



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 227.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Monday, December 04, 2017 at 9.30 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

135/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the names of convicted persons of the 4 billion rupee VAT fraud;
  - (ii) the punishments given to each person separately; and
  - (iii) whether those persons have paid the fine imposed on them?
- (b) Is he aware that—
  - (i) there is a large number of persons connected to the aforesaid VAT fraud;
  - (ii) high officials of the Department of Inland Revenue are connected to this fraud; and
  - (iii) certain groups have fled the country by now?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether investigations are carried out on all the persons involved in the VAT fraud;
  - (ii) if so, names, addresses, telephone numbers and positions of persons revealed from the investigations; and
  - (iii) the measures taken against them?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1219/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of government institutions in the Mannar district;
  - (ii) the number of government institutions that were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after 1983;

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- (iii) whether a government acceptable valuation has been done on the destroyed property;
  - (iv) if so, the total value of the said property;
  - (v) whether legal action has been taken against the terrorists who were responsible for the said destruction;
  - (vi) if so, what those steps are; and
  - (vii) whether a comprehensive report with regard to the facts that have been questioned in above (i) to (vi) will be submitted to this House?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1471/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of water supply projects implemented in the Badulla District up to now since the present good governance government came to power in 2015;
  - (ii) separately of the name and number of beneficiaries of each of the aforesaid water supply projects along with the amount of money spent on each project; and
  - (iii) of the steps expected to be taken to remedy the drinking water issue of the people of Badulla?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1624/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) the traditional gem miners in Rathnapura district, the leading district in the gem industry that provides a significant contribution to the national income, are losing that industry; and
  - (ii) the reason for this situation is that the traditional miner has fallen into the state of a labourer among the businessmen who have engaged in large scale businesses within this industry?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether licenses have been issued to use back- hoes in the large scale mining industry;
  - (ii) if so, the names and addresses of the license holders;
  - (iii) whether he admits that using of back- hoes for the traditional mining causes an injustice to the traditional miners as well as severe environmental damages; and
  - (iv) the measures that can be taken to prevent this situation?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1710/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that a subsidy called “ Kapruk Purawara” was provided to coconut farmers as Rs.52/= per tree from 8 trees up to 5 acres and that the said subsidy is not provided at present; and
  - (ii) whether he admits that eventhough the coconut cultivators who did not receive the subsidy handed over applications to the Office of the Coconut Cultivation Board at Ratnapura in December 2016 requesting that subsidy , no response has been received up to now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether immediate action would be taken after looking into this matter, to provide that subsidy to the coconut farmers?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

1754/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he accepts that the Gadaladeniya, Lankatilaka and Ambakke Temples located in the Uduuwara Divisional Secretariat Division are very important world famous ancient places;
  - (ii) whether he is aware that thousands of local and foreign tourists arrive each day to visit these sites; and
  - (iii) local and foreign tourists face severe embarrassment due to lack of common amenities in these places?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he will adopt a course of action under his Ministry to provide common amenities that are lacking in these places expeditiously; and
  - (ii) if so, in what manner?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

1799/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether a programme called ‘Bimsawiya’ is implemented with the objective of settling land issues;
  - (ii) whether the above programme is implemented in all districts of Sri Lanka at present; and
  - (iii) if not, of the names of the districts in which the aforementioned ‘Bimsawiya’ programme is implemented?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether a proposal to expedite the aforesaid ‘Bimsawiya’ programme has been submitted by now;
  - (ii) whether foreign aid is obtained to expedite the aforesaid programme;
  - (iii) if so, whether the said aid is provided as foreign aid or a loan;
  - (iv) of the financial value of such aid; and
  - (v) of the total amount estimated for the ‘Bimsawiya’ programme?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

2435/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the names of persons to whom payments were made by the Prime Minister’s Office for drafting the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution and for preparing concept papers and the amount of payment made to each such person separately?
  - (b) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Presentation of Bills**

1.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Appropriation (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Appropriation Act, No.24 of 2016.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice,— Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No. 2 of 2013.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2018) — (Nineteenth Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress 30<sup>th</sup> November).

\*2.

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 read with the Section 118 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to Medical Devices Pricing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2030/47 of 04<sup>th</sup> August 2017, which were presented on 13.11.2017, be approved.

\*3.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation - 2013,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 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)

\*4.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital - 2013,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 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)

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\*5.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation - 2013,— That the Annual Reports and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 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)

\*6.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts of Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital - 2013,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 12.08.2016 under Section 30(2) of the Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital Board Act, No. 38 of 1999 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)

\*7.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Drugs Corporation - 2013,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Drugs Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 09.01.2017 under Section 30 of State Industrial Corporations Act, No. 49 of 1957, be approved.

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

\*8.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts of Homoeopathy Medical Council - 2011,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Homoeopathy Medical Council together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2011 and presented on 25.01.2017 under Section 40 of Homoeopathy Act, No. 07 of 1970, be approved.

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

\*9.

The Minister of Housing and Construction,— Annual Report and Accounts of National Housing Development Authority - 2012,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of National Housing Development Authority together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 25.10.2016 under National Housing Development Authority Act, No. 17 of 1979, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 09.08.2017)

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\*10.

The Minister of Housing and Construction,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Institution for Construction Training and Development - 2013,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Institution for Construction Training and Development together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 25.10.2016 under sub Section 1 of Section 2 of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Gazette Extraordinary No. 718/15 of 10<sup>th</sup> June 1992, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 09.08.2017)

\*11.

The Minister of Housing and Construction,— Annual Report and Accounts of State Development and Construction Corporation - 2012,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of State Development and Construction Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 24.01.2017 under sub Section 1 of Section 2 of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 09.08.2017)

\*12.

The Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation - 2013,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 05.04.2016 under Section 32(3) of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation Act, No. 28 of 1961, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy on 07.10.2016)

\*13.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) read with Sections 12, 14 and 22 regarding Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2029/51 of 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017, which was presented on 09.10.2017, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 996)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*14.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— 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. 2032/31 of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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\*15.

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 and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2021/7 of 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*16.

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 and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2022/7 of 06<sup>th</sup> June 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*17.

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 and Mass Media 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. 2022/8 of 06<sup>th</sup> June 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*18.

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 and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2025/44 of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*19.

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 and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2028/44 of 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*20.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.6),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2029/25 of 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)



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\*21.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.7),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2030/10 of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*22.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.8),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2030/20 of 01<sup>st</sup> August 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*23.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.9),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2032/11 of 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*24.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.10),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2032/24 of 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*25.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.11),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2033/31 of 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*26.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.12),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2035/28 of 08<sup>th</sup> September 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*27.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.13),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2039/2 of 02<sup>nd</sup> October 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*28.

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 18.11.2017, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2031/49 of 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*29.

Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*30.

Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Second Reading

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*31.

Safeguard Measures Bill — Second Reading

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*32.

Fisheries (Regulation of Foreign Fishing Boats) (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*33.

Revised Draft Standing Orders of Parliament,— Report of the Committee on Standing Orders in relation to the revised Draft of the Standing Orders of Parliament presented on Tuesday, 07<sup>th</sup> November 2017,— Consideration.

\*34.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*35.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*36.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*37.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*38.

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 was presented on 06.05.2016, be approved.”

39.

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

40.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

41.

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

42.

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

43.

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

44.

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

45.

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

46.

Aloka Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

47.

Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on the Appropriation Bill (2018)—See separate Paper “Supplement to the Orders of the Day”.

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