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FOR

Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

976/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(3)

- (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’;
 - (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?

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1044/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) an indian teledrama that had been dubbed into Sinhala under the title “Ravana Lankeshwara” was telecast on Independence Television Network; and
 - (ii) telecasting of the aforesaid teledrama has suddenly been stopped halfway since August 2016?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons as to why telecasting of the aforesaid teledrama was suddenly stopped halfway; and
 - (ii) of the date from which telecasting of the aforesaid teledrama will be re-commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1050/16

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the Ministries that run their offices in state owned buildings, within the limits of Colombo Municipal Council area;
 - (ii) the state owned buildings, in which aforesaid offices of the ministries have been located;
 - (iii) separately, in terms of each building, the ministries that pay lease and do not pay lease;
 - (iv) separately, in terms of each building, amount of lease and service charges, paid per one square foot, by aforesaid ministries;
 - (v) whether a fee is charged for the parking spaces of this buildings;
 - (vi) if so, aforesaid amount; and
 - (vii) the method of payments that is calculated in terms of the number of vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

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1114/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately of the number of fuel bowser licenses issued for fuel transportation in the Badulla district from 2010 to 2016 as per each year;
 - (ii) separately of the names and addresses of the persons who obtained the fuel bowser licenses as per each year;
 - (iii) separately for each year of the income generated by the Corporation out of the licenses provided; and
 - (iv) Whether steps will be taken to do the fuel transportation by trains in view of minimizing road accidents, traffic congestion and environmental pollution?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1154/16

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

- (a) Will he admit that —
- (i) although the බළ/මතු/Walagedara Maha Vidyalaya was included in the secondary school development project in year 2012, it has only received a technology laboratory;
 - (ii) although the school was included in the ‘C’ category of the project “Nearest School – The Best School” project in year 2016, it was not provided with any classroom building;
 - (iii) this school has not received adequate physical resources in the last 15 years; and
 - (iv) there are no teachers to teach subjects such as Music, Science, Sports and Physical Education and counseling and no teachers to teach Tamil to grade 6 to 9 classes ?
- (b) Will he inform this House –
- (i) the reason for not providing required number of buildings for this school where 1200 students are studying;
 - (ii) the time that will take to fill the teacher vacancies of the school ?
- (c) If not, why?

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1158/16

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of industrial zones situated in Puttlam district;
 - (ii) of the names of aforesaid industrial zones;
 - (iii) Separately, of the number of factories that are operative in aforesaid industrial zones and the number of employees employed in each aforesaid factory from the year 2010 up to now; and
 - (iv) of the measures taken to establish new factories in industrial zones of Puttlam district in time to come?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1192/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (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?

8.

1301/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many customers from the Matara District redeemed their gold jewellery in the years 2015 and 2016 separately as per the pledge to write off the interest charged on redemption of gold jewellery pawned at state banks given as a Budget Proposal side by side with the “100 day” Programme of the present Government;

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- (ii) what it is worth in terms of the monetary value of the government's subsidy for it;
 - (iii) what the values of the portions of the subsidy referred to in (ii) above were, separately in respect of each state-owned bank in operation in the Matara district; and
 - (iv) what the interest rates on gold loans are, separately in respect of each year from 2013 to 2016?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that the promise to waive interest on gold loans, which had been made a campaign platform during the last Presidential Election, has not gone beyond a mere propaganda campaign; and
 - (ii) whether he will take steps to grant the interest-waiver concessions at redemption of pawned gold jewellery as promised?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1320/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that certain cadavers and human remains have been handed over to the Private Medical Institute called SAIMM by the Police;
 - (ii) whether the police have legal authority to do so; and
 - (iii) if the police do not have such legal authority, of the nature of action that will be taken in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1375/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he accepts that, according to Budget Proposal No. 129 for 2016, 1,000 million rupees had been allocated for encouraging healthy co-operation between the private and public sectors;
 - (ii) of the manner in which this 1,000 million rupees, which had been allocated for development of agriculture, was utilized; and
 - (iii) whether he will submit a list of beneficiaries of the financial resources flowing from this 1,000 million rupees allocated from the Budget Proposals?
- (b) If not, why?

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11.

1500/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately, in terms of each district, of the number of marriage registrations performed in connection with the Muslim girls of the age 12 to 18, in terms of Muslim Marriages and Divorces Act?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1518/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the extent of lands that exist as barren and agricultural lands out of the lands with forest cultivation in Matale district that comes under the purview of Land Reform Commission and the lands of which the control and management have been vested in the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation and Janatha Estate Development Board by gazette Notifications, in terms of the provisions of Land Reform Act, No. 1 of 1972;
 - (ii) whether such lands have been surveyed and identified;
 - (iii) whether there is a programme in place to utilize aforesaid lands in an effective manner; and
 - (iv) whether there is any possibility of utilizing aforesaid lands to grant the legal obligations of the individuals who declared the lands with the Land Reforms Commission and for non agricultural affairs?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

1546/17

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. W.G. Cyril Perera residing opposite the filling station at Kalmunai Road, Ampara has been a resident of that address continuously for 17 years;
 - (ii) It has been recommended to allocate him 20 perch plot of land by a land kachcheri held as per Circular No.2008/4 by the Ampara Divisional Secretariat consequent to a long term request made by him seeking legal entitlement for the said plot of land;
 - (iii) subsequent to him making submissions to the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka regarding the non allocation of the said land citing various reasons, it has been recommended at the conclusion of the inquiry conducted by the said Commission that the land on which he has been residing should be handed over to him legally; and
 - (iv) the entitlement of the said land has still not been granted to him?

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- (b) Will he inform this House as to what measures will be initiated to offer relief to the prejudice and injustice caused to Mr. Perera?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1577/17

Hon. S. Shriritharan,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Jaffna-Mannar A-32 road was renovated in the year 2010;
 - (ii) however, the Mandaikkalaru bridge which is situated in the section of the road that runs through the Punerin Divisional Secretariat Division was not repaired;
 - (iii) the aforementioned bridge must be crossed to travel towards Mannar, Jaffna, Mullaithivu and Killinochchi areas;
 - (iv) major issues have been cropped up when transporting patients of the Mulangavil, Iluppathkadawai Base Hospital who require emergency treatment to Jaffna and Killinichchi hospitals; and
 - (v) the aforementioned road was obstructed and could not be used during the past rainy seasons due to the dilapidated condition of the bridge?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not starting repair work on the aforementioned bridge although a notice board which states that the bridge is under construction has been installed and supplies required items for construction have been brought to the location;
 - (ii) as to what happened to the money allocated for the reconstruction of the Mandaikkalaru bridge;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid money was returned;
 - (iv) if so, of the names of persons who are responsible for such action; and
 - (v) of the date on which the aforesaid bridge will be reconstructed?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

1582/17

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of estates in Kegalle district where landslides were reported and that were landslide prone due to the adverse weather conditions experienced by the country in May 2016;
 - (ii) the names of estates;

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- (iii) the number of families who were displaced from landslides and landslide risks occurred due to heavy showers;
 - (iv) whether permanent houses have been provided for the displaced families;
 - (v) if not, the places where they are currently residing; and
 - (vi) a date of which the process to handover houses to the displaced families will be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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 28th March 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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 28th March 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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 31st March 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*4.

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 08th May 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

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 19th May 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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 16th February 2017)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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.

*9.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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

*11.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

Inland Revenue Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Ceylon German Technical Training Institute Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Revision of Salaries and Allowances to the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka,— Whereas, provision has been made in terms of Article 41(b) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Section 3 and 3(4) of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 21 of 1996, the President has appointed Dr. (Mrs.) Nelum Deepika Udagama, the Head of Department of Law Faculty of University of Peradeniya, who has a vast knowledge and practical experiences in the field of Human Rights to her credit, as the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka for a period of three (03) years with effect from 30.10.2015.

And whereas, Dr. (Mrs.) Nelum Deepika Udugama who has been serving as the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka since 30.10.2015, intends to revert back to her substantive post after the lapse of said period of three (03) years and she has intimated that in case the salary including all allowances of her substantive post in the University is denied to her during this period of three (03) years, it would adversely affect her employment benefits.

And whereas, Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has granted approval on 13.06.2017 to pay Dr. (Mrs.) Nelum Deepika Udagama the salary of fulltime Lecturer including all allowances as the Head of Department of Law Faculty of University of Peradeniya with effect from 30.10.2015; to pay her the monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 10,000/- entitled to the Chairperson of the Commission and to provide her with an official vehicle with entitlement for personal use including 225 liters of fuel or an allowance corresponding to the current market prices of fuel, as personal to her.

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves that Dr. (Mrs.) Nelum Deepika Udagama, the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka be paid the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Section 8 of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 21 of 1996.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

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.

*18.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

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.”

*21.

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.

22.

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

23.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

24.

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

25.

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

26.

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

27.

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

28.

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.”
