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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

65/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the qualifications considered when appointing officers for the post of security advisor at Sri Lankan diplomatic missions in foreign countries;
 - (ii) the duties of the post of security advisor;
 - (iii) their period of service ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of security advisors serving in Sri Lankan diplomatic missions in foreign countries by now;
 - (ii) the reasons for appointing them ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which Brigadier Deshapriya Gunawardena was appointed as the security advisor of Sri Lankan embassy in Turkey;
 - (ii) whether there are any provisions in the law that enables an officer who has been interdicted to hold such a position;
 - (iii) If so, those legal provisions are?
- (d) If not, why ?

2.

1115/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a large number of public and private offices are located in areas such as the Torrington Square, Narahenpita etc. in Colombo;
 - (ii) not a single CTB bus operates at present on the Route No.173 from Mattakkuliya to Nugegoda and Route No. 115 from Pettah to Nugegoda via Torrington that cover the said areas; and
 - (iii) the ordinary passengers as well as office workers who travel on those routes are facing serious inconvenience in transport as a result?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to have at least one CTB bus operating on Route Nos. 173 and 115?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1266/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the L.T.T.E. terrorists launched an attack targeting five police stations in the Eastern province;
 - (ii) the number of police officers who died of that attack;
 - (iii) the number of police officers who went missing in that attack;
 - (iv) If an estimate has been made of the damage caused to property by that attack, what it is;
 - (v) whether the terrorists responsible for that attack have been arrested;
 - (vi) whether legal action have been taken against the persons responsible for that attack; and
 - (vii) whether a full report about that incident be presented?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1362/16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Development Assignments,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of private institutions in the Matara District registered for making contributions to the Employees' Trust Fund;
 - (ii) the names of the said institutions;
 - (iii) separately, in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District, the number of employees who have obtained the membership of the Employees' Trust Fund; and
 - (iv) the minimum requirements to be satisfied to be eligible for the registration in the Employees' Trust Fund?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

1368/16

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Kalmunai Education Zone in the Ampara District in the Eastern Province has eight national schools including the recently upgraded Thampiluvil Central College;
 - (ii) so far, permanent principals have not been appointed to the aforesaid national schools;
 - (iii) false information which says that the aforesaid schools have permanent principals have been provided to the Ministry of Education; and
 - (iv) Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service Officers' Union has alleged that the aforesaid schools are functioning without proper supervision of the Ministry of Education?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to appoint permanent, qualified principals to the aforesaid national schools as per the directive of the Public Service Commission which stipulates that the principals of national schools should compulsorily be graduates; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which such action would be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

1389/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that it was proposed as per the proposal No.141 of the budget of 2016 to provide a subsidy to local milk producers, which is 30 rupees per packet;
 - (ii) whether he will explain the manner in which the 1000 million rupees allocated by the budget for the aforesaid milk production subsidy was utilized;
 - (iii) the names of the persons or institutions to whom the aforesaid milk production subsidy was provided and of the Ministries through which it was provided;
 - (iv) the number of liters of milk in millions produced in Sri Lanka in each year during the period from the year 2005 up to now, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

7.

1393/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the farmers belonging to Kalutara and Walallawita Divisional Secretariat Divisions have been asked by the relevant officer to produce a photo-copy of the National Identity Card along with the application for fertilizer when they came to obtain the fertilizer subsidy; and
 - (ii) they have been informed that a circular to this effect has been sent, when it was explained that the majority of the farmers do not possess National Identity Cards ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to instruct the officers to accept the Elders' Identity Cards, Passports and Driving Licenses owned by the farmers of the area in place of National Identity Cards?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

1507/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) amount of total debt obtained by the government in the year 2016;
 - (ii) weighted average interest rate due for the debt obtained in the year 2016; and
 - (iii) the amount which weighted average interest rate in the year 2016 has fluctuated, in comparison to years 2014 and 2015 ?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1560/17

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the mobile marketing programme named “Gamata Saviya–Sathosa Badiya” commenced by the Cooperative Wholesale Establishment Corporation is operative at present;
 - (ii) the number of vehicles deployed for this programme;
 - (iii) the period of time for which this programme was operative;
 - (iv) whether a report of the total cost incurred for this programme will be submitted;
 - (v) whether a proper feasibility study has been done before this programme was commenced;
 - (vi) if not, the requirement of commencing this programme?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1569/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the sources from which moneys were allocated for the development of Thopur Stadium in the District of Trincomalee;
 - (ii) separately of the amount of money allocated out of each of the aforesaid sources; and
 - (iii) of the total expenditure borne for that?
- (b) Is he aware—
 - (i) that this stadium was declared open in January, 2017; and
 - (ii) that it's plaque contains only the names of the members of the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the basis on which these names have been included;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not including the names of the members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Councils who represent the government, in spite of the fact that such Members are available in the District of Trincomalee;
 - (iii) whether the relevant procedures have been adopted with pertinence to the name given to this stadium;
 - (iv) whether the promotion and prioritization of a certain party in development activities conducted through public funds is accepted as a feature of Good Governance ;
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to rectify this fault?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

1574/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of students who received the Mahapola Higher Educational Scholarships out of the total number of students enrolled to the state universities in the last five academic years;
 - (ii) of the value of a monthly installment of Mahapola Scholarship?

(6)

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the methodology adopted in selecting students for offering Mahapola Scholarships on merit basis;
 - (ii) separately on the academic year and the subject stream basis, of the number of students who were offered the Mahapola Scholarship on merit basis in bio-science, mathematics, commerce and arts subjects in the past five years as given in (i) above;
 - (iii) as per the results of the G.C.E. (A/L) examination, of the district rank and the island rank of the student (who had the minimum qualification) in each of the subject streams mentioned in (ii) above in the last five academic years?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

1673/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mr. A.L.M. Mukthar, officer in class II of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service functioning as Deputy Director of Education of Ampara Zone; and
 - (ii) Zonal Director of Education of Ampara Zone is an officer junior to Mr. Mukthar in Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a higher graded senior officer allowed to work under a junior officer;
 - (ii) whether instructions be issued to rectify this anomaly by either transferring Mr. Mukthar to a post in accordance to his grade and seniority or posting a senior officer above Mr. Mukthar as Zonal Director of Education, of Ampara; and
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (c) If not why?

13.

1748/17

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the measures that have been taken at present to fill the existing vacancies for volunteer Grama Niladharis;
 - (ii) whether the government has made some arrangements in regard to the retired Grama Niladharis;
 - (iii) whether Grama Niladharis who work on Divisional Secretariat Division basis can be transferred (whether divisions assigned to them can be changed); and
 - (iv) of the number of years for which a Grama Niladhari can serve in a particular division?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

1369/16

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware —

- (i) that the Ilamarudankulam village is located 7 kilometers to the east of the Omanthai junction which belongs to the Vavuniya-South Divisional Secretariat Division of the Vavuniya District and that the Semamadu village is located 3km from the aforementioned village;
- (ii) that 500 families lived in these villages before the war situation and that after the end of the war, 19 families reside in the Ilamarudankulam village and that 65 families occupy the Semamadu village by now;
- (iii) that before the war, approximately 1100 acres of land was cultivated in these villages but the threats posed by wild elephants at present have made it impossible to engage in cultivation activities there; and
- (iv) that no housing scheme was implemented for the benefit of the aforementioned people?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether projects have been carried out for the well being of the people of Ilamarudankulam and Semamadu by now;
- (ii) if so, of the names of such projects; and
- (iii) if not, of the names of projects which are expected to be implemented in future?

(c) If not, why?

15.

1390/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a register of persons who obtained the fertilizer subsidy which was provided to paddy farmers subjected to a maximum of Rs.25,000/- per year as per budget proposal No. 136 of budget 2016 along with the financial allocations granted for each of the aforesaid persons;
- (ii) separately of the expenditure borne by the government for the fertilizer subsidy for each year from 2005 to 2016; and
- (iii) of the amount of remaining money, if any, out of the grants of Rs. 35,000 million and Rs. 37,500 million allocated for the fertilizer subsidy in the years 2015 and 2016 respectively?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Prevention of Crimes (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Prevention of Crimes Ordinance (Chapter 22).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Ceylon German Technical Training Institute Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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

*4.

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.

(9)

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.)

*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 06th December 2016, which were presented on 07.06.2017, be approved.

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Order under the Extradition Law (No. 1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 3 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Russian Federation published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2022/27 of 07th June 2017, which was presented on 25.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Order under the Extradition Law (No. 2),—That the Order made by the President under Section 3 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Ukraine published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2021/47 of 02nd June 2017, which was presented on 26.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,— Regulations under the Registration of Persons Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs under Subsection (1) of Section 52 of the Registration of Persons Act, No. 32 of 1968 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2021/28 of 31st May 2017, which was presented on 25.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Minister of Sports,— Regulation under the Sports Law,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Sports under Section 41 read with Section 31 of the Sports Law, No. 25 of 1973 with regard to regulations on National Sports Associations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2017/41 of 05th May 2017, which was presented on 26.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses (Amendment) Bill—
Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Inland Revenue Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission (2013),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 06.09.2016 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 26.01.2017)

*16.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board (2012),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 07.03.2017 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 24.03.2017)

*17.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 03.05.2017 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 26.05.2017)

*18.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation (2011),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2011 and presented on 10.12.2016 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 23.05.2017)

*19.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Savings Bank (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Savings Bank together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 24.01.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*20.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Bank of Ceylon (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 25.01.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*21.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the People's Bank (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the People's Bank together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 08.03.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*22.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Kurunegala Plantations Ltd. (2014),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Kurunegala Plantations Ltd together with the observations of Independent Auditors for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 21.03.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 23.05.2017)

*23.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013) of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 08.07.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

*24.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013), of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 21.07.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital Board Act, No. 54 of 1983 and Section 14(2) C of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

*25.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013) of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation,— That the Annual Reports and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 11.08.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

*26.

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.

*27.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*28.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*29.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*30.

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.”

*31.

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.

32.

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

33.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

34.

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

35.

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

36.

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

37.

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

38.

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.”
