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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, July 05, 2017 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1066/'16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the reason for non availability of provisions for the purchase of train engines in 2015-2020 Action Plan prepared by the Department of Sri Lanka Railways; and
  - (ii) whether an optional plan has been prepared if the said plan would not be implemented;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether there is a plan to purchase train engines from India without calling for international competitive bids;
  - (ii) if so, the reason for that;
  - (iii) of the names of the companies that produce train engines in India; and
  - (iv) whether not calling for international competitive bids is in line with the principles of good governance?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1137/'16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of District and Divisional Coordinating Committees that are functioning throughout the country;
  - (ii) the names and the designations of the persons who are holding the positions of Chairmen or Co-chairmen in those Committees;
  - (iii) out of the aforesaid persons, the number of persons who do not come under the category of Members of Parliament or Provincial Councilors?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

1185/16

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

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

4.

1299/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to the Matara District;
  - (i) the number of national and provincial schools;
  - (ii) the number of teachers serving in each school;
  - (iii) the number of teachers serving in schools in respect of each subject; and
  - (iv) the number of teachers serving in schools in respect of each education zone?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the number students studying in national and provincial schools in the Matara District;
  - (ii) that number separately as national and provincial schools;
  - (iii) the student–teacher ratio, separately in respect of each subject; and
  - (iv) the ratio in (iii) above separately in respect of each education zone?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1332/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether there was an institution called Lanka Transformers under the purview of the Ceylon Electricity Board;
  - (ii) whether its name has been changed;
  - (iii) if so, its name at present;

(3)

- (iv) as to how the shares of LTL Holdings (pvt) Ltd have been distributed;
  - (v) as to who administers the shares of the shareholders of ESOT (Trust)
  - (vi) whether a document containing the names of its shareholders and the number of shares held by them is submitted; and
  - (vii) after its establishment, the period within which they were informed of their shares and that they were shareholders as per the Employee Trust Agreements?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the founder shareholders of ESOT Company and the amount of shares held by them;
  - (ii) whether there are employees of Ceylon Electricity Board amongst its shareholders; and
  - (iii) if so, whether he acknowledges that there is a conflict of interest?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that dividends amounting to Rs. 232 million had not been paid to the Ceylon Electricity Board by LTL Holdings (Pvt) Ltd as mentioned in the COPE report; and
  - (ii) as to the action taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

6.

1373/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether rack space in the private sector super markets were given at a reasonable rate as per proposal No. 126 of the Budget 2016 in order to promote sales of small and medium scale entrepreneurs;
  - (ii) whether a request was made by a Ministry to make such rack space available from the super markets of the private sector;
  - (iii) if such a request or order was made, will he present a copy of it; and
  - (iv) whether he will present a list of number of super markets of the private sector in Sri Lanka which are liable to pay taxes and the cities/villages in which they are situated?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

7.

1473/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Regional Media Journalists' Organizations that display an active contribution to development drive of the country, which is in operation in the country at present;
  - (ii) of the names of such media organizations and the journalists who are office-bearers in them; and
  - (iii) what steps have been taken to enhance their living conditions as well as advancement of professional career?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1499/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the approval of the Quasi Judges should be obtained when the marriages are contracted with respect to the Muslim girls below the age of 12, in terms of section 23 of Muslim Marriages and Divorce Act;
  - (ii) accordingly, whether the reports exist to prove the fact that the approval of Quazi Judges have been granted in contracting marriages with respect to the Muslim girls below the age of 12;and
  - (iii) if so, in terms of aforesaid Act, from year 2010 to date, of the number of approvals granted and details on such approvals, separately, in terms of each district?
- (b) If not, why?

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#### AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

##### **Notice of Presentation of Bills**

1.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Inland Revenue,— Bill to provide for the imposition of Income Tax for any year of assessment commencing on or after April 1, 2017.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,— Ceylon German Technical Training Institute,— Bill to provide for the establishment of the Ceylon German Technical Training Institute; to specify the powers, duties and functions of the Institute; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

### **Notice of Motions**

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of Parliament,— That this Parliament resolves that a division in Parliament during this session may also be taken using the Electronic Voting System subject to the Provisions of the Standing Orders of the Parliament Nos. 42, 43 and 44.

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#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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.)

\*2.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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\*3.

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 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016 which were presented on 21.02.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

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 06<sup>th</sup> December 2016, which were presented on 07.06.2017, be approved.

\*6.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 1),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2012/16 of 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*7.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sub Section (3) of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.2012/17 of 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 3),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sub Section (3) of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2012/52 of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 4),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sub Section (3) of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2018/2 of 08<sup>th</sup> May 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(7)

\*10.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 5),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sub Section (3) of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2019/21 of 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,—That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/42 of 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*12.

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

\*13.

Foreign Exchange Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*14

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*15.

Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*16.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*17.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*18.

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 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017, which were presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

\*19.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*20.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*21.

Resolution under the Constitution,—Adjourned Debate on Question (22<sup>nd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.”

\*22.

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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017, which was presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

23.

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

24.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

25.

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

26.

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

27.

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

28.

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

29.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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

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