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Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

465/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(7)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the foreign tours that His Excellency the President engaged in, within the year 2015; and
 - (ii) of the names and the designations of the individuals who participated in each of the aforesaid foreign tours and, separately, of the expenditure borne by the government and semi government institutions on aforesaid individuals?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

952/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the postmen too have requested for motor bicycles under the scheme of providing motor bicycles to public servants at concessionary rates; and
 - (ii) that they have not yet issued with motor bicycles?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made to provide motor bicycles to these persons on concessionary rates; and
 - (ii) If so, the date it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

(2)

3.

1019/'16

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of buildings and other constructions belonging to government institutions and statutory institutions which have been declared open by the President during the period from January 2015 to date; and
 - (ii) of the number of constructions which have been commenced after January 2015, out of the aforesaid constructions?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1084/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of dogs in the official Police Kennels of the Sri Lanka Police;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent annually for the upkeep of the aforementioned dogs; and
 - (iii) of the purposes served by the aforementioned dogs?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to obtain more dogs to the Department of Police from foreign countries; and
 - (ii) if so, of the amount expected to be spent on this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1099/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that many villages in the Puttalam District face the risk of coastal erosion;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of those villages;
 - (iii) whether any relief programmes has been implemented by the Ministry for the benefit of those villages and people residing in those villages; and
 - (iv) if so, of the details of such programmes?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

6.

1119/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of recipients of various types of assistance from the government such as Samurdhi, elderly allowance etc. in each constituency of the Badulla District;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the persons referred to in (i) above; and
 - (iii) what programmes the good governance government expects to implement for the enhancement of living conditions of such people?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1133/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an institution named South Asian Institute of Technology and Medicine has sought the approval of the Ministry to award degrees in nursing, health, science or medicine in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which such approval was sought;
 - (iii) whether the Ministry has granted such approval;
 - (iv) if so, whether the letter granting such approval will be tabled; and
 - (v) whether it is legal to run a degree awarding institution in respect of the health sector without the permission of the Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1180/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of the Jaffna District—
 - (i) of the extent of agricultural land that was under cultivation by the year 1983;
 - (ii) of the extents of agricultural land cultivated in the years 1982 and 1983, separately in respect of each crop in each year;
 - (iii) of the total extent of cultivated land in each year after 1983 up until the end of the war in 2009, separately;
 - (iv) of the total extent of cultivated land after the end of the war up until now in each year, separately; and
 - (v) whether he will table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

9.

1293/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total extent of land in the Matara District in which paddy is cultivated;
 - (ii) separately on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis, of the extent of land mentioned in (i) above;
 - (iii) separately, of the manner in which irrigation for the extent of paddy land mentioned in (i) above has been arranged;
 - (iv) separately the paddy harvest recorded from Matara District from the year 2013 to 2015; and
 - (v) separately on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis, of the paddy harvest mentioned in (iv) above?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1323/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Ministry of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamu Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the responsibility of the subject Minister and the government on the collective agreement that is operative with regard to the salaries of the estate workers?
- (b) Will he accept that —
 - (i) the Rs. 2500/- allowance that is added to the salaries of private sector employees, monthly as a budget relief allowance, has not been added to the monthly allowance of the estate workers, in terms of the collective agreement; and
 - (ii) the basic salary should have been increased at least with Rs. 500/- up to Rs.1000/- per day?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) if so, being on aforesaid stance, whether measures will be taken to file cases against the employers who do not pay the amount, increased;
 - (ii) whether he accepts that the budget relief allowances, provided by the government, is not paid when the conditions of the collective agreements bring more benefits than the budget relief allowance regulations;
 - (iii) if so, of the reasons led to approve the Collective agreement;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that an amount similar to Rs. 2500/- allowance, is already being paid to the estate workers by certain private estate owners; and
 - (v) if so, whether he accepts their statements to the effect that the estate companies can not pay these amounts?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

1395/'16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an expenditure report on the disbursement of the grant of Rs.150 million allocated through the budget as per proposal Nos. 165 and 166 of Budget 2016, for the implementation of the programme to internationally brand the Sri Lankan spices, which have a long history which dates back to 7th century, will be submitted;
 - (ii) of the extent of lands that were leased out for cultivations such as cinnamon, pepper, cardamom and nutmeg as per the above proposal in the year 2016;
 - (iii) whether a register of the above lessees will be tabled;
 - (iv) of the regional plantation companies which were encouraged on the above cultivations in the year 2016; and
 - (v) whether a verified expenditure report on the allocation of Rs.50 million which was made by the above budget proposal for research on cinnamon will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1587/'17

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of passenger transport permits issued by the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Transport Authority up to now from year 2015;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of persons who had obtained them ?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) buses are being operated without passenger transport permits in Sabaragamuwa Province; and
 - (ii) Sabaragamuwa Provincial Transport Authority incur an immense loss as a result of it?
- (c) Will he also inform this House what are the measures that will be taken by the Ministry in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

(6)

13.

1599/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that it is alleged that severe environmental pollution occurs as a result of the Norochcholai Coal Power Plant;
 - (ii) of the steps taken to prevent the emission of harmful gasses from the Norochcholai Coal Power Plant;
 - (iii) of the steps taken to manage the ashes which emit from the Norochcholai Coal Power Plant; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money that the Ceylon Electricity Board intends to invest future to minimize environmental pollution caused by the Norochcholai coal Power Plant?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

1675/17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the names of trainees who completed their training from Teachers Colleges of Batticaloa, Kopay and Kotagala in December 2008, posted to schools in Vanni district and requested to sit the final examination in April 2009, contradictory to the procedure of conducting the examination immediately after the training?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) those trainees were unable to come out of the district due to the climax of war in that district; and
 - (ii) they sat the examination along with their junior batch, answered the same question papers but different effective dates of certificate were given as 01.01.2011 for them, whilst 01.08.2009 was given for the junior batch?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether action will be taken to give same effective date of certificate as that of the junior batch?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

1086/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of dogs deployed for the service in the three armed forces of Army, Air force and Navy separately as per each force;
 - (ii) of the expenditure borne on the upkeep of the aforesaid dogs separately as per each force; and
 - (iii) of the benefits accrued from the above dogs separately as per each force?

(7)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether arrangements will be made to obtain more dogs to the above forces from foreign countries; and
 - (ii) if so, of the projected expenditure of the above purpose separately as per each force?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),—That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to license fee on liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1997/16 of 15th December 2016, which was presented on 06.06.2017, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 992)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.2),—That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to license fee on arrack and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1998/7 of 20th December 2016, which was presented on 06.06.2017, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 994)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Regulations under the Marine Pollution Prevention Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment under Section 51 of the Marine Pollution Prevention Act, No. 35 of 2008 read with paragraph (e) of Section 6 and Section 21 of the said Act and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1996/27 of 06th December 2016, which were presented on 07.06.2017, be approved.

*4.

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;

(8)

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.)

*5.

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

*6.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Foreign Exchange Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Registration of Electors (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

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 Section 142 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 read with Section 118 of the aforesaid Act, relating to Medical Devices Pricing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/45 of 17th February 2017, which were presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

*12.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Regulation under the Judicature Act,—That the Regulation made by the Minister of Justice under Section 61 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 read with Section 60 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2012/5 of 27th March 2017, which was presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

*13.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.”

17.

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

18.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

19.

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

20.

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

21.

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

22.

Lasallian Community Education Services (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

23.

International Women's and Children's Rights (IWCRC) (Incorporation) Bill—
Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

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