, applied for fertilizer subsidy payments through Agrarian Services Center areas of Weerawila and Yodakandiya of Hambantota district;
 - (ii) out of aforesaid farmers, of the number of farmers who were provided with fertilizer subsidy payments;
 - (iii) of the number of farmers to whom the fertilizer subsidy payments are to be made; and
 - (iv) of the date on which the fertilizer subsidy payments are to be provided to the farmers who didn't receive the same?
- (b) If not, why?

900/16

Hon. Sunil Handunneththi,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development, —(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the warehouses of the Tripoli Market Complex in front of the Elphinstone Theatre in Colombo have been kept closed for a long time after been renovated; and

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(ii) as to why those buildings are kept closed without utilizing them for any purpose?

(b) If not, why?

915/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayatissa,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) that promotions have been granted to teachers as per the provisions of Public Administration Circular No.6/2006;

(ii) whether he admits that the salary arrears due to the teachers of most of the schools in the education zones of Kaluthara, Horana and Mathugama with effect from 01.01.2011, have not been paid up to now; and

(iii) if so, of the reasons for not paying the salary arrears to those teachers?

(b) If not, why?

906/16

Hon. Sunil Handunetti,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) Whether application have been called through the Gazette dated 22.07.2016 to recruit officers to Grade III of Sri Lanka Inland Revenue Service;

(ii) the qualifications requested for and the age limit applicable on the closing date of applications; and

(iii) whether action will be taken to increase the maximum age limit of it up to 30 years in order that the unemployed graduates too can apply for it due to the fact it is not reasonable to impose an age limit between 22 and 28 years for graduate applicants?

(b) If not, why?

916/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayatissa,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the number of vacancies that existed for 2015 in the schools belonging to Kalutara, Beruwala and Panadura Divisional Secretariat Divisions for the subject Catholicism/ Christianity;

(ii) whether applications were called for enrollment to National Colleges of Education in 2015 based on those vacancies;

(iii) of the number of candidates called for those interviews, separately as per Divisional Secretariat Divisions;

(iv) of the names of the applicants selected through the interview accordingly;

(11)

- (v) whether Miss.B.D.S. Sayani Vidarshana residing at Munghena, Maggona, Beruwala was called for the interview held on 14.11.2015 at National College of Education, Bingiriya; and
 - (vi) if so, of the reasons for not selecting her?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, November 18, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

904/16

Hon. Sunil Handunneththi , — To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that although residential treatment facilities are provided in the Colombo Army hospital for the dependents of the Army soldiers who are in operational service, and the same facility in the Colombo Police Hospital is not extended to the dependents of Police Officers;
- (b) Will he admit the fact that owing to the two different ways of treatment regarding the dependents of the Army Officers and the Police Officers who have expired in the same operational service, the dependents of the Police Officers are severely discriminated;
- (c) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made to provide the aforesaid residential treatment facility to the dependents of the Police Officers, as well, from the new Police Hospital, Narahenpita which is to be declared open; and
- (d) If not, why?

923/16

Hon. Dr. Nalinda Jayatissa,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategy and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an agreement has been signed between Supreme Sat Private Company and Board of Investment of Sri Lanka in regard to satellite technology ;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid agreement was signed;
 - (iii) the names and the addresses of the members of the Director Board of that private company ;
 - (iv) the amount of investment made by the aforesaid company;
 - (v) their professional experience in regard to satellite technology;
 - (vi) whether the aforesaid agreement will be tabled in this House?
- (b) If not, why?

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1004/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) Whether a large quantity of gold belonging to Tamil people who are living in Refugee Camps after the war, was deposited anywhere in a trust;
 - (ii) whether these deposits were enumerated;
 - (iii) whether there are complaints that their gold has not been returned to them so far;
 - (iv) of the available details regarding (i) above; and
 - (v) of the steps taken by the government to settle these claims?
- (b) If not, why?

Saturday, November 19, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

912/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara, — To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he admits that an extent of 405 hectares of lands of Heys Estate in Boraluwage Aina Grama Niladhari Division in Kolonna in the Ratnapura District which were transferred to the State Plantations Corporation by the Land Reforms Commission have been revoked and reclaimed by the Land Reforms Commission;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the lease income received by the Land Reforms Commission from the 11 Nos. communication towers located on the Gongala Kanda has been obtained by the Maturata Plantations Company Limited since 1996;
 - (iii) as to how approval has been granted to the Communication Companies by the Maturata Plantations Company Limited to construct the 11 Nos. communication towers when sub leasing is strictly prohibited as per the Land Reforms Act, No.01 of 1972; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to ensure that the said income is received by the Land Reforms Commission upon taking legal steps against the relevant plantation company for this fraudulent act?
- (b) If not, why?

917/16

Hon. (Dr) Nalinda Jayatissa,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the names of the journalists who were assassinated, disappeared, assaulted and the dates they were taken into custody during the period from January 2006 to January 2015;
 - (ii) the names of the media institutions that were attacked during the aforesaid period and the dates on which such attacks took place; and
 - (iii) the progress of the investigations that are being conducted with regard to the aforesaid incidents separately?
- (b) If not, why?

Tuesday, November 22, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

535/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land in which soya beans has been grown in Sri Lanka by the year 2015;
 - (ii) the soya beans production in each year during the period from the year 2010 up to 2015 separately in kilograms;
 - (iii) whether the government directly purchases soya beans from farmers; and
 - (iv) if so, the quantity of soya beans purchased in each year during the last five years separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to enhance soya beans production; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps;
- (c) If not, why?

771/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts; and

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(ii) of the number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts registered anew;

in the District of Trincomalee?

(b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts registered anew and by —

(i) state owned companies;

(ii) semi government institutions;

(iii) the private sector;

(iv) the industrial sector;

(v) the agricultural sector; and

(vi) the service sector?

(c) If not, why?
