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FOR

Thursday, May 04, 2017 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

921/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Ministry level investigations are conducted on frauds, corruptions and misuses of public property, taken place in Ministry of Housing and Construction during the period from January 2011 to January 2015;
- (ii) if so, of the progress of each aforesaid investigation;
- (iii) whether Ministry Officials who were alleged to have connections with aforesaid frauds and corruptions, have been identified ; and
- (iv) if so, the disciplinary actions that have been taken against them?

(b) If not, why?

2.

992/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Mr. Sampath Weragoda, officer of Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service, has been appointed as the principal of Richmond College, Galle;
- (ii) the date on which the inquiries conducted on him in regard to the commission of a financial fraud during the period in which he functioned as the principal of Prince of Wales College in Moratuwa, was concluded;

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- (iii) if so, the decisions and the recommendations of the aforesaid inquiry;
 - (iv) whether the inquiry which is being conducted by the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, against him is over; and
 - (v) if so the decisions and the recommendations of that inquiry?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1048/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately of the lease amount and service charge per square foot at the new building of Sethsiripaya Stage II and Suhurupaya in Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte;
 - (ii) whether a payment should be made for the parking spaces at these buildings;
 - (iii) if so, separately of the amount that should be paid for the parking space of each of the aforesaid buildings?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether action will be taken to revise the aforesaid fees that are charged;
 - (ii) if so, of the date from which such revision will be made?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1075/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) there are 3410 sub post-offices island-wide belonging to the Department of Posts;
 - (ii) finding buildings to house sub post offices has to be done by Sub Postmasters themselves;
 - (iii) only a sum of Rs.250/- is paid to a Sub Postmaster as the monthly rental to run a sub post office
 - (iv) most Sub Postmasters have to pay a large part of their salary as the monthly rental since buildings cannot be obtained at such a lower monthly rental;

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- (v) employees of sub post offices work bearing many hardships since the buildings rented for sub post offices do not even have (sanitary facilities) toilets; and
 - (vi) there are sub post offices at which the aged, retired officers who come there to get their pension do not have enough space even to be standing rather than being seated, while waiting?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether steps will be taken to construct buildings for sub post offices taking the aforesaid situation into consideration so that both employees and the public will be provided with adequate facilities; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to pay a sufficient amount for the monthly rental instead of the current monthly rental of Rs.250/- until building facilities are provided?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1143/16

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the Vakarai North Divisional Secretariat Division of Koralepattu in the Batticaloa District was established;
 - (ii) whether he will table a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in this regard;
 - (iii) what total extent of land area is covered by that Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) how many Grama Niladhari Divisions are located in the Division concerned; and
 - (v) what the official codes and names of such Grama Niladhari Divisions are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether an official delimitation mission has taken place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if so, what its details are?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether administration or other operations of any of the Grama Niladhari Divisions falling under the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned are currently handled by some other Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he will submit the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (d) If not, why?

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6.

1242/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of roads in the Mullaitivu district as at 1983;
 - (ii) the number of tarred roads and the extent of those roads in kilometers;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by the previous governments to construct the roads in that district during the period from 1983 to the end of war in respect of each year separately;
 - (iv) the amount of money allocated in each year separately to construct the roads in this district in the aftermath of the war; and
 - (v) whether a full report is submitted in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1279/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) people without inherited lands for their residential or cultivation or business purposes grab government land for their use without permission;
 - (ii) a policy of alienating and properly transferring the ownership of such grabbed lands with the passage of time, has been maintained by all successive governments?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) accordingly, of the number of deeds, grants, title certificates or licenses distributed in Matara district from 2013 up to now, separately;
 - (ii) of the number mentioned in (i) above separately in terms of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Matara district;
 - (iii) of the number of persons who utilize government lands in an unauthorized manner but lack any legal document, in terms of each Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara district; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to provide a grant or at least a license to the people mentioned in (iii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

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8.

1322/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it is admitted that the contracts regarding the small scale development schemes implemented by the divisional secretariats during the previous regime were awarded to the societies which functioned in the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division, at the estimated rate;
 - (ii) nonetheless, whether he is aware that, at present tenders are called for the above mentioned development schemes and the said contracts are awarded to the lowest tender offered;
 - (iii) whether it is admitted that the aforesaid societies and the particular areas are deprived of the relevant benefits owing to the inability of the societies which functioned in the area to get the aforesaid contracts since the contracts for the aforesaid development schemes were offered to the lowest tender received;
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to grant the small scale contracts to the aforesaid societies at the estimated rate as it was earlier done, without calling for open tenders in order to relieve the above mentioned societies from the injustice caused;
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1519/17

Hon. S. C. Muthukumarana,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House –
- (i) the amount received by Anuradhapura district under the special scheme to provide a financial allocation of Rs.25 million in the year 2014;
 - (ii) tasks carried out spending that amount;
 - (iii) the quantity of items left in Divisional Secretariat Offices after being purchased for self employed persons under this scheme and their value, separately according to each Divisional Secretariat;
 - (iv) whether he admits that self employed persons were recommended by the Development Officer of Thulane;
 - (v) projected date of completion of distribution of remaining items to self employed persons?
- (b) If not, why?

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10.

1144/16

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Koralaipattu Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District was established;
 - (ii) whether he will table a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in this regard;
 - (iii) what total extent of land area is covered by that Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) how many Grama Niladhari Divisions are located in the Division concerned; and
 - (v) what the official codes and names of such Grama Niladhari Divisions are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official delimitation mission has taken place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if so, what its details are?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether administrative or other operations of any of the Grama Niladhari Divisions falling under the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned are currently handled by some other Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he will submit the names and the official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

1243/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of roads in the Jaffna district as at 1983;
 - (ii) the number of tarred roads and the extent of those roads in kilometres;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by the previous governments to construct the roads in that district during the period from 1983 to the end of war in respect of each year separately;
 - (iv) the amount of money allocated in each year to construct the roads in this district in the aftermath of the war; and
 - (v) whether a full report is submitted in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

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12.

1296/16

Hon. Dullus Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of education administrators serving in the Matara district;
 - (ii) the said number, separately, in respect of each education zone
 - (iii) separately, the number of vacancies that exists in the Zonal Education Offices of the Matara District;
 - (iv) the measures to be taken to fill vacancies, if there exists a shortage of education administrators;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether retired education administrators have been recruited on contract basis for the Matara district;
 - (ii) if so, their names and addresses;
 - (iii) the procedure adopted in recruiting them;
- (c) If not, why?

13.

1444/16

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the cost of construction of Hambantota Mahinda Rajapakse International Conference Hall;
 - (ii) the funding sources of the above construction;
 - (iii) the income earned by the Hambantota Mahinda Rajapakse International Conference Hall from 01.01.2015 to 31.12.2016;
 - (iv) the institution by which its administration is done?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made by the government to allocate further funds for the development activities of this Conference Hall;
 - (ii) if so, in which manner that is?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1244/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many households within the Batticaloa District had been connected to the supply of cleaned drinking water by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board by 1983;
 - (ii) how many households are provided with cleaned drinking water at present;
 - (iii) what amount was allocated by the government in each year for providing drinking water until the end of the war situation after 1983;
 - (iv) what amounts had been allocated by the government for projects implemented for the supply of drinking water, separately in respect of each of the years following the war situation until the year 2015
 - (v) whether he will table a progress report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1448/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been formulated to develop Ragama town;
 - (ii) if so, of the projected expenditure ;
 - (iii) of the date on which the development activities would be commenced?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the new features that would be added to the town when developed;
 - (ii) whether tenders have been called for the aforesaid constructions;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it was done?
 - (c) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,—Regulations under the Companies Act and the Societies Ordinance—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce under Section 527 of the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007 read with Section 477 of the said Act and Regulations made under Section 19 of the Societies Ordinance (Chapter 123) No. 16 of 1891 read with the Societies Ordinance (Amendment) Act, No.11 of 2005 relating to the Companies (Fees) and Societies (Fees) and published in the Extraordinary Gazette No. 1990/12 of 25th October 2016 which were presented on 24.01.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Regulations under the Companies Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce including the new sub-section (ix) published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1998/11 of 20th December 2016, amending the Section 2(i)(b) relating to the Companies (Secretaries) Regulations under Section 527 of the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007 published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 471/6 of 14th September 1987 which were presented on 24.03.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Order under the Diplomatic Privileges Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs under Section 4 of the Diplomatic Privileges Act, No. 9 of 1996 and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1987/23 of 05th October 2016 which was presented on 19.11.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Sports,— Regulations under the Sports Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Sports under Section 41 to read with Section 31 of the Sports Act, No. 25, of 1973 relating to National Associations of Sports and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1990/23 of 27th October 2016 and the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/13 of 13th February 2017 which were presented on 05.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Revision of Salary and Allowances of the Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption,— Whereas, provision has been made in terms of the Section 16 (1) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994 for the appointment of a Director General to assist the Commission in the discharge of the functions assigned to it by this Act and for the payment of a salary to the Director General as determined by Parliament;

And whereas, Mr. Sarath Jayamanna President's Counsel, who served in the post of Additional Solicitor General of the Attorney General's Department, has been appointed to the post of Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption with effect from 24.11.2016;

And whereas, approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to pay Mr. Sarath Jayamanna President's Counsel, Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption as personal to him the monthly salary and all other allowances including the house rent allowance in case he is not provided with a government quarters (excluding the telephone allowance and fuel allowance) entitled to the post of Additional Solicitor General and to grant him the allowance of Secretary to a Ministry, telephone allowance and fuel allowance entitled to the post of Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption with effect from 24.11.2016;

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves to pay Mr. Sarath Jayamanna President's Counsel, Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption be paid the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of the Section 16 (2) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Foreign Exchange Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions)(Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Sri Lanka Sustainable Development Bill — Adjourned debate on question. (8th March 2017) [1].

*9.

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Minister of Ports and Shipping,—Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 relating to Verification of Container Gross Mass and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1979/30 dated 11th August 2016 which were presented on 21.02.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Resolution under the Constitution,—Adjourned Debate on Question (22nd June, 2016) Motion made and question proposed,—“Media guidelines to be followed/ Policies to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections published by the Election Commission in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1955/19 of 25th February 2016 in terms of the provisions of Article 104B (5)(a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which were presented on 06.05.2016, be approved.”

15.

Institute of Personnel Management, Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

16.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

17.

United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

18.

Sri Lanka Women’s Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

19.

Moneragala District Kantha Maha Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

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