



*(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)*

No. 15.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

40/18

Hon. ( Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a state-private joint Action Committee was formed in order to solve the problems faced by the tea industry according to Proposal No. 157 of Budget 2016;
- (ii) if so, the names of its members;
- (iii) of the main problems identified by the said Committee in 2016 as those faced by the tea industry; and
- (iv) of the measures adopted by the government in order to solve the problems in the tea industry in 2016?

(b) If not, why?

2.

243/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that there is a school named Dela Tamil Maha Vidyalaya in the Nivithigala education zone in the Ratnapura district;
- (ii) the number of students studying in it at present;
- (iii) whether he is aware that there is a severe shortage of teachers in that school at present; and
- (iv) of the steps the Ministry intends to take to address that shortage of teachers?

(b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

412/18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) how many households within the Jaffna District had been connected to the supply of cleaned drinking water by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board by 1983;
  - (ii) how many households are provided with cleaned drinking water at present;
  - (iii) what amount in full was allocated by the government in each year for providing drinking water until the end of the war situation after 1983;
  - (iv) what amount in full was allocated by the government for projects implemented for the supply of drinking water, separately in respect of each of the years following the war situation until the year 2015; and
  - (v) whether he will table a progress report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

448/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a programme to grant full or semi scholarships through the President's Fund to Sri Lankans for local or foreign academic purposes;
  - (ii) if so, the basis and the methodology for the selection of suitable persons for scholarships as per the said programme;
  - (iii) whether there is a system to award scholarships for students securing the highest marks at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination;
  - (iv) whether there is a system to award scholarships to graduates for postgraduate studies;
  - (v) whether there is a system to award local or foreign scholarships except in (iii) and (iv) above;
  - (vi) if so, what that system is; and
  - (vii) separately the names of persons who received local or foreign scholarships outside the systems indicated in (iii) and (iv) above, the amount of money, institution and if a foreign country the name of same in respect of each year from the year 2005 to year 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

481/'18

Hon. D.V. Chanaka,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the total extent of lands that would be awarded through the agreement to privatize the Hambantota Port and of the basis on which the lands would be awarded;
  - (ii) whether a rental will be charged for the lands that are leased for the operations terminal under this agreement;
  - (iii) whether either of the two companies with which the agreement has been entered into will be given the right to construct the third and the fourth phases of this port;
  - (iv) if so, of the basis on which such right will be given;
  - (v) whether the 110-acres island that was built at the second phase of the Hambantota Port will be given to either of these two companies;
  - (vi) if so, of the basis on which it will be awarded;
  - (vii) whether a valuation has been obtained for this either from a local company or an international company; and
  - (viii) if not, of the basis on which the value of that island was determined?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

487/'18

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the district office of the Superintendent of Posts in the Mullaitivu district was closed during the period of war;
  - (ii) though all the other offices have been recommenced after the resettlement was started, this office has not been recommenced up to date;
  - (iii) this has caused great inconvenience to the people in the Mullaitivu district since they have to get the service of the district post office in Vavuniya, which was about 100 km away, to present their problems related to the post; and
  - (iv) a written request dated 07.07.2017 was made by me to re-open this office?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether action will be taken forthwith to recommence the district office of the Superintendent of Posts?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

7.

489/18

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of islands to which electricity has been provided by Ceylon Electricity Board;
  - (ii) of the total number of electricity consumers in each of those islands;
  - (iii) of the level of efficiency in recovering electricity bills in those islands;
  - (iv) whether there is any possibility of utilizing solar power or wind power for generating electricity for those islands instead of using diesel power plants; and
  - (v) if so, of the names of islands in which such sources of energy are utilized?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

492/18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether oil tanks belonging to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation are located at the Trincomalee harbor;
  - (ii) if so, of the number of such oil tanks;
  - (iii) whether oil tanks belonging to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation have been leased out;
  - (iv) if so, of the names of the institutions and countries to which the abovementioned tanks have been leased; and
  - (v) whether information on the income earned by the Corporation by leasing the aforementioned oil tanks after the good governance government came to power will be submitted separately on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

516/18

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) separately of the contributions of the sectors of agriculture, industries and services, which are the key components of Sri Lanka's economy, to the gross domestic production of year 2016;
  - (ii) of the contributions of the aforesaid sectors as percentages;
  - (iii) of the contribution of the services sector to the gross domestic production in year 2016 in millions; and
  - (iv) of the new components that have been added to the services sector?

(5)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately of the price index of the share market in each year from 2013 to 2016;
  - (ii) of the proposals that have been made for year 2017 to prevent the aforesaid index from dropping further;
  - (iii) of the value of the national consumer price index in the months of January, June and September in year 2016;
  - (iv) of the ratio of the labour force participation in the first half of the years 2015 and 2016;
  - (v) of the employment level in the agriculture sector; and
  - (vi) of the number of those who were employed in the state sector and in the self-employment sector in years 2015 and 2016?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

526/18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the insurance payment promised to the families affected by the floods and landslides that occurred in 2017, has been received by those families;
  - (ii) whether he admits that no household in the areas of Kolonnawa, Angoda, Wellampitiya, Sedawaththa, Kelanimulla, Peliyagoda, Kaduwela and Pahala Bomiriya that were affected by the said flood has received any such payment of insurance, even though the Prime Minister stated in Parliament that a maximum of Rs. 25 lakhs could be obtained as insurance payment for a house damaged during the floods in 2016;
  - (iii) of the date by which steps would be taken to pay insurance payment or any other compensation after valuation of the damaged houses of the victims in 2016 and 2017;
  - (iv) of the number of families who received compensation, if any compensation has been paid for damaged houses by now; and
  - (v) of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions where such insurance has been paid?
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

11.

551/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that a large number of people within the Puttalam District have faced with intense suffering due to scarcity of clean water to drink;
  - (ii) which villages and the Divisional Secretariat Divisions within the District do not have clean water to drink;
  - (iii) of the names of the water projects that have been implemented so far within the District and the number of families benefiting from each project, separately; and
  - (iv) of the steps will be taken by the Ministry in future in order to address the drinking water crisis in the Puttalam District?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

571/18

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
    - (i) whether he is aware that the aviation services carried out under Mihin Lanka Ltd. have been acquired by the Sri Lankan Airline Ltd. since 30.10.2016;
    - (ii) of the number of Mihin Lanka employees enrolled to Sri Lankan Airline Ltd. in parallel to it and their names and positions;
    - (iii) of the number of Mihin Lanka employees whose service was terminated and their names and positions;
    - (iv) of the amount paid as compensation to each employee separately, whose service was terminated;
    - (v) of the names and positions of the persons who have been employed after 31.12.2016;
    - (vi) of the number of persons who served as consultants till 31.12.2016;
    - (vii) of the group of persons mentioned in (vi) above, how many have been paid with salaries for the upcoming months, the compensations, wages or allowances paid to them;
    - (viii) of the number of employees who have appealed due to not receiving adequate compensation; and
    - (ix) whether they will be provided with outstanding compensation?
  - (b) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

1990 Suwaseriya Foundation 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 09<sup>th</sup> 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 06<sup>th</sup> April 2018, which was presented on 05.06.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 09/2018)  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*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 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018, which were presented on 09.05.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

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 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018, which was presented on 22.05.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 04/2018)  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

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 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017, which was presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 1004)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*7.

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 05<sup>th</sup> January 2018, which were presented on 03.04.2018, be approved.

\*8.

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 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017, which was presented on 05.06.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.

National Audit Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

\*11.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*12.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*13.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*14.

Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)



\*15.

Pradeshiya Sabhas (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*16.

Prescription (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*17.

Commissions of Inquiry (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*18.

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

\*19.

Land (Restrictions on Alienation) (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*20.

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)

\*21.

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)

\*22.

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)

\*23.

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)

\*24.

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)

\*25.

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)

\*26.

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)

\*27.

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)

\*28.

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)

\*29.

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)

\*30.

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)

\*31.

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.

\*32.

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;

(12)

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 08<sup>th</sup> 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.

\*33.

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 04<sup>th</sup> December 2017, which was presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*34.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*35.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*36.

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.”

37.

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

38.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

39.

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

40.

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

41.

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

42.

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

43.

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

44.

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

45.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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