



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 247.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

690/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people who have made their living on cane products industry are currently leaving that industry;
 - (ii) there are problems in regard to raw materials and the market; and
 - (iii) this industry could bring a huge amount of foreign exchange to the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether cane products are exported;
 - (ii) if so, the income earned from it in the year 2015;
 - (iii) if the aforesaid products are not exported, whether action will be taken to export those products; and
 - (iv) if so, when it will be done?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken steps to expand the market required for the cane industry in the country; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1227/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many places of archaeological interest are located in the Puttlam District;
 - (ii) in how many places conservation activities are being undertaken out of the aforesaid sites;
 - (iii) what amounts were allocated in the years 2015 and 2016 for this purpose, separately;

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- (iv) what places of archaeological interest were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists;
 - (v) if an assessment of such destructions has been done, what the estimated value is in respect of each site separately.
 - (vi) whether legal measures have been taken in respect of these destructions; and
 - (vii) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on all above?
- (b) If not, why? .

3.

1421/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a Special Purpose Company was established as per the proposal No. 189 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) if so , the name of that company;
 - (iii) the objectives mentioned in the Memorandum of Association of the aforesaid company;
 - (iv) the main directives mentioned in Articles of Association of the aforesaid company; and
 - (v) the names of the directors of the aforesaid company?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1662/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of pre schools functioning in the district of Badulla;;
 - (ii) separately of the name and the address of each of the aforesaid pre school;
 - (iii) of the number and the names of the pre school children who have hitherto obtained the benefits under the project to provide school bags for pre schools by the present Chief Minister of Uva province; and
 - (iv) of the expenditure incurred for this purpose and the sources through which funds were secured for the purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

2003/'17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the addresses of ministerial offices of the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs;
 - (ii) if rent or lease is paid for the said offices, the monthly rental/lease; and
 - (iii) the total rent/lease paid from the year 2015 up to now in 2017?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately in respect of each Ministry—
 - (i) the number of officials in the personal staff of the Minister;
 - (ii) the number of vehicles allocated for the said personal staff; and
 - (iii) the number of vehicles allocated to the Minister?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

2071/'17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) 23 tractors and 08 hand tractors belonging to the Department of Agrarian Development have been left idle without any maintenance or without making any use at the Poonakary Agrarian Services Center in the Killinochchi District; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid tractors have been left in the open for four years without any protection?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to repair the aforesaid tractors and to put them to use;
 - (ii) if so, of the period of time that will be taken to repair those tractors and of the manner in which they will be utilized after been repaired; and
 - (iii) if not, whether there is possibility of repairing those tractors and distributing them among farmer organizations at reasonable prices?
- (c) If not, why?

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7.

2134/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of each district separately—
 - (i) the number of students who sat for the GCE (A/L) examination in the biology stream in 2015 from Ratnapura and Kegalle districts;
 - (ii) the number and the percentage of the students who were qualified for university entrance;
 - (iii) the number and the percentage of the students qualified for medical faculties; and
 - (iv) the minimum result of the students who were qualified for the medical faculty, Z score, the school in which each student studied and the medical faculty to which they got selected?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

2144/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of teachers serving in the North Western Provincial Council in respect of each education division separately;
 - (ii) the amount of money that have been released to pay distress loans to the teachers from 2015 up to now;
 - (iii) the number of teachers who applied for distress loans from 2015 up to now in respect of each education division separately;
 - (iv) the number of teachers to whom the distress loans have been paid by now in respect of each educational division separately; and
 - (v) the steps taken by the ministry to pay the distress loans to the teachers to whom the distress loans have not been paid up to now?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

2181/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the following details in regard to the advisors, coordinators and project directors recruited to the Urban Development Authority during the period from 18.08.2015 up to 31.07.2017,—
 - (i) names;
 - (ii) educational qualifications;
 - (iii) professional qualifications;
 - (iv) salaries and allowances;
 - (v) staff facilities; and
 - (vi) vehicles and other facilities?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

2226/17

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) transportation has been disrupted because 402 meters long Vattuwakal bridge, the main bridge situated in Kilinochchi–Mullaitivu A-50 main road that belongs to the Road Development Authority, is very narrow and can accommodate only single lane traffic and has not undergone any repair; and
 - (ii) I have submitted a written request dated 31.07.2017 with regard to the repairing of this Vattuwakal Bridge?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to repair and widen the Vattuwakal Bridge to have two lanes of traffic within a specific period of time?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

2291/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of sites with archaeological value located in Ratnapura district;
 - (ii) the names of those places; and
 - (iii) the steps taken to conserve those sites after the present Good Governance government came to power?
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

12.

2316/17

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) number of business entities in Kalutara district that suffered total, partial and minor damages from the floods and landslides occurred on 27th May 2017;
- (ii) the number of such business enterprises in each Divisional Secretariat Divisions separately;
- (iii) the number of such business entities categorized as small and medium scale business enterprises and self-employment separately; and
- (iv) the number of business entities categorized as livestock control, technical, trade and other ventures separately;

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) the names of the owners of the business entities damaged from floods and landslides, addresses, estimated damage, the Grama Niladhari Divisions and the Divisional Secretariat Divisions where those are located, separately;
- (ii) whether the government has provided compensation to the damaged business entities in Kalutara district;
- (iii) if so, the names of the businessmen who received compensation, addresses, business entities and the compensation provided, separately; and
- (iv) the number of business entities in Kalutara district that have been provided compensation and the total amount of compensation?

(c) If not, why ?

13.

2323/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the date on which Dambulla International Cricket Stadium was opened;
- (ii) of the total amount of money that was spent on the construction of the aforesaid stadium;
- (iii) of the sources of funding for the aforesaid construction;
- (iv) of the number of test matches, one-day matches and 20-20 matches that have been played at the aforesaid stadium from the date it was opened to date;
- (v) of the income earned through those matches;

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- (vi) of the number of employees employed at the aforesaid stadium, and out of those employees, separately of the number of those who have been employed right under Sri Lanka Cricket and the number of those who belong to the District Cricket Association; and
- (vii) of the steps that will be taken to absorb all those employees to Sri Lanka Cricket?

(b) If not, why?

14.

2327/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that Mr. K.D. Premasiri of No.137, Awissawella Rd., Wellampitiya was turned down and the Secretary to the Ministry of Highways refused acceptance of his appeal regarding an injustice caused to him when lands were acquired for road development;
- (ii) whether he admits that the conventional practice is to accept the appeal when such appeals are submitted by any party and that refusing to accept an appeal is not the appropriate conduct that should be adopted by a government servant; and
- (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to accept the said appeal, take impartial action in this regard and inform the appellant?

(b) If not, why?

15.

2398/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the date on which the “Neeroga Lottery” was commenced;
- (ii) of the initial objectives behind commencing this lottery?

(b) Will he also inform this House separately for each year—

- (i) of the income received;
- (ii) of the prize money awarded for winners;
- (iii) of the money given for renal patients; and

from the commencement of the aforesaid lottery up to date separately in each year?

(8)

- (c) Will he further inform this House —
- (i) whether there is any possibility to increase the allocations provided to the Kurunegala District of North Western Province in view of the expansion of renal diseases in this district; and
 - (ii) if so, of the relevant details?
- (d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Active Liability Management Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Regulations under the Foreign Exchange Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2045/56 of 17th November 2017, which were presented on 19.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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 National Medicines Regulatory Authority (Ceiling on Prices) Regulations No. 2 of 2016 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/31 of 14th December 2017, which were presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

*5.

Intellectual Property (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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. 2044/32 of 09th November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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. 2045/32 of 15th November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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. 2045/33 of 15th November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.4),— 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. 2046/14 of 22nd November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.5),— 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. 2047/25 of 28th November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Report of the Delimitation Committee for the Delimitation of Electorates in Provincial Councils,— That the Report of the Delimitation Committee submitted to the Minister by the said Committee in terms of the Section 3A.(11) of the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988 as amended by the Act, No.17 of 2017, which was presented on 06.03.2018, be approved.

*16.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution,— Whereas Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe has been appointed as the Auditor-General by the President with effect from 27.11.2015, subject to the approval of the Constitutional Council in terms of Article 153 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;

And whereas the salary of the Auditor-General shall be determined by Parliament and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Article 153 (2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;

And whereas the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted on 05.12.2017 according to the Cabinet Memorandum of 14.11.2017 submitted by the President to pay salaries and other allowances to Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe, Auditor-General as follows:—

- (a) To pay salaries and other allowances entitled to the post placing on the 08th Salary Step of SL- 4 Salary Scale of the Public Administration Circular No. 06/2006 with effect from 27.11.2015;
- (b) To pay salaries under SL- 4 Salary Scale converted as instructed in the Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016 when the conversion of salaries is effected as per the said Circular with effect from 01.01.2016; and
- (c) To pay the annual salary increments as specified under the said salary scale.

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines that Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe, Auditor-General be paid the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Article 153 (2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

*17.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution to revise the Salaries and Allowances of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the Superior Courts,— Whereas the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Judges of the Court of Appeal shall be determined by Parliament, in terms of Article 108 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as amended by the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution;

And whereas the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted on 20.02.2018 according to the Cabinet Memorandum dated 17.02.2018 submitted by the President, to revise the salaries and allowances of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the Superior Courts with effect from 01.01.2018 as follows :—

- (a) To revise the salaries of the Chief Justice, Judges of the Supreme Court, President of the Court of Appeal and Judges of the Court of Appeal as set out in the Management Services Circular No. 3/2017 as mentioned in the document prepared by the Salaries and Cadre Commission and appended as Annexe I, with effect from 01.01.2018 and salary conversion to be effected on step by step basis;
- (b) To increase the pensionable allowance of 25% of the salary hitherto paid, up to 50% with effect from 01.01.2018 and to calculate the said allowance on the basis of the salary step of the newly revised salary; and
- (c) To pay a monthly professional allowance of Rs.150,000/- per month which is reckoned for pension purposes in place of the special non-pensionable allowance of Rs. 15,000/- per month which was paid.

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines that the salaries and allowances of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the Superior Courts be revised as aforementioned in terms of Article 108 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

The salary scales to be made applicable to Hon. Chief Justice and Judges of the Superior Courts effective 01.01.2018

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1	2	3	4	4	4
			6,750	7,000	7,500
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1			136,000	140,000	150,000
2			141,750	147,000	157,500
3			148,500	154,000	165,000
4			155,250	161,000	172,500
5			162,000	168,000	180,000
6			168,750	175,000	187,500

* To increase up to 50% effective 01.01.2018 the pensionable allowance which is hitherto paid as 25% of the salary and calculation of the said allowance based on the salary point of this new salary.

** Payment of a professional allowance of Rs. 150,000/- per month which is reckoned for pension purposes in place of the special non-pensionable of Rs. 15,000/- per month which was paid.

*18.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Resolution for Ratification by Sri Lanka of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Phase down of Hydrofluorocarbons (HFC),— Whereas the Montreal Protocol which aims at reducing the global warming has on four occasions introduced amendments viz. London Amendment-1990, Copenhagen Amendment -1992, Montreal Amendment -1997, and Beijing Amendment -1999 with a view to realizing various objectives and Sri Lanka has complied with those amendments within the specified time frames;

And whereas the Kigali Amendment has been introduced as the revision of the year 2016, which can eliminate the amount of Carbondioxide, equivalent to 100 billion tons by 2050 by eliminating global warming by 0.5 °C.

And Whereas in terms of Article 33 (2) (h) of the Constitution the President shall have the power to do all such acts and things, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution or written law, as by international law, custom or usage the President is authorized or required to do and as such it is the absolute authority of the President to give consent to comply with the Kigali Amendment;

And whereas in terms of Article 33 A of the Constitution, the President shall be responsible to Parliament for the due exercise, performance and discharge of his powers, duties and functions under the Constitution and any written law, including the law for the time being relating to public security;

And whereas the Cabinet decision dated 10th October 2017 on the Cabinet Memorandum dated 29th September 2017 submitted by the President in his capacity as the Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment has granted approval to comply with the Kigali Amendment which is the latest Amendment to the Montreal Protocol;

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves that Sri Lanka may comply with the Kigali Amendment which is the latest Amendment to the Montreal Protocol: HFC Phase-down as a resolution of H.E. the President in terms of Article 33A of the Constitution.

*19.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution,— That the Media guidelines to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections made by the Election Commission in terms of Article 104B (5) (a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2048/1 of 04th December 2017, which was presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

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 was presented on 06.05.2016, be approved.”

24.

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

25.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

26.

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

27.

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

28.

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

29.

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

30.

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

31.

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

32.

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

* *Indicates Government Business.*
