



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 183.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 10.30 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1046/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (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?

2.

1051/16

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 within the limits of Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte 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;

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- (iv) separately, in terms of each building amounts of lease and service charges, paid per one square foot by aforesaid ministries;
  - (v) whether a fee is charged for the parking spaces of these buildings;
  - (vi) if so, the aforesaid amount; and
  - (vii) the method of payment that is calculated in terms of the number of vehicles?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the Ministries that run their offices in private buildings within the limit of Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte Municipal Council area ;
  - (ii) the buildings, in which aforesaid offices of the ministries have been located ;
  - (iii) separately, in terms of each building, of the amounts of lease and service charges, paid per one square foot, of aforesaid buildings; and
  - (iv) whether a fee is charged for the parking spaces of these buildings?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1076/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) an annual lease amount is charged from the residents who have been residing in the lands belonging to the Department of Railways in Haputale for over 75 years up to now;
  - (ii) the annual lease amount which stood at Rs.75/- – Rs.80/- in 1970 has been increased up to Rs.10,000/- – Rs.25,000/- at present;
  - (iii) while people who are residing in one part of the land have been awarded through deeds the title to the lands they are residing in, some others who are residing in another part of the same land have been required to pay a lease amount; and
  - (iv) they have been asked to vacate their lands if they do not pay the lease?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether steps will be taken to reduce the lease amount that is currently charged from the aforesaid persons who have been residing in those lands since 1930; and
  - (ii) whether necessary steps will be taken to grant those lands to the persons who are residing in them?
- (c) If not, why?

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4.

1116/'16

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

- (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?

5.

1171/'16

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

- (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?

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6.

1193/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha 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 Kilinochchi 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 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?

7.

1308 /16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) there have been reports which say that a retired intelligence officer in Kegalle had committed suicide claiming in a confession that it was he who killed the journalist Lasantha Wickramathunga; and
  - (ii) the Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy had stated in a special media release that it is suspicious whether the death of the aforesaid retired officer is an act of committing suicide or a murder?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a post-mortem has been carried out on the dead body of the aforesaid retired intelligence officer;
  - (ii) if so, of the conclusion reached by the doctors about the aforesaid death;
  - (iii) of the cause of the death of the intelligence officer if it was not an act of committing suicide; and
  - (iv) of the nature of legal action that has been taken against those who are responsible for the death of the intelligence officer?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether an inquiry would be conducted about the statement that has been made by the aforesaid Deputy Minister as a responsible citizen; and
  - (ii) of the present situation of the investigations carried out into the killing of Journalist Lasantha Wickramathunga?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

1381/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(2)

- (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?

9.

1466/16

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 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;
  - (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?

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10.

1478/16

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (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?

11.

1598/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the date on which ‘Ratama Eliyai Andura Duralai’ national electrification programme was commenced;
  - (ii) separately the number of household units for which electricity connections have been supplied by the Ceylon Electricity Board and Lanka Electricity Company (LECO) (Pvt.) Ltd.;
  - (iii) separately, the amounts of money spent by the Ceylon Electricity Board and Lanka Electricity Company (LECO) (Pvt.) Ltd. under the aforesaid programme?
- (b) Out of the households in Sri Lanka, will he also inform this House of the percentage of households for which electricity connections have been provided by now?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

1603/17

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe – To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (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;

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- (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 ?

13.

1609/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately on per depot basis, of the total number of employees employed at Sri Lanka Transport Board in the Ratnapura District;
  - (ii) separately of the number of employees at each of the aforesaid depots who have applied for voluntary retirement with compensation;
  - (iii) whether payments of EPF contributions of those employees have been made regularly during the past period; and
  - (iv) of the manner in which compensation will be paid to those employees?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

1707/17

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask the Minister Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the loan scheme named SMILE III was implemented for the small and medium scale industries and micro industries on a concessionary interest rate and with a two years grace period in order to empower entrepreneurs;
  - (ii) the Project Director published newspaper advertisements on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and gave publicity regarding granting loans;
  - (iii) eventhough ten commercial banks came forward to grant loans under this scheme and nearly five thousand applicants applied for those loans, granting of loans has now been stalled;
  - (iv) eventhough most entrepreneurs have completed the signing of deeds of security and deeds of mortgage by making the preliminary expenses, loans have not been granted; and
  - (v) this situation has resulted in improving businesses and emerging businesses being stalled while being a blow to the national economy?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to why people were inconvenienced by publishing newspaper advertisements on 10.07.2016, if granting of loans is not possible?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

1328/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of windmills installed in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) The price at which a unit of electricity is obtained from those power plants by the Ceylon Electricity Board separately in relation to each power plant; and
  - (iii) out of those windmills, the power plants that belong to the L.T.L. Holdings (Pvt) Limited;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the price at which a unit of electricity is supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board by the new windmills being erected at Elephant Pass;
  - (ii) whether the government has taken steps to obtain a unit of electricity from windmills at a lowest rate; and
  - (iii) if so, in what manner?
- (c) If not, why?

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Motions**

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item No. 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper of the Parliament be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23 of the Parliament.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Resolution under the Essential Public Services Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the proclamation made by the President in the form of an order under Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979 which was published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2029/23 of 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 throughout Sri Lanka with effect from 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 declaring the services of any Public Corporation or Government Department or Local Authority or Co-operative Society or any branch thereof being a Department or Corporation or Local Authority or Co-operative Society, which is engaged in supply or distribution of fuel including petroleum products and gas and all services, work, labour of any description whatsoever, necessary or required to be done in connection with the discharge, carriage, landing, storage, delivery and removal of oil or fuel from vessels within any port as defined for the purposes of the Customs Ordinance, considering that those services are essential to life of the community and are likely to be impeded or interrupted, be approved.

(Presented to the Parliament on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017.)



\*2.

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.

\*3.

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

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

\*5.

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

\*6.

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

\*7.

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

\*8.

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

\*9.

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.)

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

\*12.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*13.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*14.

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.”

\*15.

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.

16.

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

17.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

18.

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

19.

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

20.

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

21.

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

22.

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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