



(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 13.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

18/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Sri Lanka Transport Board depots in the Kandy District;
- (ii) the names of those depots;
- (iii) the number of buses currently operated by each of the said depots;
- (iv) of these depots, separately those making profits and those incurring losses;
- (v) the number of vacancies in each of the said depots;
- (vi) the number of jobs provided in these depots and the names of persons who received those jobs, after the current 'Good Governance' government came to power;
- (vii) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to improve the fleet of the CTB depots in the Kandy District?

(b) If not, why?

2.

38/18

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Social Welfare and Primary Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a Primary Industry Council has been established as per proposal No.182 of the 2016 budget;
- (ii) if so, the date on which it was established and its location;

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- (iii) whether he will briefly explain the objective of establishing a Primary Industry Council and the programme for same;
- (iv) whether a list of experts to be involved in the council is submitted;
- (v) whether a list of primary industries active in Sri Lanka at present as indicated in the above proposal is submitted; and
- (vi) the primary industries newly started in Sri Lanka including those in the North and East with the conclusion of the armed conflict in 2009?

(b) If not, why?

3.

132/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that steps have been taken to resettle the families of the Laggala electorate of Matale district who got displaced owing to the Moragahakanda project of Kalu Ganga, within the Laggala Electorate itself;
- (ii) if so, of the number of families that got displaced and the extents of land provided;
- (iii) if so, whether it is admitted that although the lands thus provided are adequate for the present generation, they do not suffice the next generations; and
- (iv) if so, of the steps that will be taken by the ministry to solve the land issues faced by the families resettled as a result of the Moragahakanda project and the land issues that will be encountered by their future generation?

(b) If not, why?

4.

159/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the number of degree awarding institutions in Sri Lanka at present?

(b) Will he also inform this House separately of—

- (i) the address;
- (ii) the date on which approval has been obtained from the University Grants Commission to award degrees;
- (iii) the degrees awarded;
- (iv) the number of undergraduates in them; and
- (v) the fee charged for each degree course; with respect to each of the said institutions?

(c) If not, why?

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5.

196/18

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) 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?

6.

217/18

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) approximately, 750 families are engaging in fresh water fishing industry associated to 11 lakes in Kilinochchi district; and
 - (ii) aforesaid families have been completely deprived of their livelihood owing to recent drought situation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is any possibility of providing them with some relief measure with respect to their livelihood;
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid relief measure; and
 - (iii) of the date on which aforesaid relief can be granted?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

233/18

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Kollonnawa Girls' School is the only Girls' National School available in Kolonnawa Education Division;
 - (ii) this school is faced with a number of shortages at present; and
 - (iii) currently there are 18 vacancies for teachers and 8 vacancies in the non-academic staff of this school?

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- (b) Will he inform this House –
- (i) whether he would admit that it is an obstacle and a damage for the future progress and the reputation of this school to have such vacancies in the staff;
 - (ii) of the nature of plans that are in place to fill these vacancies;
 - (iii) of the date on which steps will be taken to implement those plans;
 - (iv) separately of the provisions that have been allocated for the development of physical and human resources of this school in year 2017;
 - (v) of the progress of the programmes that have been implemented at present utilizing such provision;
 - (vi) whether it has been planned to allocate provisions for the development of physical and human resources of this school in year 2018; and
 - (vii) if so, of the value of such provisions?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

241/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately on per electorate basis, of the number families that receive the Samurdhi assistance in the Ratnapura District; and
 - (ii) of the steps that would be taken by the Ministry to include new families for the Samurdhi Programme?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

311/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the ransoms are taken from the buses at Colombo Central Bus terminal, Gunasinghepura Private Bus terminal and Bastian Mawatha private bus terminal;
 - (ii) these venues are used by the individuals connected with drug and other obscene for their business activities; and
 - (iii) there is no sufficient facilities for local and foreign passengers in these places?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether measures have been taken to suppress the individuals engaged in aforesaid malpractices;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of persons arrested and against whom the legal actions were instituted in year 2016; and
 - (iii) whether police have been deployed for the security of aforesaid places?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to improve the infrastructure facilities including toilet facilities of aforesaid places; and
 - (ii) if so of aforesaid measures?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

383/18

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that nearly 08 lakhs of Tamil workers residing in the estates have been living in 10x12 feet line rooms up to now;
 - (ii) of the number of houses that had been built by 31.12.2014 under the programme commenced by the previous government to provide housing for them;
 - (iii) of the estates and the districts where the houses mentioned in (ii) above have been built;
 - (iv) of the provisions allocated for this project in 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (v) of the number of houses constructed in 2015, 2016 and 2017 separately, as per each year and district;
 - (vi) of the number of houses provided to the people in the estate sector by the previous governments;
 - (vii) the time required to fully solve this housing problem; and
 - (viii) whether information on that arrangement will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

392/18

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of emergency disaster situations that occurred in 2017;
 - (ii) the number of persons who got displaced owing to those disaster in relation to each district;
 - (iii) the number of instances of harm to property in relation to each district; and
 - (iv) the amount of money allocated to pay compensation to displaced people?
- (b) If not, why?

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12.

410/18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of houses in the Manner District that had been provided with electricity supply by the Ceylon Electricity Board by year 1983;
 - (ii) of the total number of houses which have been provided with electricity supply by now;
 - (iii) of the amount allocated annually from year 1984 to 2009 for the supply of electricity on per year basis;
 - (iv) of the number of houses that have been provided with electricity supply up to year 2015 after the end of war situation in year 2009 on per year basis; and
 - (v) of the amount of money allocated for the supply of electricity during the period mentioned in (iv) above on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

424/18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development, Wildlife and Regional Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) “Vijayagama “ Ranaviru village of Palagala - Negampaha road of Palagala Divisional Secretariat division which was established in year 2012, has been commissioned to the public by the Housing Development Authority, in the year 2013;
 - (ii) as wild elephants roam in aforesaid village frequently, it is unsafe for the villagers to engage in their day to day activities; and
 - (iii) even if the proposals have been made to put up an electric fence nothing has been done yet?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether speedy measures will be taken to put up an electric fence for the sake of the security of the villagers; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) If not, why?
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(7)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Nation Building Tax (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Nation Building Tax Act, No. 9 of 2009.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2066/2 of 09th April 2018, which was presented on 05.06.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 08/2018)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.2),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2065/57 of 06th April 2018, which was presented on 05.06.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 09/2018)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*4.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with Section 4(3) and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 relating to Imports and Exports Control (Standardization and Quality Control) regulations 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2064/34 of 29th March 2018, which were presented on 09.05.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

1990 Suwaseriya Foundation Bill — Second Reading

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 25 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding on Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/42 of 18th January 2018, which was presented on 22.05.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 04/2018)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.2),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Annual Liquor License Fees and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/4 of 11th December 2017, which was presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 1004)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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 paragraph (u) of Section 142(2) read with the Sections 59 and 63 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to Registration and Licensing of Medicines (fees) Regulations No. 2 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2052/33 of 05th January 2018, which were presented on 03.04.2018, be approved.

*9.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/16 of 13th December 2017, which was presented on 05.06.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

National Audit Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

*12.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

Pradeshiya Sabhas (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

Prescription (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

Commissions of Inquiry (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

Bribery (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

Land (Restrictions on Alienation) (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of People's Bank (2016),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of People's Bank together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 16.11.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law 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 06.03.2018)

*22.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 24.11.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 06.03.2018)

*23.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon (2016),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 04.12.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law 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 06.03.2018)

*24.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of Regional Development Bank (2015),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of Regional Development Bank together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 07.11.2017 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 06.03.2018)

*25.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of State Mortgage & Investment Bank (2014),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of State Mortgage & Investment Bank together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 23.06.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 21.09.2017)

*26.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of State Mortgage & Investment Bank (2015),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of State Mortgage & Investment Bank together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 11.11.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 06.03.2018)

*27.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Savings Bank (2014),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Savings Bank together with the observations of the Independent Auditors for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 08.08.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 21.09.2017)

*28.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Annual Report and Accounts - Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (2012),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 19.10.2017 under Section 31 of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law No. 4 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 10.11.2017)

*29.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Annual Report and Accounts - Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (2013),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 07.12.2017 under Section 31 of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law No. 4 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 20.03.2018)

*30.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Annual Report and Accounts - Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 07.12.2017 under Section 31 of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law No. 4 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 20.03.2018)

*31.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Annual Report and Accounts - Sri Lanka Export Development Board (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 20.10.2017 under Section 16 of the Sri Lanka export Development Act No. 40 of 1979 and Section II of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 20.02.2018)

*32.

The Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,— 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.

*33.

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.

*34.

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.)

*35.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*36.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*37.

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.”

38.

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

39.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

40.

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

41.

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

42.

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

43.

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

44.

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

45.

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

46.

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

* *Indicates Government Business.*
