

[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 194.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, September 06, 2017 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

119/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform—
 - the number of students whose studentship were cancelled, suspended attending from classes and court action were taken as disciplinary measures in each university separately during the period from 30.06.2013 to 30.06.2015;
 - (ii) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of each student according to the university separately; and
 - (iii) the reason for taking disciplinary action against each student separately?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) disciplinary action is not the solution for student struggles;
 - (ii) should attentively listen to the demands of the students;
 - (iii) facilities at universities should be improved; and
 - (iv) students' future employment prospects should be ensured?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to minimize student struggles in universities;
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid measures are; and
 - (iii) whether student struggles have minimized as a result of those measures?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1043/'16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of persons included in the delegation that joined the President to participate in the annual session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2016;
 - (ii) the names of the persons who joined the above tour and the basis on which they were included in the delegation separately; and
 - (iii) the total cost which the tour incurred on the Government, Public Corporations, Statutory Boards and Public Companies?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1622/'17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that
 - the Sevanagala Sugar Factory is very important in fulfilling the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) it has generated a large number of direct and indirect employment opportunities; and
 - (iii) farmers have taken to other cultivations without cultivating sugarcane in lands allocated to them in the area around the factory?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of hectares allocated to farmers for the cultivation of sugarcane in the area around the Sevanagala Sugar Factory;
 - (ii) the number of hectares currently being used for sugarcane cultivation;
 - (iii) whether he admits that the expected output cannot be procured as farmers resort to other cultivations day by day; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures taken to procure greater output from this factory?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1639/'17

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - the total quantity of the coal supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board by the company named Noble Resources Limited from time to time;
 - (ii) the total amount of money that has been paid to the said coal company in payment of these quantities;
 - (iii) the duration for which the operation of the Norochcholai Coal Power Station was interrupted for failure on the part of the said company to supply coal in time; and
 - (iv) the loss caused to the Ceylon Electricity Board due to interruption of generators in this manner?

- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - the local representatives separately in respect of tenders numbered LCC/09/T/02, LCC/01 and LCC/13T/01 obtained by the Noble Resources Limited; and
 - (ii) the reasons for awarding the supply of coal to the said company without following the procurement procedure?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1642/'17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of temples located in the Uva Province and the number of Bhikkus living in them;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the temples system suffered a severe collapse due to action on the part of the imperialists; and
 - (iii) what steps to be taken to uplift the temples that had collapsed due to the severe injustice historically caused to the Uva Province?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1670/'17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House
 - separately on the basis of designation, of the number of employees working at the Marawila Hospital which is governed under the North-Western Provincial Council; and
 - (ii) of the action that will be taken by the Ministry to develop this hospital further?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1685/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - the date on which the Lahugala Divisional Secretariat Division in Ampara District was established;
 - (ii) whether a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in that regard will be tabled in this House;
 - (iii) the total extent of land coming under the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (v) the names and numbers of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official delimitation was carried out when establishing the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if so, the details of it?
- (c) Will he state—
 - whether the administrative activities or management of the any Division/Divisions out of the aforesiad Grama Niladhari Divisions coming under the Divisional Secretariat mentioned above is carried out by some other Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the information including the names, numbers of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions will be submitted?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

1691/'17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - the farmers paid Rs. 150/- for paddy field insurance on each 50 kilogrammes pack of fertilizer when fertilizer was provided to farmers involved in paddy cultivation at concessionary rates during the previous government;
 - (ii) the farmers who subscribed to that scheme, received compensation easily when there were destroyed;
 - (iii) the scheme of charging that insurance premium is not functional at present;
 - (iv) there have been delays in paying compensation to formers when paddy cultivations were destroyed owing to rapidly changing whether conditions experienced recently?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - whether there is a system to pay compensation to farmers who get affected in the manner stated above;
 - (ii) whether there is a possibility of implementing a scheme similar to that of the paddy field insurance scheme that prevailed in the past?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Motor Traffic (Amendment),—Bill to amend the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sittings of Parliament on Thursday, September 07th, 2017 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3),—That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, September 07th, 2017.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2022/30 of 09th June 2017, which was presented on 22.08.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2024/1 of 19th June 2017, which was presented on 22.08.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2027/7 of 11th July 2017, which was presented on 22.08.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Regulation under the Stamp duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance under Section 5 read of the Stamp duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 with regard to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2007/24 of 21st February 2017, which was presented on 08.08.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*****5.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act (No. 1),—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.

*****6.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act (No. 2),—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Paragraph (u) of Subsection (2) of Section 142 read with the Sections 59 and 63 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2023/30 of 14th June 2017, which was presented on 22.08.2017, be approved.

*****7.

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

*8.

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.)

*****9.

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.)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—Order under the Extradition Law (No. 3),—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 People's Republic of China published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2024/25 of 20th June 2017, which was presented on 22.08.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*****11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—Order under the Extradition Law (No. 4),—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 Socialist Republic of Vietnam published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2028/16 of 19th July 2017, which was presented on 23.08.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

Prevention of Crimes (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

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

*17.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill,— Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

Electronic Transactions (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

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)

*21.

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)

*22.

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)

*23.

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)

*24.

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)

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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)

*26.

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)

*27.

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)

*28.

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)

*29.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013), of the Sri Jayewardenapura Genaral 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 Genaral 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)

*30.

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)

*31.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd (2014),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd. together with the observations of the KPMG institute of Chartered Accountants prepared for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 22.03.2017 in terms of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007 and regulation of Insurance Industry Act, No. 43 of 2000, be approved.

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

*32.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of National Savings Bank (2014),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of National Savings Bank together with the observations of the Auditor General prepared for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 05.05.2016 under Section 35(3) of the 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)

*33.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of People's Bank (2014),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of People's Bank together with the observations of the Auditor General prepared for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 22.09.2016 under Section 35(3) of the 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)

*34.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon (2014),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon together with the observations of the Auditor General prepared for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 05.05.2016 under Section 35(3) of the 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)

*35.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Chilaw Plantations Ltd. (2014),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Chilaw Plantations Ltd. together with the observations of the Auditor General prepared for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 15.11.2016 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

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

*36.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Regional Development Bank (2014),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements Regional Development Bank together with the observations of the Auditor General prepared for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 28.10.2016 2016 under Section 35(3) of the 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)

*37.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.)

*38.

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

*39.

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."

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

41.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

42.

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

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

44.

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

45.

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

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."