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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill,— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Electronic Transactions (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Order under the Extradition Law (No. 1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 3 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and People's Republic of China published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2024/25 of 20th June 2017, which was presented on 22.08.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Order under the Extradition Law (No. 2),— That the Order made by the President under Section 3 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Socialist Republic of Vietnam published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2028/16 of 19th July 2017, which was presented on 23.08.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2022/30 of 09th June 2017, which was presented on 22.08.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2024/1 of 19th June 2017, which was presented on 22.08.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2027/7 of 11th July 2017, which was presented on 22.08.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Paragraph (u) of Subsection (2) of Section 142 read with the Sections 59 and 63 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2023/30 of 14th June 2017, which was presented on 22.08.2017, be approved.

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The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd (2014),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd. together with the observations of the KPMG institute of Chartered Accountants prepared for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 22.03.2017 in terms of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007 and regulation of Insurance Industry Act, No. 43 of 2000, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

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The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of National Savings Bank (2014),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of National Savings Bank together with the observations of the Auditor General prepared for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 05.05.2016 under Section 35(3) of the Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

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The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of People's Bank (2014),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of People's Bank together with the observations of the Auditor General prepared for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 22.09.2016 under Section 35(3) of the Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

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The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon (2014),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon together with the observations of the Auditor General prepared for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 05.05.2016 under Section 35(3) of the Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

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The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Chilaw Plantations Ltd. (2014),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Chilaw Plantations Ltd. together with the observations of the Auditor General prepared for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 15.11.2016 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

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The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Regional Development Bank (2014),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements Regional Development Bank together with the observations of the Auditor General prepared for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 28.10.2016 2016 under Section 35(3) of the Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

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Monday, November 13, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

134/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he table —
 - (i) the value of contraband cigarettes illegally imported to Sri Lanka during the period from 01.01.2014 to 30.06.2015;
 - (ii) names, addresses, telephone numbers and the country if the arrested and convicted person is a foreigner;
 - (iii) the punishments given to persons mentioned in (ii) above separately ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the contraband cigarettes are destroyed after following the legal procedures;
 - (ii) if so, the method of destroying them;
 - (iii) if not, whether those cigarettes are issued to the market subject to government taxes ?
- (c) If not, why?

931/16

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(6)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Ceylon Electricity Board should follow the procurement procedure according to the Electricity Act when purchasing electricity from the private sector;
 - (ii) whether the procurement procedure has been followed for the purchases of electricity up to date; and
 - (iii) if so, on which occasions?
- (b) If not, why?

991/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether persons who are not Members of Parliament have been appointed as Chairmen or Co-chairmen of Divisional Development Committees;
 - (ii) if so, their names and the Divisional Development Committees in which they hold the chairmanship, separately;
 - (iii) the powers vested on the aforesaid Chairmen;
 - (iv) the basis on which the aforesaid persons are appointed to the said posts;

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- (v) the highest educational or professional qualifications of the aforesaid persons, separately; and
- (vi) the salaries, allowances and other facilities provided to the aforesaid Chairmen or Co-chairmen?

(b) If not, why?

1113/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of fuelling station licenses issued;
- (ii) of the names and addresses of the persons who obtained the aforesaid licenses;
- (iii) of the annual income received by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from the issue of the aforesaid licenses;
- (iv) of the criterion considered with pertinence to the issue of the licenses for the fuelling stations; and
- (v) of the steps taken with relevance to the frauds and corruption which have occurred regarding the issue of these licenses, if any?

from the year 2010 to 2016 in the Badulla district?

(b) If not, why?

1191/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of houses in the Puttlam District that have been provided with electricity supply by the Ceylon Electricity Board by year 1983;
- (ii) of the total number of houses which have been provided with electricity supply by now;
- (iii) of the amounts allocated annually from year 1984 to 2009 for the supply of electricity on per year basis;
- (iv) of the number of houses that have been provided with electricity supply up to year 2015 after the end of war situation in year 2009 on per year basis; and
- (v) of the amount of money allocated for the supply of electricity during the period mentioned in (iv) above on per year basis?

(b) If not, why?

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1298/16

Hon. Dullus Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of non academic employees, employed in national and provincial schools of Matara district;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of employees in terms of each post;
 - (iii) of the number of vacancies available in the approved non academic cadre, in the national and provincial schools of Matara district;
 - (iv) separately, of aforesaid number of vacancies in terms of national and provincial schools;
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to recruitment persons for the vacancies, mentioned in aforesaid (iv); and
 - (vi) if so, of the respective recruitment procedure?
- (b) If not, why?

1381/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that Rs.100 million was allocated as per proposal No.149 of the 2016 budget to set up agricultural, livestock and fish processing zones in the districts of Anuradhapura, Vavuniya and Kilinochchi;
 - (ii) of the persons who prepared the feasibility reports for these three projects;
 - (iii) of the total estimated cost for these three projects accordingly;
 - (iv) of the total financial allocations made by the General Treasury for the said projects by the end of 2016; and
 - (v) of the total financial allocation that can be made available for the said projects for 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

1466/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he accepts that with the decentralized funds of the Members of Parliament, roofing sheets were distributed free, among the low income earning families who are residing in the Divisional Secretariat divisions;
 - (ii) whether distribution of roofing sheets by the Members of Parliament with the decentralized funds, has been banned;

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- (iii) If so, of the reasons led for aforesaid situation; and
 - (iv) whether aforesaid ban will be lifted and measures will be taken to distribute roofing sheets through members of Parliament, as it used to be?
- (b) If not, why?

1478/16

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of schools that come under the Central Government and the Provincial Council in the North Western Province;
 - (ii) out of the aforementioned schools the number of schools with permanent principals and the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools with acting principals along with the names of those schools;
 - (iv) the number of persons and their names in the North Western Province who passed the competitive examination conducted last year to recruit principals ?
 - (v) whether the persons who passed that examination are now placed correctly in the service stations?
- (b) If not, why?

1584/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date of appointment of Mrs. P. Seethadevi residing at No. 39, Perth New Housing Complex, Wagawatta, Poruwadanda, Horana as incharge of the Garden keeper of the children's Park of Perthwatta, Horana;
 - (ii) of the date on which she resigned;
 - (iii) of the amount of compensation and gratuity that she deserves at the end of the completion of a service period of 26 years;
 - (iv) whether it has been ordered by the Department of Labour on 26.11.2016 that the said amount be paid to her; and
 - (v) if so, as to why the aforesaid compensation and gratuity are not paid ?
- (b) If not, why?

1601/'17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that National Energy Policy of Sri Lanka is outdated;
 - (ii) whether he admits that a National Energy Policy which caters Sri Lanka's current and future expectations and; and
 - (iii) if so, the date when the new National Energy Policy will be presented to the Parliament?
- (b) If not, why?

1603/'17

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that a main underground power supply line which provides electricity to the city of Colombo has been inactive for about 3 years;
 - (ii) the electricity capacity of the aforesaid supply line;
 - (iii) the reason for the delay in taking steps to restore the aforesaid supply line;
 - (iv) the officers who are responsible for the delay in repairing the aforesaid supply line;
 - (v) the disciplinary action that have been taken by the Ministry or Ceylon Electricity Board against each of the aforesaid officers by now, separately; and
 - (vi) whether action will be taken to modernize the national grid in order to ensure a continuous supply of electricity in the city of Colombo ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1633/'17

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the sources of energy of the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority;
 - (ii) separately, the income received annually by the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority from each such source of energy;
 - (iii) the amount of funds in the Sustainable Energy Fund as of now;
 - (iv) the banks/ financial institutions in which such funds are deposited; and
 - (v) whether he is satisfied that the funds are being utilized properly for the objectives expected from the said Fund?
- (b) If not, why?

1711/17

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of civil security zones functioning in the district of Anuradhapura; and
 - (ii) the number of civil security officers attached to each zone separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that musical shows were conducted in selected civil security zones in this district;
 - (ii) if so, the details in this regard; and
 - (iii) whether he is aware that it was obligatory for every civil security service officer to sell 20 tickets for the musical show?
- (c) If not, why?

1792/17

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state this House—
 - (i) of the names and addresses of Registrars of Muslim Marriages who were serving under the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act in the district of Mullaitivu, in the Northern province on or around 31.12.1990;
 - (ii) separately of the Grama Niladari Divisions and the Divisional Secretariat Divisions covered by the aforesaid divisions of Registrars of Marriages; and
 - (iii) whether the numbers of Gazette Notifications through which the aforesaid registrar divisions were declared and their dates will be tabled?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, November 14, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

136/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the audit inquiry report prepared after examining about the elephant calves that are in illegal possession subsequent to being captured from the jungles and registered on forged documents after the year 2009, was presented on 22.07.2014 to then Secretary to the Ministry of Wildlife Resources Conservation;
 - (ii) the action to be taken with regard to the report should have been informed within 14 days; and
 - (iii) Deputy Auditor General A.H.M.L. Ambanwela, who prepared the report was removed from that duty, before completion of 14 days?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names, addresses, telephone numbers and the positions of persons accused of the elephant calf racket according to that report;
 - (ii) the actions taken against those persons;
 - (iii) whether the Auditor General's Department has been informed about the aforesaid actions;
 - (iv) If so, the date; and
 - (v) whether the relevant report will be presented?
- (c) If not, why?

976/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Whether there is a transmission centre known as “Voice of America” at Iranawila area, Chilaw in the North Western Province;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of land given to it;
 - (iii) whether that land has been given on free hold basis or lease basis;
 - (iv) if it is on lease basis, the amount of money paid to the Government of Sri Lanka as lease rent in each year separately; and
 - (v) whether all Laws of Sri Lankan Government are in force within this land?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) what agreements had been entered into between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Government of the United States of America or Voice of America with regard to the establishment of the transmission centre known as ‘Voice of America’;

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- (ii) whether all those agreements will be tabled;
 - (iii) of the number of Sri Lankans and foreigners employed at this centre, separately;
 - (iv) of the activities conducted and programmes broadcast by this centre; and
 - (v) what state institutions of Sri Lanka monitor those activities and programmes?
- (c) If not, why?

1046/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the Secretary to the Ministry has been informed either by the Elections Commission or its predecessor, Department of Elections, that the Local Government Elections cannot be held due to the shortcomings in the Local Government Elections Law despite that the hearing of the appeals on delimitation of electorates of local government elections have been concluded;
 - (ii) if so, of the nature of such shortcomings;
 - (iii) out of such shortcomings, of the ones that make it impossible to hold the local government elections;
 - (iv) of the date on which such shortcomings were informed either by the Elections Commission or its predecessor, Department of Elections; and
 - (v) of the steps that have been taken so far to correct such shortcomings?
- (b) If not, why?

1116/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of funds provided by the Ministry of Local Government; and
 - (ii) of the amount of funds provided by the Provincial Council to the Bandarawela Urban Council separately for each year from the year 2010 to 2016?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately of the amount of funds provided by the Ministry of Local Government and the Uva Provincial Council to other local government institutions of Badulla district as per each year from the year 2010 to 2016?
- (c) If not, why?

1171/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the paddy lands of Walathapitiya residents were temporarily taken over by security forces to provide security and vehicle parking facilities for the invitees who attended the “Deyata Kirula” exhibition in 2013 which was held in Sammanthurai of Ampara district;
 - (ii) no payment has been made with respect to utilization of aforesaid lands;
 - (iii) although the land owners make attempts to cultivate aforesaid lands which are not utilized for any purpose the army officials do not permit them; and
 - (iv) no measure has been taken to transfer aforesaid lands to owners?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether aforesaid lands will be returned to the owners; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) If not, why?

1192/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of houses in the Manner District that had been provided with electricity supply by the Ceylon Electricity Board by year 1983;
 - (ii) of the total number of houses which have been provided with electricity supply by now;
 - (iii) of the amount allocated annually from year 1984 to 2009 for the supply of electricity on per year basis;
 - (iv) of the number of houses that have been provided with electricity supply up to year 2015 after the end of war situation in year 2009 on per year basis; and
 - (v) of the amount of money allocated for the supply of electricity during the period mentioned in (iv) above on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

1362 / 16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Development Assignments,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of private institutions in the Matara District registered for making contributions to the Employees' Trust Fund;
 - (ii) the names of the said institutions;
 - (iii) separately, in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District, the number of employees who have obtained the membership of the Employees' Trust Fund; and
 - (iv) the minimum requirements to be satisfied to be eligible for the registration in the Employees' Trust Fund?
- (b) If not, why?

1383 / 16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the contribution made to the government revenue by the increase of the special commodity levy on fish and fish products to Rs. 50/- as per proposal No. 147 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) separately the quantities and import values of fish and fish products imported to Sri Lanka from 1977 up to now;
 - (iii) whether a list of importers who engage in importing fish and fish products will be submitted as per customs data;
 - (iv) whether the government has a plan for the reduction of fish importation to Sri Lanka;
 - (v) if so, of the aforementioned plan?
- (b) If not, why?

1494 / 16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he accepts that the profits and the income of a certain Co-operative Society that is registered in terms of Co-operative Societies Act, No.5 of 1972 or any other Provincial Council Statue, have been exempted from income tax from 1st April 2011 in terms of the Inland Revenue (Amendment) Act, No. 22 of 2011 as amended by the section 7(25) of the Inland revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006?

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- (ii) in addition, is he aware that the interests and the dividends of the aforesaid Co-operative Societies have also been exempted from income tax; and
 - (iii) in addition, will he accept that, the interest income of the aforesaid Co-operative Societies, has been exempted from Withholding tax in terms of Section 133 (3) (a) of Inland Revenue Act?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he accepts that aforesaid factors have been contributed favorably to the Co-operative Societies;
 - (ii) despite aforementioned circumstances, whether he is aware that aforesaid tax exemption has been revoked by budget 2017; and
 - (iii) whether all the facilities, so revoked will be granted again to the Co-operative Societies?
- (c) If not, why?

1593/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of schools functioning under the North Western Provincial Council;
 - (ii) names and addresses of such schools;
 - (iii) number of schools newly commenced by the North Western Provincial Council from the year 2010 up to now; and
 - (iv) names of such schools?
- (b) If not, why?

1602/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the nature of the ownership of the government on the Ante Leco (pvt) Ltd;
 - (ii) the objective of which the aforesaid institution was established;
 - (iii) the number of electric metres produced by the said company in respect of each year separately;
 - (iv) the number of employees in that company; and
 - (v) the profit or loss of the company from the inception in respect of each year separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1604/17

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the power plants situated in the Western Province, which generate electricity to be provided to the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) the electricity generating capacity of each of the aforesaid power plants, separately;
 - (iii) whether an assessment has been done in regard to the gases which are injurious to the environment, emanating from each of the aforesaid power plants;
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to provide electricity to the Western Province including the city of Colombo using environment friendly methodologies?
- (b) If not, why?

1793/17

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state this House—
- (i) of the names and addresses of Registrars of Muslim Marriages who were serving under the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act in the district of Kilinochchi, in the Northern province on or around 31.12.1990;
 - (ii) separately of the Grama Niladari Divisions and the Divisional Secretariat Divisions covered by the aforesaid divisions of Registrars of Marriages; and
 - (iii) whether the number of Gazette Notifications through which the aforesaid registrar divisions were declared and their dates will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

1856/17

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the development programmes planned for Kotte Divisional Secretariat Division starting from the year 2017 to next 3 years, under the Megapolis plan which is implemented by the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development;
 - (ii) of the programmes, if any has already been started;

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- (iii) of the exact dates from which the scheduled programmes will be commenced ;
 - (iv) whether state and private investments are made in this regard;
 - (v) if so, separately of aforesaid investments?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the allocations made for the scheduled programs or for the programs that have already been started;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has already been spent;
 - (iii) whether loans will be obtained in this regard;
 - (iv) if so, of the institutions from which the loans will be obtained and the amounts of the loans;
 - (v) if not, of the amount of money allocated by the government ?
- (c) If not, why?

1954/17

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the expected reduction to be made in the number of SLTB depots through the proposed restructuring of the SLTB;
 - (ii) of the said number of depots separately, as per the region basis;
 - (iii) whether he admits that a number of depots that provide a successful transport service at present with ample space would be closed down through the proposed restructuring; and
 - (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to reconsider the proposed system prior to its implementation?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, November 15, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

138/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) who are the members of the expert committee appointed to prepare the Sri Lanka Audit Service Minutes;
 - (ii) the date of appointment of the committee;
 - (iii) the date, the committee completed the Minutes?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the Sri Lanka Audit Service Minutes has been adopted;
 - (ii) if so, the date;
 - (iii) if not, whether measures will be taken to adopt the Audit Service Minutes;
 - (iv) if so, the date; and
 - (v) the reasons for delaying the adaptation of the aforesaid Service Minutes?
- (c) If not, why ?

1072/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the date on which the advertisements of Ministry of Finance on tax payments which were publicized on printed and electronic media in September 2016, started appearing on media?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in respect of aforesaid advertisement—
- (i) of the date that the appearance of aforesaid advertisement was stopped;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of money paid to each media institution in order to publicize and the total amount;
 - (iii) of the basis adopted in sharing the money allocated for publicizing among media institutions;
 - (iv) separately, of the state institutions that provided funds for publicizing and the contribution made by each institution;
 - (v) if the Ministry of Finance spent on publicizing, of the expenditure head that were used;
 - (vi) of the advertising agencies employed to publicize and separately, of the commissions and fees offered; and
 - (vii) of the basis on which aforesaid advertising agencies were selected?
- (c) If not, why?

1117/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Divineguma Community Based Banks (Samurdhi Banks) that operate within Badulla district;
 - (ii) of the locations of those banks; and
 - (iii) of the number of beneficiaries who benefit from each bank branch?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees serving at each of the banks mentioned in a)(i) above and their names and designations separately;
 - (ii) whether any vacancies exist at those banks at present; and
 - (iii) if so, of the methodology adopted to recruit employees for those vacancies?
- (c) If not, why?

1197/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Jaffna District by the year 1983—
 - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
 - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigations systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

1411/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total income generated from the CESS of 10% imposed on imported Gold Jewellery as per proposal No. 179 of the budget 2016;
 - (ii) the manner through which the said CESS was used to protect the local craftsman; and
 - (iii) whether he will present the value of the Gold Jewellery imported to Sri Lanka in each year from 1977 and a list of 20 major importers;
 - (iv) if Gold Jewellery is imported to Sri Lanka, the main suppliers of such Jewellery?
- (b) If not, why?

1495/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) due to the acquisition of lands for the construction of Yan Oya Project, 07 ancestral tanks, houses and paddy fields were submerged in the reservoir and the residents of the area have lost their homes and have been left destitute; and
 - (ii) that, despite objections by the residents of the area, arrangements are being made by authorities to distribute among those residents the lands in a thick forest in Kajuwatta area which is not suitable for living?
- (b) Will he admit that —
- (i) the aforesaid residents had requested that, out of the area of 600 acres that has not been submerged in the reservoir close to Malporuwa village and bordered by the south canal, an extent of 200 acres be provided to them; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the subject Minister who visited the area along with the relevant officials instructed them to provide those residents with an extent of 200 acres of high land out of the aforesaid land as early as possible?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether immediate steps would be taken as per the decision stated in (b)(ii) above to provide lands to the aforesaid people as they have not been provided with any land to reside in to date?
- (d) If not, why?

1605/17

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe – To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there was an agreement to operate using Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for a period of one year the power plant built in Kerawalapitiya which is currently operated with Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO);
 - (ii) whether that agreement has been breached;
 - (iii) of the loss incurred to the Ceylon Electricity Board as a result of breaching that agreement;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that action is being taken in contravention to the agreement entered into with respect to the pricing of a unit of electricity supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board through that power plant;

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- (v) of the measures taken to ensure that the company supplying electricity would act in compliance with the agreement; and
- (vi) of the loss incurred to the Ceylon Electricity Board as a result of not acting in compliance with that agreement?

(b) If not, why?

1781/17

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the basic requirements to be fulfilled as per the Forest Conservation Ordinance for the declaration of a particular forest land as a forest reserve through a gazette notification;
- (ii) the number of forest reserves declared hitherto under the Forest Conservation Ordinance;
- (iii) whether the date on which each forest reserve was declared, the extent of land of each reserve thus declared and details of the relevant maps?

(b) If not, why?

1814/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of schools with G.C.E Advanced Level Biology and Mathematics streams;
- (ii) separately, in respect of each subject, of the required number of teachers, available number of teachers and the vacancies?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the reasons led for the shortage of teachers in G.C.E Advanced level science stream?

(c) If not, why?

1842/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthy Sriskandarasa,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the tile factory located in the Oddusudan Divisional Secretariat Division in the Mullaitivu District is no longer functioning;
- (ii) what provision was allocated from the Budget 2016 for this factory;
- (iii) through whom those funds were spent; and
- (iv) of the details of the activities carried out using these funds?

(b) If not, why?

1857/17

Hon. S.M. Marikkakr,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the development programmes planned for Dehiwala Divisional Secretariat Division starting from the year 2017 to next 3 years, under the Megapolis plan which is implemented by the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development;
 - (ii) of the programmes, if any has already been started;
 - (iii) of the exact dates from which the scheduled programmes will be commenced ;
 - (iv) whether state and private investments are made in this regard;
 - (v) if so, separately of aforesaid investments?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the allocations made for the scheduled programs or for the programs that have already been started;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has already been spent;
 - (iii) whether loans will be obtained in this regard;
 - (iv) if so, of the institutions from which the loans will be obtained and the amounts of the loans;
 - (v) if not, of the amount of money allocated by the government ?
- (c) If not, why?

1874/17

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Kurinjakkeni bridge in Kinniya area got destroyed owing to severe floods which occurred in Trincomalee District in December, 2014;
 - (ii) this bridge has not hitherto been completely reconstructed but was only subjected a temporary reconstruction?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps that were taken by the Ministry of Disaster Management for the reconstruction of this bridge which is utilized by a large number of people daily;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not reconstructing this bridge up to now;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to reconstruct this bridge expeditiously?
- (c) If not, why?

1876/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that coastal belt of the Udappuwa area has been subjected to severe sea erosion;
 - (ii) if so, the number of fisher families affected by the sea erosion;
 - (iii) the measures to be adopted by the Ministry to protect the said coastal belt from sea erosion?
- (b) If not, why?

1960/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House that due to floods and landslides that occurred from 26 May to 05 June 2017—
 - (i) the amount of compensation given to a deceased person;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of compensation paid to a fully or partially damaged houses;
 - (iii) the amount of compensation paid to householders who lost all their properties owing to the houses being fully submerged by floodwaters; and
 - (iv) the time to be taken for the payment of compensations?
- (b) If not, why?

1964/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a new method called the “battery cage” is adopted to rear chickens by some farm owners who engage in the poultry industry at present;
 - (ii) whether he admits that chickens are subjected to severe cruelty under this method;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to ban the aforementioned method;
 - (iv) since using the aforementioned method results in an excessive supply of eggs to the market, whether he admits that there is a risk of a price drop in eggs;
 - (v) if so, of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to protect local egg producers and uplift their living conditions?
 - (b) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
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Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report on issues pertaining to Uma Oya Multipurpose Development Project,—

Whereas Uma Oya on the eastern slope of the hill country is a major tributary of the Mahaweli Ganga;

And whereas during the planning stage of the Mahaweli Development Programme, proposals were also made for utilization of the Water Resources of the Uma Oya into Multipurpose Development Programme and diversion of its waters into the Kirindi Oya;

And whereas the proposals were kept in abeyance during 2007 and on the 27th of November 2007 a Memorandum of Understanding for the construction of the Uma Oya Multipurpose Development Project was signed by the then Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development of Sri Lanka and the Minister of Energy of Iran;

And whereas under this Memorandum of Understanding, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran (GIRI) had authorized Farab Company as the Contractor which has been acknowledged by both, the Government of Iran and the Government of Sri Lanka, to update the feasibility study available and carry out physical construction of the Project and also to execute appropriate arrangements with the Export Development Bank of Iran (EDBI) as the “Financer”;

And whereas pursuant to this MoU, a contract agreement for the implementation of the Uma Oya Multipurpose Project was made between the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Management of Sri Lanka and Farab Energy & Water Projects of Iran on 28th April, 2008;

And whereas provisions have been made under the contract agreement;

- (a) to amend particular conditions as agreed upon by the parties during the execution of the contract;

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- (b) to amend Technical Specifications/Employer's Requirements as agreed upon by the Parties during the execution of the Contract;
- (c) for a Cabinet Appointed Negotiation Committee (CANC) to negotiate the Price and Payment Methodology and to make recommendations to the Cabinet of Ministers for determination of the full contract Price of the Project and Payment Methodology.

And whereas an approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted on 18th December, 2008 to the following action recommended in the Cabinet Paper dated 08.12.2008;

- (i) To accept USD 514,059,198 as Contract Price and the Payment Methodology as recommended by the CANC after negotiation.
- (ii) To include a contingency amount of USD 15,000,000 as proposed to make the Total Value of the Contract USD 529,059,198.
- (iii) If there is a saving due to reduction if any, in the scope of work subsequent to the detailed feasibility study, such savings to be used for the following recommended in the Cabinet Paper.
 - (a) Downstream Development (Irrigation) Work
 - (b) Conservation of the upper catchment area
 - (c) Resettlement of people displaced due to the Project
 - (d) Environment Study
 - (e) Township Development
- (iv) To sign an Addendum to the Contract by the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Management and Farab Company based on the above agreement reached between the Cabinet Appointed Negotiation Committee (CANC) and Farab Company.

And whereas accordingly, Addendum No. 1 to the Contract Agreement was signed on 22nd February, 2009 by the then Secretary to the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Management and Farab Company;

And whereas the Addendum No. 1 of the Contract Agreement made by the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed on 22nd February 2009, among other things, has revised the Project Cost to USD 529,059,198 which includes USD 15 million Physical Contingencies, making the Contract Value USD 514 million;

And whereas a team of experts consisting of staff from different agencies and disciplines was also in place to review the Environmental Impact Assessment Report;

- (a) Providing water to irrigate around 4500 hectares of new land and to around 1500 hectares of existing agricultural land in the Moneragala District.
- (b) Provision of 30 MCM of drinking and industrial water requirements in Moneragala and Hambantota Districts.
- (c) Generation and providing 231 GWh of electrical energy annually to the National Grid through an underground power station with an installed capacity of 120 MW.

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- (d) Providing National Water Supply and Drainage Board drinking water requirement for Greater Bandarawela Water supply Scheme from Dyaaba reservoir, that of Attampitiya Water Supply Scheme from Puhulpola reservoir and that of Hambegamuwa area by Kuda Oya Reservoir.

And whereas as of date approximately 40 percent of the work has been completed;

And whereas thereafter in December 2014 lowering of the water level in domestic wells, drying up of natural springs and development of cracks on walls and floors of houses and on the ground were reported in Makul Ella Wheragalenna, Uda Peruwa, Bambaragama and Heel Oya areas in Bandarawela Divisional Secretariat Divisions;

And whereas then in April 2017 the same effects were reported in Eranawila and Aththalapitiya GN Divisions and later in Thanthiriya GN area;

And whereas in the light of these developments, it has become necessary to re-assess the implementation and effect of this project with a view to determining whether;

- (a) A proper and comprehensive feasibility study was done prior to embarking on the Project.
- (b) A proper and realistic cost estimate was prepared for the Project.
- (c) Unrealistic cost overruns were encountered in the implementation of the project.
- (d) A comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment was carried out.

and to determine –

- (a) The persons who were responsible for having the above mentioned Reports prepared.
- (b) Whether these person or persons were remiss in having the said reports prepared.
- (c) Whether any person or persons were guilty of any fraudulent or criminal activity in awarding the contract for the Uma Oya Multipurpose Development Project and if so who these persons were.
- (d) Whether any person or persons or institutions should be held responsible for the adverse effects of the project and if so who.
- (e) Whether any compensation is due to persons adversely affected by this project.
- (f) And to inquire and report on any other matter that Committee feels in relevant to their inquiries.

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed, to look into and report on above matters.

- 2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker;
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, of the Parliament the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.

3. That the Committee shall have the power to :
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

 4. The Committee shall make its Report within Six Months of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.
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