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No. 1.]

ORDER PAPER

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOR

Tuesday, November 25, 1947, at 9.45 a.m.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.

Notices of Motions.

1. The Leader of the House,—Committee of Selection,—That the following seven members do serve on the Committee of Selection in terms of Standing Order No. 122 during the current session:—

The Hon. Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike.

The Hon. Mr. R. S. S. Gunawardena.

The Hon. Mr. T. B. Jayah.

The Hon. Mr. C. Sittampalam.

Mr. H. Sri Nissanka, K.C.

Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam.

Dr. N. M. Péreera.

2. The Leader of the House,—University Court,—That on the 28th day of November, 1947, this House proceed to the election of six of its members to the Court of the Ceylon University as required by section 15 (1) (c) (iv.) of the Ceylon University Ordinance, and that the election be held under the directions of Mr. Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A. 2/47

Major Montague Jayawickrama,—Address of Thanks,—That this House do present the following address to His Excellency the Governor in reply to his speech:—

May it please Your Excellency, we the Members of the House of Representatives thank Your Excellency for the speech with which you have been pleased to open Parliament. We assure Your Excellency that we shall give our best attention to all matters placed before us.





ORDER PAPER

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOR

*Wednesday, November 26, 1947, at 2 p.m.*

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.

The Leader of the House,—Sittings of the House,—That until the conclusion of the debate on the Address of Thanks to His Excellency the Governor and the proceedings on the Appropriation Bill 1947-48—

- (1) Government business shall have precedence at every sitting.
- (2) The House shall meet every week on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1 P.M. and on Fridays at 10 A.M.
- (3) 1.30 P.M. shall be substituted for 2 P.M. in paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 8.
- (4) At 10.30 P.M. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and at 5.30 P.M. on Fridays Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House without question put.
- (5) At 10 P.M. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and at 5 P.M. on Fridays, paragraphs (4) and (5) of Standing Order No. 8 shall operate.

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NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

\*1. Address of Thanks—Adjourned Debate on Question (25th November).†

*Orders marked thus \* are Government Orders of the Day.*

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†Motion made and Question proposed "That this House do present the following address to His Excellency the Governor in reply to his speech:—

May it please Your Excellency, we the Members of the House of Representatives thank Your Excellency for the speech with which you have been pleased to open Parliament. We assure Your Excellency that we shall give our best attention to all matters placed before us."





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# ORDER PAPER

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOR

Thursday, November 27, 1947, at 1 p.m.

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### NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. The Minister of Industries, Industrial Research and Fisheries,—Rules under Chanks Ordinance,—That the Rules made by the Minister of Industries, Industrial Research and Fisheries, under section 8 (1) of the Chanks Ordinance (Chapter 168) which were presented on November 25, 1947, and November 26, 1947, shall not be disapproved.

2. The Minister of Health and Local Government,—Housing and Town Improvement,—That this House resolves under the provisions of section 3 (b) of the Housing and Town Improvement Ordinance (Chapter 199) that from January 1, 1948, the aforesaid Ordinance shall be in force within the area defined in the Schedule hereto:

#### *Schedule.*

All that area of land situated in Kandana, Nagoda, Hapugoda, Weligampitiya, Rilaula and Nedurupitiya villages in Ragam Pattuwa of Alutkuru Korale South in the Colombo District of the Western Province and bounded as follows:—

North: By Bathigewatta claimed by A. Laurina Silva, thence by the southern boundary of the drain south of Punchikurunduwatta claimed by Lewis Perera Amaratinga and Kahatagahawatta claimed by D. F. S. Jayasuriya, thence by Kahatagahawatta claimed by D. F. S. Jayasuriya and A. P. L. Stanislaus and another, thence by the village limit of Weligampitiya, thence by the Railway Land (Railway line and reservation), thence by Madanoluwa claimed by Mrs. M. P. Amaratinga, and Batagamawatta claimed by James Perera Amaratinga and another.

East: By Batagamawatta claimed by James Perera Amaratinga and another, thence by Kogahawatta claimed by G. H. Siyadorisappu, thence by the southern boundary of the Village Committee road to Batagama south of the said Kogahawatta, thence by the eastern boundary of the Cart Track from Hapugoda, west of Kogahawatta claimed by R. D. Erabinu, Ketakellagahawatta claimed by U. Don Pelisappuhami, Kahatagahawatta claimed by R. A. Dona Helenahami and another, R. A. Romiel Appuhami and another, Heirs of R. D. Belenis Gurunanse, Heirs of W. Bastian Perera and Milla-gahawatta claimed by C. A. Rekinu Perera and another, and thence by Millagahawatta claimed by C. A. Rekinu Perera and another, W. Romiel Appuhami, Valentine Tirimane, D. J. M. Don James Appu, Bogahawatta claimed by W. Bastian Perera, C. A. Elaris Perera and



another, A. A. Richard Percera, K. A. Eliasappu, Delgahakumbura claimed by Richard Perera Amaratunga, western boundary of the channel west of Hariandakumbura claimed by M. Piyadasa, Paragahakumbura claimed by M. Piyadasa and others, and Anthony Jayawardena, thence by Paragahakumbura claimed by Anthony Jayawardena, J. A. Thomasappu, J. A. Migel Appuhami, Heirs of D. Silvestri, N. A. Don Jamesappu, Maradagahawatta claimed by L. A. Marthelis and others, southern boundary of the channel south of the said Maradagahawatta, western and southern boundaries of the channel west and south of Dawatagahakumbura claimed by K. Gomis Cooray, western boundary of the channel west of Dawatagahakumbura claimed by the Heirs of G. Christian Dabrera, thence by Dawatagahakumbura claimed by J. A. Don Migel Appuhami, western boundary of the channel west of the said Dawatagahakumbura, Punchiwela claimed by J. A. Don Migel Appuhami, Ibikotuwewela claimed by Moragodage Pabilis Pinto and others, Ibikotuwevita claimed by M. Carolis Pinto, and Kosgahakumbura claimed by J. A. Paulis Appu, the southern boundary of the channel south of the said Kosgahakumbura and eastern boundary of the channel west of Kirimetiyawala claimed by M. Warlis Pinto.

South: By Kosgahawatta claimed by M. Juan Perera, Divulgahawatta claimed by M. A. Pinto, Railway Land (Railway line and reservation), Dawatagahawatta claimed by K. Gomis Cooray, Tunhaulhena claimed by J. A. Don Migel and others, northern boundary of the Estate road north of Punchi-Aniyakanda claimed by Mrs. W. P. Perera and Stephen Jayawardena, thence by Punchi-aniyakanda claimed by Stephen Jayawardena, Dawatagahawatta claimed by G. James and another, H. D. C. Samaranayake, K. Peduruappu, H. D. Thomasappu, K. D. Wariliyanuappu, Lucas Jayasundera, K. D. Bartholamewappu, James Perera, Theodoris Perera, T. Solomon Soysa, Saranagahawatta claimed by H. D. Girigoris Fernando, P. Waraliyanu Anthony, northern boundary of the Estate road leading to Aniyakanda Estate, Payarugahawatta claimed by L. Marthelis Fernando, A. Jeramanu Fernando, H. Siyadoris Fernando, Marcelinuappu, R. D. Lazaruappu and H. Don Martin Samaranayake.

West: By the western boundary of the Estate road east of Kongahawatta and Etaheraliyagahawatta claimed by H. Don Martin Samaranayake, Kongahawatta claimed by Ambrose de Mel, Halgahawatta claimed by D. C. Jayasuriya and P. Peduru Perera, thence by Halgahawatta claimed by P. Peduru Perera, Peter Rodrigo, Makullagahawatta claimed by Peter Rodrigo, Makullagahakumbura claimed by D. C. Jayasuriya, Makullagahawatta claimed by P. Romel Perera, B. D. Stephen, Millagahawatta claimed by P. Romel Perera, P. J. Perera and others, Kongahawatta claimed by His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo, P. J. Perera, southern boundary of the Public Works Department road from Uswetakeiyawa, western boundary of the Village Committee road from Weligampitiya to Kandana east of Kahatagahawatta claimed by Revd. Mother Superior of



Bolawalana. His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo, Roman Catholic Cemetery claimed by His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo, Kongahawatta claimed by M. D. James Appu, D. C. Jayasuriya, K. Cecilia Perera Hamine, K. Peter, H. D. Francis, K. Cecilia Perera Hamine, Kosgahawatta claimed by H. D. Jagorisappu, K. Girigoris Perera, H. D. Jagorisappu, Siyambalagahawatta claimed by G. W. P. Amaratunga, A. A. Aron Silva, Galwale Kumbura claimed by K. Senina Rodrigo, Millagahawatta claimed by G. W. P. Amaratunga, D. F. S. Jayasuriya, S. D. Juseyappu, S. P. Amaratunga Siriwardena, Millagahawatta claimed by M. W. Perera and others D. P. Jayasuriya and Addirigewatta claimed by S. P. Amaratunga Siriwardena.

3. The Minister of Health and Local Government,—Housing and Town Improvement,—That this House resolves under the provisions of section 3 (b) of the Housing and Town Improvement Ordinance (Chapter 199) that from January 1, 1948, the aforesaid Ordinance shall be in force within the area defined in the Schedule hereto:

*Schedule.*

All that area of land situated in Divulapitiya Village in Dasiya Pattu of Alutkuru Korale North (B), in the Colombo District, Western Province, and bounded as follows:—

North: By a line drawn from a point on the left bank of the Imbulgasmula Ela at the south-western corner of the tract of paddy fields claimed by D. S. Kumarasinghe and others and Don Dias and others north-eastwards to the point where it takes a turn in a south-easterly direction.

East: By a line drawn from the last-mentioned point south-eastwards along the southern boundary of the tract of paddy fields claimed by Don Dias and others and crossing the Minuwangoda-Giriulla Public Works Department road to a point on the eastern boundary of the said road, 3 chains 10 links north of the 27th Mile Stone, thence by a line drawn south-westwards along the eastern boundary of the Minuwangoda-Giriulla Public Works Department road to the 27th Mile Stone, thence by a straight line drawn south-eastwards to the north-western corner of the paddy field claimed by Mrs. C. A. Jayakoddy, thence by a line drawn southwards along the western boundary of the said paddy field till it meets the Negombo-Mirigama road, thence by a line drawn across the said road and south-westwards along the western boundary of the tract of paddy fields claimed by J. A. M. Guan Appuhamy and others and S. Abeywardena and others till it meets the Wewagedaragodella Ela.

South: By a line drawn from the last-mentioned point westwards along the northern boundary of Wewagedaragodella Ela which forms the northern boundary of a tract of paddy fields claimed by S. Abeywardena and others, Louis Jayawardena and others, J. M. P. Goonewardena and others, D. P. Ekanayake and others and crossing the Minuwangoda-Giriulla Public Works Department road to a point on the said Ela 4 chains 75 links west of its crossing with the said road, thence by



a line drawn north-westwards through the Jotikarama Temple premises to a point on the eastern boundary of Wewagedaragodella Ela about 6 chains 75 links measured south-west along the said Ela from the south-western corner of the paddy field claimed by D. J. Subasinghe and others.

West: By a line drawn from the last-mentioned point north-eastwards along the left bank of the Wewagedaragodella Ela to the point where it meets another Ela south of the paddy field claimed by D. J. Subasinghe and others, thence north-eastwards along the left bank of the said Ela till it meets the southern boundary of Walawekumbura claimed by P. U. Ratnatunga and others, thence by a line drawn north-eastwards along the southern and eastern boundaries of the said paddy field, crossing the Negombo-Mirigama Public Works Department road at a point 2 chains 50 links west of the Divulapitiya junction and northwards along the eastern boundary of the paddy field claimed by C. D. Jamis Silva and others to a point where it joins the Imbulgasmula Ela, thence north-eastwards along the left bank of the said Ela which forms the eastern boundary of paddy field claimed by C. D. Jamis Silva and others to the starting point of the northern limit of the area.

a4.\* Address of Thanks—Adjourned Debate on Question (25th November).†

*Orders marked thus \* are Government Orders of the Day.*

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† Motion made and Question proposed “ That this House do present the following address to His Excellency the Governor in reply to his speech:—

May it please Your Excellency, we the Members of the House of Representatives thank Your Excellency for the speech with which you have been pleased to open Parliament. We assure Your Excellency that we shall give our best attention to all matters placed before us.”

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#### NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- a4. Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayakam.  
 Mr. W. P. A. Wickramasinghe.  
 Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam.  
 Dr. N. M. Perera.  
 Mr. S. Thondaman.  
 Mr. P. G. B. Keuneman.  
 Dr. Colvin R. de Silva.  
 Mr. H. Sri Nissanka.  
 Mr. C. Vanniasingham.  
 Mr. Wilmot A. Perera.

As an Amendment to the Address at end add—

But regret that the address contains no indication that Your Excellency's Ministers will:—

- (1) Even at this late date address their minds to checking inflation and reducing the high cost of living.



## ORDER PAPER

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOR

*Friday, November 28, 1947, at 10 a.m.*

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.

### Notice of Presentation of Bill.

The Minister of Finance,—Appropriation Bill,—“ Bill to make provision for the service of the financial year 1947-48, to authorise the payment by way of advance out of the Consolidated Fund of moneys required during that financial year for Loan Fund Expenditure and to provide for the refund of such moneys to the Consolidated Fund ”. (Money) (Cabinet approval signified).

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### NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- \*1. University Court Election of Six Members.†
- \*2. Address of Thanks—Adjourned Debate on Amendment (27th November) to Question (25th November).†

*Orders marked thus \* are Government Orders of the Day.*

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### †NOMINATIONS RECEIVED:—

Dr. N. M. Perera.  
Mr. P. G. B. Keuneman.  
Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam.  
Mr. H. S. Ismail.  
Mr. M. D. Banda.  
The Hon. Mr. C. Suntharalingam.  
Mr. V. Nalliah.  
Mr. S. A. Pakeman.  
Mr. V. T. Nanayakkara.  
Mr. A. R. A. M. Abubucker.  
Mr. T. B. Panabokke.  
Mr. G. A. de Zoysa.

†Original Question:—“ That this House do present the following address to His Excellency the Governor in reply to his speech:—

May it please Your Excellency, we the Members of the House of Representatives thank Your Excellency for the speech with which you have been pleased to open Parliament. We assure Your Excellency that we shall give our best attention to all matters placed before us ”.

Amendment proposed at the end to add the words:—

But regret that the address contains no indication that Your Excellency's Ministers will:—

- (1) Even at this late date address their minds to checking inflation and reducing the high cost of living.
- (2) End the blackmarket and eliminate bribery and corruption in the administration and in public life.
- (3) Initiate adequate schemes of building houses for the people and take steps to reduce house rents.
- (4) Provide suitable employment or state assistance to the unemployed, establish an adequate legal minimum wage and enact legislation to provide a comprehensive scheme of social security.
- (5) Take immediate steps to repeal the Public Security and Police Powers (Amendment) Ordinance, grant full Trade Union rights and civic liberty to public servants and other sections of the people, re-instate workers and employees dismissed as a result of recent strikes and restore to their full rights all those otherwise victimised.
- (6) Undertake adequate and planned schemes of industrial and agricultural developments.
- (7) Grant land to and reduce the burdens of the toilers of soil.
- (8) As a first step towards more comprehensive nationalisation nationalise the bus services.
- (9) Take steps to extend the benefits of Free Education to the estates and generally beyond the narrow confines of free tuition.
- (10) Place before the House proposals for removing undemocratic features of the present constitutional structure of the country.

Question proposed " That those words be there added ".



**ORDER PAPER**  
OF THE  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

FOR

*Monday, December 1, 1947, at 1 p.m.*

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NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

\*1. Appropriation Bill,—Second Reading.

\*2. The Prime Minister,—Independence,—That this House rejoices that after many years of subjection to foreign rule the struggle of the people of Ceylon for freedom has culminated in the attainment of independence.



*\* Indicates Government Business.*







**ORDER PAPER**  
OF THE  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
FOR

*Tuesday, December 2, 1947, at 1 p.m.*

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NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1.\* Independence—Adjourned Debate on Question (1st December).†

*\* Indicates Government Business.*

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† Motion made and Question proposed "That this House rejoices that after many years of subjection to foreign rule the struggle of the people of Ceylon for freedom has culminated in the attainment of independence."

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NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO  
ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- a1. Dr. N. M. Perera.  
Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam.  
Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayakam.  
Mr. W. P. A. Wickramasinghe.  
Mr. S. Thondaman.  
Mr. P. G. B. Keuneman.  
Dr. Colvin R. de Silva.  
Mr. H. Sri Nissanka.  
Mr. C. Vanniasingham.  
Mr. Wilmot A. Perera.

As amendments to the motion on Independence to move:—

- line 2. Leave out "rejoices" and insert "appreciates".  
line 3. After "culminated" insert "even".  
line 4. At end add "within the meaning of the Ceylon Independence Bill. But regrets that the said Bill together with the agreements concluded between the Government of Ceylon and His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, deny to the people of Ceylon complete independence."









# ORDER PAPER

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOR

*Wednesday, December 3, 1947, at 1 p.m.*

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### NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1.\* Independence—Adjourned Debate on Amendment (2nd December) to Question (1st December).†

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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† Original Question:—"That this House rejoices that after many years of subjection to foreign rule the struggle of the people of Ceylon for freedom has culminated in the attainment of independence."

Amendment proposed in line 2 to leave out "rejoices" and insert "appreciates".

Question proposed that the word "rejoices" stand part of the question.

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### NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1. Mr. C. Vanniasingham.  
Mr. T. Ramalingam.

As an amendment to the motion on Independence to move:—  
line 2. Leave out from "that" to end and add "the peaceful negotiations between the Governments of Great Britain and Ceylon have culminated in the attainment by Ceylon of fully responsible status within the British Commonwealth of Nations."

Dr. N. M. Perera.  
Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam.  
Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayakam.  
Mr. W. P. A. Wickramasinghe.  
Mr. S. Thondaman.  
Mr. P. G. B. Keuneman.  
Dr. Colvin R. de Silva.  
Mr. H. Sri Nissanka.  
Mr. C. Vanniasingham.  
Mr. Wilmot A. Perera.

As amendments to the motion on Independence to move:—

line 3. After "culminated" insert "even".

line 4. At end add "within the meaning of the Ceylon Independence Bill. But regrets that the said Bill together with the agreements concluded between the Government of Ceylon and His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, deny to the people of Ceylon complete independence."







# ORDER PAPER

## OF THE

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOR

*Friday, December 5, 1947, at 10 a.m.*

#### NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

\*1. Appropriation Bill—Adjourned Debate on Question (1st December).

A. 51/47

2. Mr. Somaweera Chandrasiri,—Standing Order No. 13,—That in the opinion of this House Standing Order No. 13 should be amended by the deletion of the words "the consent of Mr. Speaker first being obtained" in line 2.

*\* Indicates Government Business.*

#### QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER.

16/47

1. Mr. S. Chandrasiri,—To ask the Minister of Education, whether he will take early action to establish a Central School at Egodaunya in Moratuwa.

17/47

2. Mr. S. Chandrasiri,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Works, whether he will take early action to have the foot bridge at Egodaunya crossing the Panadura river by the side of the Railway bridge converted into a big vehicular bridge.

18/47

3. Mr. S. Chandrasiri,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government,

(1) Whether he will take early action to convert the Village Committee road leading from Piliyandala Junction to Maharagama, through Mampe, Makuluduwa and Errawwala into a District Road Committee road.

(2) Whether he will take steps to convert the foot-path leading from Angulana to Lunawa by the side of the Railway Line into a District Road Committee road.

(3) Whether he will take immediate steps to improve the conditions at present obtaining at the Lunawa Hospital.

(4) Whether steps will be taken by him to provide two ambulances, one for the Lunawa Hospital and the other for the Wetara Hospital.

(5) Whether he will establish a Maternity Home at Egodaunya for the benefit of the residents in the area.

(6) Whether he will take early action to establish a Visiting Dispensary at Katukurunda for the use of the residents of Egodaunya, Katukurunda and Korallawella.







## ORDER PAPER

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOR

*Monday, December 8, 1947, at 1 p.m.*

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

\*1. The Minister of Food and Co-operative Undertakings,—Food Control Order (Red Onions).—That Order No. 1 dated 10th November, 1947, made under section 4 (1) of the Food Control Ordinance, (Chapter 132) read with regulation 2 of the Defence (Food and Price Control) (Transfer of Powers) Regulations, 1942, [which continues in force by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Order, 1946] as modified by the Proclamation under section 88 (1) of the Ceylon (Constitution) Order-in-Council, 1946, published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 9,773 of 24th September, 1947, and published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 9,795 of 11th November, 1947, be approved.

\*2. The Minister of Food and Co-operative Undertakings,—Food Control Order (Red Onions No. 2).—That Order No. 2 dated 17th November, 1947, made under section 4 (1) of the Food Control Ordinance, (Chapter 132) read with regulation 2 of the Defence (Food and Price Control) (Transfer of Powers) Regulations, 1942, [which continues in force by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Order, 1946] as modified by the Proclamation under section 88 (1) of the Ceylon (Constitution) Order-in-Council, 1946, published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 9,773 of 24th September, 1947, and published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 9,798 of 18th November, 1947, be approved.

\*3. The Minister of Food and Co-operative Undertakings,—Food Control Order (Rice, Paddy, &c).—That Order No. 3 dated 18th November, 1947, made under section 4 (1) (d) of the Food Control Ordinance, (Chapter 132) read with regulation 2 of the Defence (Food and Price Control) (Transfer of Powers) Regulations, 1942, [which continues in force by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Order 1946] as modified by the Proclamation under section 88 (1) of the Ceylon (Constitution) Order-in-Council, 1946, published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 9,773 of 24th September, 1947, and published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 9,799 of 19th November, 1947, be approved.

\*4. The Minister of Food and Co-operative Undertakings,—Food Control Order (Control of Chalmers Granary).—That Order No. 4 dated 18th November, 1947, made under section 4 (1) (e) of the Food Control Ordinance, (Chapter 132) read with regulation 2 of the Defence (Food and Price Control) (Transfer of Powers) Regulations, 1942, [which continues in force by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Order, 1946] as modified by the Proclamation under section 88 (1) of the Ceylon (Constitution) Order-in-Council, 1946, published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 9,773 of 24th September, 1947, and published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 9,799 of 19th November, 1947, be approved.





# ORDER PAPER

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOR

Tuesday, December 9, 1947, at 1 p.m.

### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER.

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\* 1. Mr. Wilmot A. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Food and Co-operative Undertakings, whether the rule that once a rice ration book is assigned to a Co-operative store, it cannot be re-assigned other than to another Co-operative, however much the ration book holder may desire otherwise, is still being enforced.

2/47  
\* 2. Mr. Wilmot A. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Education, whether the appointment and control of Food Production Teachers still remain with him as under the previous Ministry or whether these functions have now been assigned to the Director of Education.

3/47  
\* 3. Dr. N. M. Perera,—To ask the Prime Minister,  
(a) Whether he is aware that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Social Services declared at a recent meeting of the Colombo Municipal Council during the debate on the motion concerning hawkers that the Ceylon Police is "thoroughly inefficient".  
(b) Whether this represents the considered view of the Government.

4/47  
\* 4. Dr. N. M. Perera,—To ask the Prime Minister,  
(a) Whether he is aware that at the adjourned meeting of the Colombo Municipal Council held on the 19th of November, 1947, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Social Services advocated the payment of a "dole or a monthly subsistence allowance to labourers who were unemployed and whose families were starving."  
(b) Does this represent the view of the Cabinet.

5/47  
\* 5. Dr. N. M. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Lands,  
(a) How many men of the Pioneer Corps at Polonnaruwa have been discontinued during the last three months.  
(b) What were the terms of their employment.  
(c) How many years of service had they put in.  
(d) Were they paid any compensation on their discontinuance.  
(e) Why were they discontinued.



## NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

\*1. The Minister of Finance,—Savings Certificates,—That in terms of section 3 of the Savings Certificates Ordinance, No. 7 of 1946, as modified by Proclamation under section 88 (1) of the Ceylon (Constitution) Order in Council, 1946, published in *Gazette Extraordinary*, No. 9,773 of September 24, 1947, it is hereby resolved that this House authorizes a sum of money not exceeding Rs. 10,000,000 to be borrowed within Ceylon by the issue of Ceylon Savings Certificates under the said Ordinance. (Cabinet approval signified).

\*2. Appropriation Bill—Adjourned Debate on Question (1st December).

A. 52/47

3. Mr. K. Herat,—Commission on Agricultural and Social conditions among the Peasantry,—That in the opinion of this House the appointment of a Commission on the agricultural and social conditions of the Peasantry of Ceylon is a very desirable step, prior to any new schemes being embarked upon by the Minister of Agriculture and Lands and the Hon. the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development.

\* Indicates Government Business.

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 QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER.

11/47

Dr. N. M. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Works,

- (a) Whether labourers G. R. Meegoda, R. A. Cyril Singho, Julis Silva, M. T. Fernando, A. Abraham, Pabilis Appuhamy, J. E. Gunasena, Charlis, Fonseka, Pabilis Silva and Dharmadasa are working in the Unemployment Relief Scheme, Ratmalana.
  - (b) Are they paid on the check-roll and by Government.
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# ORDER PAPER

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOR

Wednesday, December 10, 1947, at 1 p.m.

### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER.

8/47

\* 1. Dr. N. M. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Labour and Social Services,

- (a) What reasons Mr. Trevor Hulson gave for his resignation.
- (b) From when is this resignation taking effect.

7/47

\* 2. Dr. N. M. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Labour and Social Services,

- (a) Whether the Labour Office in Trincomalee has been closed.
- (b) When was it closed.
- (c) Why was it closed.
- (d) Is there any officer of the Ceylon Government to whom the workers employed by the Imperial authorities could complain about their conditions of work.

8/47

\* 3. Dr. N. M. Perera,—To ask the Prime Minister,

- (a) Whether any trade agreements have been signed with any country within or without the British Commonwealth.
- (b) What are the terms of these agreements.
- (c) How long do they bind us.
- (d) Does he propose to place such agreements before the House for its approval.

30/47

\* 4. Mr. Wilmot A. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether he is aware that the Ittapana Cottage Hospital in the Matugama electoral area is left without any medical service when the District Medical Officer in charge is away on Court duty and the Apothecary is busy visiting other dispensaries and what action he proposes to take in regard to the matter.

### NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

\*1. The Leader of the House,—Appropriation Bill—Sittings of the House during Committee Stage,—That with regard to the Appropriation Bill—

- (1) Not more than 12 days shall be allotted to the Committee Stage, and on the last of such days at 9 p.m. the Chairman shall, unless the Bill has previously been reported, put forthwith the Question on any Amendment then under discussion, and then successively on any Government Amendments to that Vote and the Questions necessary to dispose of that Vote, and shall then proceed successively to put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of all other outstanding Votes and of any Government



Amendments thereto, and that the Schedule shall stand part of the Bill and the Questions necessary to dispose of any postponed Clauses and of any Government Amendments thereto and the House shall not be adjourned until the Bill has been reported.

(2) That on a day so allotted the Bill shall be put down as the first item of public business and no other public business shall be taken before 10 P.M. on any such day.

(3) That on any day on which proceedings in the Committee Stage are to be brought to a conclusion the consideration of such proceedings shall not be anticipated or interrupted by a motion of adjournment and no dilatory motion shall be moved on such proceedings.

Provided that if leave is given for a motion of adjournment under Standing Order 18 such motion shall stand over until the proceedings on the Appropriation Bill have been concluded and at 11.30 P.M. Mr. Speaker shall, unless the House be previously adjourned, adjourn the House without Question put.

\*2. Appropriation Bill—Adjourned Debate on Question (1st December)†.

A. 35/47

3. Mr. Robert Gunawardena.—Renovation of Bridges,—That in the opinion of this House immediate steps should be taken to renovate and remodel the bridges situated along the Kotte-Borella, Battaramulla-Kotte, Madinnagoda-Rajagiriya, Kotuwagoda-Welikade roads as the existing bridges are utterly incapable of meeting with the large volume of traffic along these roads.

A. 36/47

4. Mr. Robert Gunawardena.—Colombo South Drainage Scheme,—That in the opinion of this House the Colombo South Drainage Scheme as proposed in Sessional Paper V of 1939 should be forthwith implemented as this would bring under cultivation about 3,000 acres of fertile land in the Kotte and other adjoining areas.

A. 48/47

5. Mr. T. B. Poholiyadde.—Village Crown Chenas,—That in view of the prevailing drought which is already destroying the young chena crops of both paddy and kurakkan, and as a measure of production of increased food supplies, this House is of opinion that the restrictions passed on the clearing of the village Crown chenas by the Government should be withdrawn, until further orders.

A. 49/47

6. Mr. T. B. Poholiyadde.—Schools for Horowpotane Electorate,—That in view of the fact that there are over a thousand children of school-going-age within the Horowpotane Electorate, who do not attend any schools now, this House is of opinion that immediate steps should be taken to build the 15 schools which are needed to provide the educational facilities to these children.

\* Indicates Government Business.

† Motion made and Question proposed “ That the Bill be now read a second time ”.



A. 51/47

7. Mr. Somaweera Chandrasiri,—Standing Order No. 13,—That in the opinion of this House Standing Order No. 13 should be amended by the deletion of the words “ the consent of Mr. Speaker first being obtained ” in line 2.

A. 52/47

8. Mr. K. Herat,—Commission on Agricultural and Social conditions among the Peasantry,—That in the opinion of this House the appointment of a Commission on the agricultural and social conditions of the Peasantry of Ceylon is a very desirable step, prior to any new schemes being embarked upon by the Minister of Agriculture and Lands and the Hon. the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development.



1911  
The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been elected to the office of the President of the Noolaham Foundation for the year 1911.

The names of the persons who have been elected to the office of the President of the Noolaham Foundation for the year 1911 are as follows:

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*Thursday, December 11, 1947, at 1 p.m.*

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER.

9/47

- \* 1. Dr. N. M. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Works,
- (a) How many applicants have been refused electricity connections from January 1947, to date.
  - (b) How many of these are for business purposes.
  - (c) How many of these are domestic users.
  - (d) How many new connections have been granted during this period.
  - (e) Of these how many are for business purposes.
  - (f) How many are domestic users.

10/47

- \* 2. Dr. N. M. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Finance,
- (a) What are the terms of the circular issued to Heads of Departments on the subject of temporary clerks.
  - (b) Is it the purpose of this circular to discontinue any or all of these temporary clerks.
  - (c) Whether he would take the necessary steps to consult the wishes of this House before any such drastic action is taken.

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NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

\*1. Appropriation Bill—Adjourned Debate on Question (1st December)†.

\* Indicates Government Business.

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†Motion made and Question proposed “ That the Bill be now read a second time ”.

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# ORDER PAPER

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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOR

Friday, December 12, 1947, at 10 a.m.

### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER.

14/47

\* 1. Mr. Somaweera Chandarsiri,—To ask the Prime Minister,

- (1) What will be the expenditure that the Government will incur on the two trips of the delegations to Havana and Manila.
- (2) How many other such appointments are in contemplation.

15/47

\* 2. Mr. M. H. Peiris,—To ask the Prime Minister,

- (a) Whether he realises that the fact that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Social Services continues to hold office in several trade unions while he is holding his present office in the country's administration places the Labour Department and therefore also the present administration as a whole in an anomalous position in respect of the administration of the laws and regulations relating to trade unions.
- (b) If so, what steps, if any, he proposes to take.

21/47

\* 3. Mr. S. A. Silva,—To ask the Minister of Commerce and Trade, what is the total number of persons who have been given loans under the following heads and the total amounts loaned under each head by the Agricultural Credit Corporation since its inception up to September 30, 1947:—

- (a) Rs. 5,000 and up to Rs. 10,000.
- (b) Over Rs. 10,000 and up to Rs. 25,000.
- (c) Over Rs. 25,000 and up to Rs. 50,000.
- (d) Over Rs. 50,000 and up to Rs. 100,000.
- (e) Rs. 100,000 and over.

22/47

\* 4. Mr. Wilmot A. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Food and Co-operative Undertakings, whether there is any restriction to the establishment of centres under the Milk Feeding Scheme to serve the child population on private estates where sufficient attendances warrant it.



23/47

- \* 5. Mr. Wilmot A. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Lands, what are the reasons for the stoppage of the free issue of artificial fertilizers to paddy growers during the last sowing season.

24/47

- \* 6. Mr. Wilmot A. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Industries, Industrial Research and Fisheries, how many demonstrators in the service of the Department of Industries have been stationed for a period of over six months in privately owned and managed Handloom Textile and Mat Weaving Centres and Workshops and what their salary cost to Government is.

### NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

\*1. The Minister of Industries, Industrial Research and Fisheries,—Matches Regulation,—That the Regulation made by the Minister of Industries, Industrial Research and Fisheries, under Section 10 (2) of the Manufacture of Matches (Regulation) Ordinance (Chapter 131), which was presented on December 8, 1947, be approved.

\*2. Appropriation Bill—Adjourned Debate on Question (1st December)<sup>†</sup>.

*\* Indicates Government Business.*

<sup>†</sup>Motion made and Question proposed “ That the Bill be now read a second time ”.

### QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER.

12/47

1. Mr. Somaweera Chandrasiri,—To ask the Minister of Labour and Social Services,

- (a) What is the total number of unemployed that have been registered up to date.
- (b) How many of them have secured employment.
- (c) For how many have jobs been found during the month of November, 1947.

18/47

2. Mr. Somaweera Chandrasiri,—To ask the Minister of Defence and External Affairs,

- (a) How many recruits in all have been sent from Ceylon as members of the Royal Pioneer Corps (Ceylon) to Singapore.
- (b) What is their rate of pay.
- (c) What special allowances do they get in addition to their pay.
- (d) What is the nature of the food supplied to them.
- (e) What is the nature of the medical facilities provided to preserve the health of these recruits.
- (f) Are these recruits getting an adequate number of uniforms free.
- (g) Is he aware that the attractive advertisements which appeared in the Newspapers called for applications for skilled and specialised work, but that the

recruits sent out from Ceylon are not employed on any special work, but are called upon to do the same menial work that was being done by Japanese War Prisoners.

- (h) Will he place before this House the details of the alleged recent strike that broke out among the recruits.
- (i) Are the recruits sent from here to Singapore treated as civilian or military men.

36/47

3 Mr. D. A. Rajapaksa,—To ask the Minister of Education, whether he is aware that certain teachers who were appointed as Head Teachers after the year 1938 receive salaries of assisted teachers and whether he will be so good as to state the reason for this.

35/47

4. Mr. L. Rajapaksa,—To ask the Minister of Education,

- (a) Whether he will consider establishing Junior Schools immediately in Hambantota and Tissamaharama.
- (b) Whether he will consider converting the present Junior School at Debarawewa in Tissamaharama into a Senior Secondary School.

25/47

5. Mr. D. A. Rajapaksa,—To ask the Minister of Commerce and Trade, whether it is a fact that the cost of Living Index is based only on the following foodstuffs:—Rice, Sugar, Dry Fish and Coconut and if not, will he give a list of the essential foodstuffs on which the Living Index is based.





## ORDER PAPER

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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOR

*Monday, December 15, 1947, at 1 p.m.*

## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER.

37/47

- \* 1. Mr. S. Sivapalan,—To ask the Minister of Food and Co-operative Undertakings,
- Why a Co-operative Labour Society is being maintained in Trincomalee; how many sections there are and how many members in each.
  - What are the different designations of these members, e.g., Officer-in-charge, Inspector, Sevakas, &c., and how many of each.
  - What are each of these different categories paid per diem or mensem by the employers.
  - How many employees were discharged during the last six months and how many were taken afresh.
  - Is he aware that there is a Fund of this Society; what does the fund amount to and what has been the expenditure from it for the last 12 months. On whom was the money spent.
  - How many buildings are occupied by the Society at present; how many of them are requisitioned buildings and what rents are paid for each of them.
  - How many lorries and cars are at the disposal of the Society and what are they used for.
  - How much is the Superintendent of the Society paid.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1.\* Appropriation Bill:—Committee.

*\*Indicates Government Business.*

## NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1. For Amendments in Committee on Appropriation Bill, see separate Paper "Supplement to Orders of the Day".

## QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER.

26/47

1. Mr. P. L. Baudhasara,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether in view of the disgraceful and wretched conditions of the District Road Committee roads within the Polonnaruwa electorate, he will consider taking immediate steps to hand over all District Road Committee roads within the Polonnaruwa electorate to the Public Works Department.



27/47

2. Mr. P. L. Bauddhasara,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether in view of the fact that the existing Village Committee road to Meegaswewa, Wodigawewa and Kumbukumawela is beyond repair and impassable for over nine months of the year, he will consider taking immediate steps to cause the District Road Committee to construct a new road above flood level.

28/47

3. Mr. P. L. Bauddhasara,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether in view of the fact that there is no road at all to serve the villages of Palliyagadella and Pangurana in the Polonnaruwa electorate, where over four hundred inhabitants exist, he will consider taking immediate steps to have a road starting from Tambala constructed by the District Road Committee.

29/47

4. Mr. P. L. Bauddhasara,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether in view of the fact that the Village Committees of the Polonnaruwa electorate are so poor that the maintenance of Village Committee roads are beyond their means, he will consider taking immediate steps to hand over all existing Village Committee roads within the Polonnaruwa electorate to the District Road Committee.

31/47

5. Mr. H. D. Abeygoonewardane,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Lands, whether he is aware that Messrs N. V. J. Samarawickrema, M. K. Juwanis Appuhamy and Juwan Perera of Kadawelagedera Palata in Tissawa Korale of the Dewamedhi hatpattu in Kurunegala District applied to the Government Agent, North-Western Province, on October 4, 1947, that they be given land from the village of Dorabawila under the Land Development Ordinance to produce food as they are now without employment and whether he will sympathetically intervene in the matter.

32/47

6. Mr. H. D. Abeygoonewardane,—To ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development,

(a) Whether he is aware that an inquiry into a complaint of assault and criminal trespass made by Mr. G. A. Adiris Appuhamy to the Government Agent, North-Western Province on April 2, 1947, against the Gan Aratchi of Wegolla Palata in Kudagalboda Korale of the Kurunegala District and his brother A. M. Punchi Banda has been postponed on two occasions and has not yet been held, and whether he will take any action in the matter.

(b) Whether he is aware that Mr. G. A. Adiris Appuhamy sent a petition to the Superintendent of Police, North-Western Province, in regard to the same matter, and what action it is proposed to take thereon.



7. Mr. H. D. Abeygoonewardane,—To ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development, whether he is aware that Mr. K. M. Menikrala sent a petition on May 14, 1947, to the Government Agent, North-Western Province, containing serious allegations against the Village Headman of Wegalla Palata in Kudagalboda Korale of the Kurunegala District and that up to date no inquiry has been held into this complaint by the Government Agent North-Western Province, and whether he will instruct the Government Agent to hold an inquiry immediately.

34/47

8. Mr. H. D. Abeygoonewardane,—To ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development,

- (a) Why Mr. M. D. Kiribaiya, Village Headman of Wetahapitiya Palata in Angomu Korale in Kurunegala District, was removed from office.
  - (b) For how many years he had functioned in that capacity.
  - (c) What charges were framed against him, and was an inquiry held in regard to them, and if so, when and by whom.
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**OF THE**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**FOR**

*Tuesday, December 16, 1947, at 1 p.m.*

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NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1.\* Appropriation Bill (Second Allotted Day)—Committee (Progress; 15th December)†.

*\*Indicates Government Business.*

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†Motion made and Question proposed "That Head 19, Vote No. 1, be reduced by Rs. 6,000 in respect of sub-head 1, Item 'Entertainment Allowance to Minister'".

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NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO  
ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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Column I. Goods.	Column II. Preferential Rate ad valorem. Rs. c.	Column III. General Rate ad valorem. Rs. c.
1 Manures of all sorts, including castor seed poonac, and refuse of saltpetre .. ..	90%	5½% 100%
Marble slabs and monuments .. ..		
Matches, packed in boxes—		
5 (i.) where each box contains not more than 60 matches		2 25
(ii.) where each box contains more than 60 matches..		
per gross of boxes an amount calculated at the rate of 75 cents for each unit of 20 matches contained in a box, any outstanding fraction of such unit being reckoned as a unit for this purpose per 1,000 or part thereof		
Matches, not in boxes .. ..		0 75
Match-making materials :		0 35
Splints such as are ordinarily used for making matches		
per 1,000 or part thereof		0 10
10 Veneers, such as are ordinarily used for making match boxes, including boxes and parts of boxes made from such veneers .. ..		0 45
per 100 sets of boxes or part thereof		

1	Mats and matting including rubber mats and matting..	100%
	Meat, fish, poultry and game, frozen or refrigerated ..	60%
	Meat, tinned, potted or preserved ..	60%
	Mechanical lighters ..	100%
5	Metals :	
	Brass, copper, gun metal, yellow metal, delta metal or bronze, bars, rods, wires, tubes and pipes, sheets and plates, not fabricated	22½%
10	Hoop iron and steel and strapping wire and other iron and steel and wire specially prepared for strapping packages	10%
	Iron and steel, sheets and circles, declared to be im- ported for the purpose of manufacturing drums for the export of local produce	3%
15	Iron and steel, plates and sheets, not coated, flat or corrugated, not fabricated, not elsewhere specified..	12½%
	Iron and steel, plates and sheets, galvanized or coated, flat or corrugated, not fabricated, not elsewhere specified	22½%
20	Iron and steel, expanded metal and other materials for reinforcement, not fabricated	12½%
	Iron and steel, rolled angles, bulbs, channels, shapes, and sections, H-iron, girders, tees, beams, joists, pillars, rails, not fabricated	12½%
25	Iron and steel, bars and rods, slabs, including blister, jumper and tool steel, not fabricated	12½%
	Iron and steel wire, barbed or plain, black or galvanized, wire ropes and shoot runners	22½%
30	Iron and steel drums for oil	12½%
	Iron and steel, black or galvanized, chains, bolts, nuts, rivets not elsewhere specified, washers and nails (except wire nails)	22½%



Column I. Goods.		Column II. Preferential Rate ad valorem. Rs. c.	Column III. General Rate ad valorem. Rs. c.
1	Metals— <i>contd.</i>		
	Iron and steel staples and wire nails not elsewhere specified .. ..		12½%
5	Iron and steel tubes and pipes, black or galvanized, not fabricated .. ..	12½%	22½%
	Iron and steel, manufactures wholly or mainly of, not elsewhere specified .. ..	30%	40%
	Lead, pig (excluding lead sheets, tea lead and foil) .. ..	Free	10%
	Lead sheet and foil for packing produce for export .. ..	2½%	12½%
10	Lead sheet and foil not elsewhere specified .. ..	7½%	17½%
	Solder and soldering fluid .. ..	7½%	17½%
	Tin sheets and plates, not fabricated .. ..	12½%	22½%
	Zinc rolled sheets, plates and dishes, not fabricated, not elsewhere specified .. ..	12½%	22½%
15	Motor cars and motor station wagons (not including motor lorries) and engines and chassis thereof—		
	(i) 10 horse power and under .. ..	30%	37½%
	(ii) Over 10 horse power and up to and including 16 horse power .. ..	45%	52½%
20	(iii) Over 16 horse power .. ..	70%	77½%
	Motor cycles and motor scooters including engines and chassis for motor cycles, magnetos, enclosed splash-proof accumulators for motor vehicles and accessories for motor cars, motor cycles, motor scooters and motor station wagons .. ..	30%	37½%

1	Motor lorries, motor vans, motor omnibuses and tractors, including engines and chassis— Diesel-engined .. .. Other .. ..	25% 25%	32½% 32½%
5	Musical instruments— Gramophones, phonographs and records, and component parts and accessories .. .. Other, including automatic pianos and organs and component parts and accessories .. ..	50% 45%	80% 55%
10	Mustard powder .. .. Nuts used as fruit .. .. Oil cloth .. .. Orange and Angostura bitters .. .. Painters' materials not elsewhere specified .. .. Paints and painters' colours (including enamels, dyes, tempers and varnishes) .. ..	60% 25% 25%	75% 70% 50% 100% 35%
15	Paper— Book covers .. .. Book cover paper and marble paper .. .. Exercise books in paper covers .. .. Forms, ruled or printed .. .. Letter paper with printed or embossed headings, printed or embossed envelopes, and paper not elsewhere specified .. .. Millboard, strawboard, cardboard and box-board .. .. Paper and cardboard, manufactures wholly or mainly of, not elsewhere specified .. .. Paper of the kind commonly used for the purpose of packing sole crepe rubber for export and of lining tea chests, tea packets or desiccated coconut .. ..	40% 40% 7½% 50% 90% 40%	50% 50% 17½% 60% 100% 50% 100%
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25			
30			



Column I. Goods.	Column II. Preferential Rate ad valorem. Rs. c.	Column III. General Rate ad valorem. Rs. c.
1 Paper— <i>contd.</i> <i>chests, where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Principal Collector of Customs that such paper has been imported for such purpose and is likely to be used mainly for such purpose</i> .. .. .	7½%	17½%
5 Paper cartons which are shown to the satisfaction of the Principal Collector of Customs to have been imported for the purpose of being used as milk containers .. .. .		
10 Paper, tissue .. .. .		
Paper, plain of the kind commonly used for writing and printing purposes including duplicating paper, plain envelopes and writing pads other than com- pendiums .. .. .	90%	7½% 100%
15 Pearls, culture .. .. .		3%
Pearls, natural .. .. .		100%
Pepper powder .. .. .		100%
Perambulators and parts and accessories except toys .. .. .		75%
Perfumed spirits including lavender water and eau de Cologne .. .. .	40%	50%
20 .. .. .		
Perfumery, cosmetics, powder and toilet preparations (except perfumed spirits) .. .. .		150% or 180 0 (whichever produces the higher duty)
Photographic goods (including unprocessed cinema films and photographic chemicals) not elsewhere specified .. .. .	90%	100%
25 Pictures, prints and picture postcards, not elsewhere specified .. .. .	90%	100%

1	Pig products, frozen and other Precious and semi-precious stones, except Ceylon stones and diamonds, cut—	.. .. .	50%
5	Genuine .. .. Imitation .. ..	.. .. .	60% 50% 50%
10	Precious and semi-precious stones except Ceylon stones, uncut .. .. Preserves, not elsewhere specified .. .. Printing type .. .. Raisins .. ..	.. .. .	25% 70% 17½% 70%
15	Receptacles (other than chests and boxes) of a kind suited for the purpose of packing Ceylon produce for export, where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Principal Collector of Customs that such receptacles have been imported for such purpose and are likely to be used mainly for such purpose .. .. Refrigerators (domestic): .. .. Complete .. .. Parts and accessories .. ..	.. .. .	7½% 100% 100%
20	Refrigerators (other than domestic): .. .. Complete .. .. Parts and accessories .. ..	.. .. .	95% 90%
25	Rubber tyres and tubes other than bullock cart tyres .. .. Rubber tyres intended for and adapted solely for use in bullock-carts and either (a) fitted on importation to wheels of bullock-carts or (b) bearing an indelible indication that they are intended for use on wheels of bullock-carts .. ..	.. .. .	45% 45% 30%
30	Safes, iron and steel .. .. Saffron .. ..	.. .. .	7½% 50% 50%



Column I.  
Goods.

Column II.  
Preferential Rate  
ad valorem.  
Rs. c.

Column III.  
General Rate  
ad valorem.  
Rs. c.

1	Salt, other than unrefined salt	..	per cwt.	..	75%	12 0
	Sauces	..	..	..	17½%	
	School slates and slate pencils	..	..	..		
5	Ships and other vessels for inland and harbour navigation including steam, electric and motor launches, boats and barges imported entire or in section	..	..	..	17½%	
	Silverplated ware	..	..	..	27½%	
	Soap, toilet, perfumed or medicated	..	per cwt.	..	100% or 80% or whichever produces the higher duty.	91 50
	Soap, other including household and laundry soap	..	per cwt.	..	30% or 6 75 or whichever produces the higher duty.	13 50
10	Soda bisulphite	..	..	..	12½%	
	Soups, tinned or bottled	..	..	..	50%	
	Spare parts for motor cars, motor station wagons, motor lorries, motor vans, motor omnibuses and tractors, other than diesel-engined (except magnetos, splash-proof accumulators and tyres and tubes)	..	..	..		
15	Spare parts for motor vehicles, not elsewhere specified	..	..	..		
	Spectacles and spectacle glass and frames	..	..	..		
	Spirits (not being sweetened or mixed with any article so that the degree of strength thereof cannot be ascertained by Sykes' hydrometer) for every gallon of the strength of proof by such hydrometer and so in proportion for any greater or less strength than the strength of proof and for any greater or less quantity than a gallon—	..	..	..	32½% 32½% 17½%	
20		..	..	..		

1	Provided that in no case shall the duty be less than— Rs. 130 per gallon where the duty per proof gallon is Rs. 162-50 or				
5	Rs. 157-50 per gallon where the duty per proof gallon is Rs. 187-50 or				
	Rs. 162-50 per gallon where the duty per proof gallon is Rs. 193-50				
10	Brandy in respect of which a certificate is pro- duced to the satisfaction of the Collector of Customs that the spirit is produced from the juice of the grape and has been matured for not less than five years	..	per proof gallon	162 50	
	All other brandy	..	per proof gallon	187 50	
	Gin	..	per proof gallon	187 50	
15	Rum	..	per proof gallon	162 50	
	Whisky, in respect of which a certificate is pro- duced to the satisfaction of the Collector of Customs that the spirit has been matured for not less than five years	..	per proof gallon	162 50	
20	All other whisky	..	per proof gallon	187 50	
	Unenumerated (excluding spirits denatured to the satisfaction of the Collector of Customs)	..	per proof gallon	162 50	
	Spirits being sweetened or mixed, so that the strength cannot be ascertained as aforesaid, namely—				
25	Liqueurs and cordials	..	per imperial gallon	203 0	
	Unenumerated	..	per imperial gallon	203 0	
	Sports materials, games and athletic materials (excluding rubber balls)	..	40%	50%	



	Column I. Goods.	Column II. Preferential Rate ad valorem.		Column III. General Rate ad valorem.	
		Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
1	Sports materials, not elsewhere specified, other than games and athletic materials	25%	..	50%	..
	Stoneware		..	35%	..
5	Studio cameras (including magazines, tripods, tilthead adaptors, synchronous motors, camera motors, carrying cases, sound blimps and lenses), recorder outfits (including microphones for sound recorders), film printers, film editing tables, footage measures, synchronisers, microphone booms, processing plants and disc recording machines for use in the production of 35 millimetre sound films for public exhibition, and component parts of any of the foregoing	2½%	..	5%	..
10	Synthetic resin (moulding powder) suitable for use in the manufacture of local products	2½%	..	5%	..
15	Tallow and wax for candles	2½%	..	12½%	..
	Tallow (other than tallow for candles)	2½%	..	12½%	..
	Tea chests, shooks and fittings	25%	..	7½%	..
20	Telegraph and telephone apparatus, other than wireless. Tenterhooks, rivets and wire nails which are shown to the satisfaction of the Principal Collector of Customs to have been imported for the construction of chests or boxes for packing Ceylon produce for export		..	35%	..
	Textiles and manufactures of textile materials—		..	7½%	..
	Cotton twist		..	15%	..
25	Cotton lace and net, excluding cotton mosquito netting and fishing nets and netting, but including cotton curtain netting	5%	..	60%	..

1	Cotton manufactures (including apparel and sewing thread) other than admixtures of any other material, not elsewhere specified	..	15%
5	Linen, manufactures wholly or mainly of	..	100%
	Mixed material and other textiles not elsewhere specified—		
	Carpets and floor rugs	..	100%
	Lace and net excluding mosquito netting and fishing nets and netting, but including curtain netting	..	60%
10	Scarves and shawls	..	60%
	Blankets, handkerchiefs, piece goods and others	..	40%
	Silk and artificial silk and manufactures thereof (including any admixture thereof, other than admixtures containing over 50 per cent. by weight of cotton)	..	100%
15	Silk and artificial silk yarn	..	25%
	Woolen and worsted, manufactures wholly or mainly of, other than admixtures of silk or artificial silk—		
20	Berlin, scarves, shawls and garments	..	60%
	Carpets and floor rugs	..	100%
	Manufactures not elsewhere specified	..	40%
	Timber, not elsewhere specified	..	30%
	Timber which is shown to the satisfaction of the Principal Collector of Customs to have been imported for the manufacture of boxes or chests for packing Ceylon produce for export	..	7½%
25	Timed-plates which are shown to the satisfaction of the Principal Collector of Customs to have been imported for the manufacture of fittings for chests or boxes for packing Ceylon produce for export	..	17½%
30		..	3%



Column I. Goods.	per lb. of their gross weight	Column II. Preferential Rate ad valorem. Rs. c.	Column III. General Rate ad valorem. Rs. c.
1 Tobacco— Manufactured :			
Beedies	..	6 0 ..	6 50
Cigarettes—			
(i.) Manufactured in the British Empire from Empire grown tobacco—			
(a) sold wholesale at not more than Rs. 29.25 per lb. nett	..	23 25 ..	..
(b) sold wholesale at more than Rs. 29.25 per lb. nett	..	24 25 ..	..
(ii.) Manufactured in the British Empire from foreign tobacco—			
(a) sold wholesale at not more than Rs. 29.25 per lb. nett	..	23 75 ..	..
(b) sold wholesale at more than Rs. 29.25 per lb. nett	..	24 75 ..	..
(iii.) Manufactured in the British Empire from Empire grown and foreign tobacco at rates intermediate between (i.) and (ii.) above according to the certified proportion of Empire and foreign leaf content.	..		
(iv.) Manufactured in foreign countries	..		
Cigars	..	60 0 ..	25 25
Hooka and beeddy tobacco	..	6 0 ..	61 0
Snuff	..	10 0 ..	6 30
			10 50

1	Manufactured tobacco not elsewhere specified, other than hooka and beedy tobacco and snuff	..	per lb. nett	30 0	..	30 75
	Unmanufactured ..	..	per lb. nett	19 35	..	22 35
5	Toilet requisites not elsewhere specified	..	..	..	..	..
	Toys and games ..	..	..	..	100%	100%
	Trailers and tram cars including chassis and spare parts thereof and such accessories of motor lorries, motor vans, motor omnibuses, tractors, trailers and trancars not elsewhere specified as are not also adapted for use as accessories of motor cars, motor station wagons, motor cycles or motor scooters	..	..	90%	..	..
10	Treacle ..	..	..	25%	..	32½%
	Typewriters and parts thereof ..	..	..	..	..	40%
	Umbrellas ..	..	..	30%	..	35%
15	Unassembled component parts of umbrellas, namely sticks and handles (other than wooden sticks and handles), ribs, stays, runners, notches, cups, ferrules and paper covers	..	..	15%	..	20%
	Vegetables (tinned or preserved except dried)	..	..	7½%	..	12½%
20	Vinegar ..	..	..	40%	..	50%
	Wine :—	..	..	..	..	75%
	Sparkling ..	..	per gallon	..	..	144 0
	Other : ..	..	..	..	..	..
25	In wood ..	..	per gallon	..	..	48 0
	In bottles ..	..	per gallon	..	..	50 0
	Wireless goods and apparatus ..	..	..	45%	..	..
	Wood and timber, manufactures wholly or mainly of, not elsewhere specified	..	..	..	..	50%
	All other goods not otherwise icharged with duty or prohibited and not comprised n the table of exemptions hereinafter set forth...	..	..	..	..	60%
30		..	..	..	..	45%



- \*4. Profits Tax Bill,—Second Reading.
- \*5. Income Tax (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.
- \*6. Estate Duty (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.
- \*7 Stamp (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.

*\*Indicates Government Business.*

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+ Motion made and Question proposed “ That Head 135, Vote No. 1, be reduced by Rs. 10 in respect of sub-head 1.”

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#### NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1. For Amendments in Committee on Appropriation Bill, see separate Paper “ Supplement to Orders of the Day ”.

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#### QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER.

60/47

1. Mr. P. L. Bauddhasara,—To ask the Minister of Industries, Industrial Research and Fisheries, whether he is aware of the fact that there is no difference between the trained and untrained officers of the section of Sericulture and whether he would be pleased to call for and examine their qualifications.

78/47

2. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication, if he will take steps to establish the following Post Offices early in 1948:—

- (a) Receiving Offices at Digampathaha, Lenawa, Kalundewa, Beligamuwa, Nilagama, Pubbuliya and Galgedewala.
- (b) Sub-Post Offices at Sigiriya, Illukkumbura and Kongahawela.

79/47

3. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication, if he will take steps to establish telephone communication to Pallegama (Matale East), Galewela, Wahakotte and Madipola.

80/47

4. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Lands, if he will consider the question of paying a suitable monthly allowance to Vel Muladeniyas of Matale District in view of the fact that their duties have been greatly increased.

81/47

5. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development, if he will consider the question of paying a monthly allowance to Village Registrars of Matale District.

82/47

6. Mr. A. R. A. M. Aboobucker,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Works, whether he will consider taking immediate steps to construct bridges over all waterways between Trincomalee and Batticaloa on the Trincomalee-Batticaloa Road beginning with the Kinniya Bridge.



# ORDER PAPER

## OF THE

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOR

Wednesday, December 17, 1947, at 1 p.m.



#### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER.

38/47

- \* 1. Mr. Cholmondeley Goonewardene,—To ask the Minister of Education, whether he is aware that large numbers of teachers in Government and Assisted Schools have not been paid their arrears of salary from January 1, 1946, in accordance with the Final Report of the Conversion Committee which was published in Sessional Paper X of 1947, and what the reason for the delay is, in view of the fact that the Department has the highest number of Accountants in any Government Department.

39/47

- \* 2. Mr. P. G. B. Keuneman,—To ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development,

(a) Whether, in view of the fact that the Government has once again recognised the General Clerical Services Union, the ban imposed on the Police Sergeants and Constables Association will be withdrawn.

(b) If not, what proposals the Government has to provide the minor ranks of the Police Force with opportunities for forming an Association whereby they can collectively bring their grievances to the attention of the Government.

(c) Have such proposals met with a favourable response from the minor ranks of the Police Force.

40/47

- \* 3. Mr. P. G. B. Keuneman,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, what steps the Government intends taking to provide Temporary (Emergency) Nurses with opportunities to be trained and qualify for incorporation in the permanent nursing service.

#### NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1.\* Appropriation Bill (Third Allotted Day)—Committee (Progress; 15th December).

A. 50/47

2. Mr. T. B. Poholiyadde.—Village Tank Bunds,—That in view of the great hardships caused to the land-owners under the village tanks by having to perform the works necessary for the maintenance of the bunds of their tanks annually resulting in prosecutions in the event of their failure to do them, this House is of opinion that immediate steps should be taken to relieve the land-owners from having to perform such labours.



A. 35/47

3. Mr. Robert Gunawardena,—Renovation of Bridges,—That in the opinion of this House immediate steps should be taken to renovate and remodel the bridges situated along the Kotte-Borella, Battaramulla-Kotte, Madinnagoda-Rajakiriya, Kotuwagoda-Welikade roads as the existing bridges are utterly incapable of meeting with the large volume of traffic along these roads.

A. 36/47

4. Mr. Robert Gunawardena,—Colombo South Drainage Scheme,—That in the opinion of this House the Colombo South Drainage Scheme as proposed in Sessional Paper V of 1939 should be forthwith implemented as this would bring under cultivation about 3,000 acres of fertile land in the Kotte and other adjoining areas.

A. 48/47

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A. 49/47

6. Mr. T. B. Poholiyadde,—Schools for Horowpotane Electorate,—That in view of the fact that there are over a thousand children of school-going-age within the Horowpotane Electorate, who do not attend any schools now, this House is of opinion that immediate steps should be taken to build the 15 schools which are needed to provide the educational facilities to these children.

A. 51/47

7. Mr. Somaweera Chandrasiri,—Standing Order No. 13,—That in the opinion of this House Standing Order No. 13 should be amended by the deletion of the words "the consent of Mr. Speaker first being obtained" in line 2.

A. 52/47

8. Mr. K. Herat,—Commission on Agricultural and Social conditions among the Peasantry,—That in the opinion of this House the appointment of a Commission on the agricultural and social conditions of the Peasantry of Ceylon is a very desirable step, prior to any new schemes being embarked upon by the Minister of Agriculture and Lands and the Hon. the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development.

*\* Indicates Government Business.*

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#### NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1. For Amendments in Committee on Appropriation Bill, see separate Paper "Supplement to Orders of the Day".

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**ORDER PAPER**  
OF THE  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
FOR

*Thursday, December 18, 1947, at 1 p.m.*

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER.

41/47

- \* 1. Mr. P. G. B. Keuneman,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government,
- (a) What steps, if any, he is taking to give effect to the resolution passed by the Colombo Municipal Council demanding the freezing of house rents at 1941 levels and the amendment of the Rent Restriction Ordinance.
- (b) If no steps are to be taken to give effect to the above resolution, what other proposals the Minister has to lower house rents.

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.

1. The Leader of the House,—Business of the House—Budget Leakage,—That the motion standing in the name of the Leader of the House respecting Budget Leakage may, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 24, be debated this day.
2. The Leader of the House,—Business of the House,—That the motion relating to Budget Leakage be exempted at this day's sittings from the provisions of Standing Order No. 8.

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NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1.\* Appropriation Bill (Fourth Allotted Day)—Committee (Progress; 17th December).

\*2. The Leader of the House,—Budget Leakage,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the allegation, that the details of the New Taxes recently announced by the Minister of Finance, became known to certain persons before 1st December.

That the Committee do consist of 3 persons, and that Mr. J. A. Martensz, Mr. Albert F. Peris and Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayakam be members of the Committee, with Mr. Martensz as Chairman.

That the Committee be empowered to send for persons, papers, documents and records and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House.

That two be the Quorum.

*\*Indicates Government Business.*

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NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO  
ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1. For Amendments in Committee on Appropriation Bill, see separate Paper "Supplement to Orders of the Day".





## ORDER PAPER

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOR

Friday, December 19, 1947, at 10 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER.

42/47

- \* 1. Mr. P. G. B. Keuneman,—To ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development,
- (a) How much money was paid by the British Government to the Ceylon Government to be disposed of as a bonus or gratuity to minor ranks of the Police Force for services rendered during the war.
  - (b) Does the Government propose to distribute this sum directly to the minor ranks of the Police Force.
  - (c) If not, how does the Government propose to dispose of this sum and have such proposals met with the approval of the minor ranks of the Police Force.

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### NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1.\* Appropriation Bill (Fifth Allotted Day)—Committee (Progress; 18th December).

\*Indicates Government Business.

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### NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1. For Amendments in Committee on Appropriation Bill, see separate Paper "Supplement to Orders of the Day".

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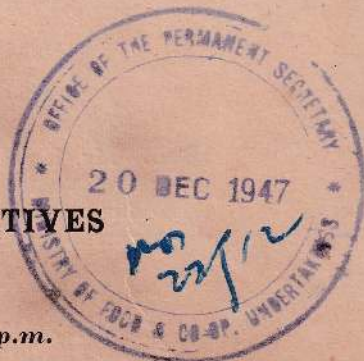
# ORDER PAPER

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOR

*Monday, December 22, 1947, at 1 p.m.*



### NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1.\* Appropriation Bill (Sixth Allotted Day)—Committee (Progress; 19th December).†

\* Indicates Government Business.

† Motion made and Question proposed "That the sum of Rs. 1,000 for Head 81, Vote No. 1, be inserted in the Schedule.

### NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1. For Amendments in Committee on Appropriation Bill, see separate Paper "Supplement to Orders of the Day".

### QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER.

43/47

1. Mr. S. M. Subbiah,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether in view of the numerous complaints from passengers travelling from India to Ceylon regarding the quality of food supplied to them at the Mandapam Camp he will consider making arrangements to ensure the supply of wholesome food to them.

44/47

2. Mr. S. M. Subbiah,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether he is aware that Officers of the Mandapam Camp including the clerks and peons treat passengers very disrespectfully and rudely and what steps he proposes to take in the matter to remedy this.

45/47

3. Mr. S. M. Subbiah,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether he is aware of the need for chairs or benches in the Mandapam Camp in the various places where passengers have to wait for medical examination, vaccination, &c., and what steps he proposes to take to remedy this.

46/47

4. Mr. S. M. Subbiah,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether he will take early action to start work on the Hali-ela Water Scheme.

47/47

5. Mr. S. M. Subbiah,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether he will take early steps to provide a suspension bridge over the Badulla-o-ya from the foot path leading to the Kendagolla village in the Rapukpota Village Committee area near the old Factory of Cullen Estate Factory.



48/47

6. Mr. S. M. Subbiah,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether he will take steps to improve the Badulla Hospital with additional wards and other necessary equipment including two ambulances.

49/47

7. Mr. S. M. Subbiah,—To ask the Minister of Education, whether he will consider the appointment of two Tamil teachers, one to the Ella Government School and the other to the Lunugalla Government School in the Yatikinda D.R.O. Division, Badulla.

50/47

8. Mr. S. M. Subbiah,—To ask the Minister of Education, whether he will take early steps to establish a bi-lingual school at Madulsima Town in the Yatikinda D.R.O. Division, Badulla.

51/47

9. Mr. S. M. Subbiah,—To ask the Minister of Labour and Social Services, whether he will consider the immediate implementation of the recommendations of the Social Services Commission particularly in regard to (a) Old Age Pensions, and (b) Health Insurance.

52/47

10. Mr. S. M. Subbiah,—To ask the Minister of Labour and Social Services, whether he will consider implementing the recommendations of Major Orde Brown, in regard to eviction of Estate Labourers.

53/47

11. Mr. S. M. Subbiah,—To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,

- (a) How many applications there are on the waiting list for telephones.
- (b) How many persons have been given telephone connections during the course of this year.
- (c) What factors were taken into consideration in regarding their applications as essential.

54/47

12. Mr. H. B. Rambukwelle,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether he is aware that the Waradiwela V.C. road in Uda Dumbara, the earthwork of which was completed about 10 years ago, is in a neglected state and not fit for vehicular traffic and whether it will be made fit for vehicular traffic in the near future.

55/47

13. Mr. H. B. Rambukwelle,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether he is aware that a part of the abutment of Nilgala V.C. foot bridge in Uda Dumbara, which was washed away about 10 years ago, has not yet been repaired and whether he will take action to have it repaired in the near future.



**ORDER PAPER**  
OF THE  
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FOR

*Tuesday, December 23, 1947, at 1 p.m.*



**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER.**

58/47

- \* 1. Mr. Wilmot A. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Commerce and Trade,
- (a) What is the cause for the recent reduction of rubber prices in this country.
- (b) How long is it proposed to continue the said price level.

59/47

- \* 2. Mr. S. Sivapalan,—To ask the Minister of Industries, Industrial Research and Fisheries, who is the author of the reorganisation scheme of the Fishing Industry.

**AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.**

*Notices of Presentations of Bills.*

1. The Minister of Finance,—Profits Tax,—“ Bill to make provision for the imposition and levy of a profits tax on surplus income derived from any business, profession or vocation ”. (Cabinet approval signified).
2. The Minister of Finance,—Income Tax,—“ Bill to amend the Income Tax Ordinance ”. (Cabinet approval signified).
3. The Minister of Finance,—Estate Duty,—“ Bill to amend the Estate Duty Ordinance ”. (Cabinet approval signified).
4. The Minister of Finance,—Stamp,—“ Bill to amend the Stamp Ordinance ”. (Cabinet approval signified).

*Notice of Motion.*

5. The Leader of the House,—Sittings of the House,—That this House at its rising this day, do adjourn until Monday, January 5, 1948.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.**

- a.\* Appropriation Bill (Seventh Allotted Day)—Committee (Progress; 22nd December).†

\* Indicates Government Business.

† Motion made and Question proposed “ That Head 91, Vote No. 2, be reduced by Rs. 10 in respect of sub-head 1 ”.



NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO  
ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1. For Amendments in Committee on Appropriation Bill,  
see separate Paper " Supplement to Orders of the Day ".

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER.

56/47

1. Major J. W. Oldfield, C.M.G., O.B.E., M.C.,—To ask the  
Minister of Finance,

- (1) How many cases of whisky, gin and brandy, respectively,  
were withdrawn from bond—
  - (a) On Monday, 1st December, 1947.
  - (b) During the week ended 30th November, 1947.
  - (c) During the three weeks ended Sunday,  
23rd November, 1947.
- (2) How many cases during these three periods were landed  
and cleared without being placed in bond.

57/47

2. Major J. W. Oldfield, C.M.G., O.B.E., M.C.,—To ask the  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and  
Rural Development,

How many cases of whisky, gin and brandy were, on the  
1st December, 1947, in the hands of—

- (a) Importers.
  - (b) Licensed dealers in Colombo.
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**ORDER PAPER**  
OF THE  
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FOR

*Monday, January 5, 1948, at 1 p.m.*

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NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1\*. Appropriation Bill (Eighth Allotted Day)—Committee (Progress; 23rd December).†

\*2. Profits Tax Bill,—Second Reading.

\*3. Income Tax (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.

\*4. Estate Duty (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.

\*5. Stamp (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.

*\*Indicates Government Business.*

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† Motion made and Question proposed "That the sum of Rs. 4,908,569 for Head 101, Vote No. 1, be inserted in the Schedule."

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NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO  
ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1. For Amendments in Committee on Appropriation Bill, see separate Paper "Supplement to Orders of the Day".

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**ORDER PAPER**  
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FOR



*Tuesday, January 6, 1948, at 1 p.m.*

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NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1\*. Appropriation Bill (Ninth Allotted Day)—Committee (Progress; 5th January).†

\*2. Profits Tax Bill,—Second Reading.

\*3. Income Tax (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.

\*4. Estate Duty (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.

\*5. Stamp (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.

*\*Indicates Government Business.*

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† Motion made and Question proposed “ That Head 109, Vote No. 1, be reduced by Rs. 1,000 in respect of sub-head 1, item ‘The Minister’.”

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NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO  
ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1. For Amendments in Committee on Appropriation Bill, see separate Paper “ Supplement to Orders of the Day ”.

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**ORDER PAPER**  
OF THE  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
FOR

*Wednesday, January 7, 1948, at 1 p.m.*



**AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.**

1. The Minister without Portfolio,—Business of the House,—That the Motion of the Minister without Portfolio respecting sittings of the House on twelfth allotted day of the Committee Stage of the Appropriation Bill may, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 24 be debated this day.

2. The Minister without Portfolio,—Business of the House,—That the Motion relating to the Sittings of the House on twelfth allotted day of the Committee Stage of the Appropriation Bill be exempted at this day's sittings from the provisions of Standing Order No. 8.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.**

a1\*. Appropriation Bill (Tenth Allotted Day)—Committee (Progress; 6th January).†

\*2. The Minister without Portfolio,—Appropriation Bill—Committee Stage (Sittings of the House on twelfth allotted day), —That with regard to the Appropriation Bill and the Resolution of this House relating thereto on December 10th, 1947—

Notwithstanding anything contained in the said Resolution, if the twelfth allotted day be a Friday, the Chairman shall, at 4 p.m., unless the Bill has previously been reported, put forth with the Question on any amendment then under discussion, and then successively on any Government amendments to that Vote and the Questions necessary to dispose of that Vote, and shall then proceed successively to put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of all other outstanding votes and of any Government amendments thereto, and that the schedule shall stand part of the Bill and the Questions necessary to dispose of any postponed clauses and of any Government amendments thereto and the House shall not be adjourned until the Bill has been reported.

\*3. Profits Tax Bill,—Second Reading.

\*4. Income Tax (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.

\*5. Estate Duty (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.

\*6. Stamp (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.

A. 50/47

7. Mr. T. B. Poholiyadde,—Village Tank Bunds,—That in view of the great hardships caused to the land-owners under the village tanks by having to perform the works necessary for the maintenance of the bunds of their tanks annually resulting in prosecutions in the event of their failure to do them, this House is of opinion that immediate steps should be taken to relieve the land-owners from having to perform such labours.



A. 35/47

8. Mr. Robert Gunawardena,—Renovation of Bridges.—That in the opinion of this House immediate steps should be taken to renovate and remodel the bridges situated along the Kotte-Borella, Battaramulla-Kotte, Madinnagoda-Rajagiriya, Kotuwagoda-Welikade roads as the existing bridges are utterly incapable of meeting with the large volume of traffic along these roads.

A. 36/47

9. Mr. Robert Gunawardena,—Colombo South Drainage Scheme.—That in the opinion of this House the Colombo South Drainage Scheme as proposed in Sessional Paper V of 1939 should be forthwith implemented as this would bring under cultivation about 3,000 acres of fertile land in the Kotte and other adjoining areas.

A. 48/47

10. Mr. T. B. Poholiyadde,—Village Crown Chenas.—That in view of the prevailing drought which is already destroying the young chena crops of both paddy and kurakkan, and as a measure of production of increased food supplies, this House is of opinion that the restrictions passed on the clearing of the village Crown chenas by the Government should be withdrawn, until further orders.

A. 49/47

11. Mr. T. B. Poholiyadde,—Schools for Horowpotane Electorate.—That in view of the fact that there are over a thousand children of school-going-age within the Horowpotane Electorate, who do not attend any schools now, this House is of opinion that immediate steps should be taken to build the 15 schools which are needed to provide the educational facilities to these children.

A. 51/47

12. Mr. Somaweera Chandrasiri,—Standing Order No. 13.—That in the opinion of this House Standing Order No. 13 should be amended by the deletion of the words "the consent of Mr. Speaker first being obtained" in line 2.

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**ORDER PAPER**  
OF THE  
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FOR

*Thursday, January 8, 1948, at 1 p.m.*



QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER.

61/47

- ✱ 1. Dr. N. M. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Finance,
- (a) What are the articles of which Government is the sole importer.
  - (b) Is there a duly constituted Authority or an authentic publication from where a member of the public can obtain a list of such articles.
  - (c) What are the articles the import of which is permitted subject to licence.
  - (d) On what principle are applications to import such articles in (c) above refused or allowed.
  - (e) Are the prices controlled in respect of articles the quantity of which to be imported is restricted? If not what steps are taken to prevent importers from selling the imported articles at the high prices rendered possible by their scarcity.

62/47

- ✱ 2. Mr. H. Sri Nissanka,—To ask the Minister of Commerce and Trade, the rates he pays per pound of rubber to the producer and the rates per pound he sells the same to the Shippers at Colombo.

77/47

- ✱ 3. Mr. S. Sivapalan,—To ask the Prime Minister,
- (a) Whether he is aware that the Admiralty is acquiring lands in all parts of the town of Trincomalee without considering the question of the convenience of the inhabitants.
  - (b) What action he proposes to take in the matter.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.

1. The Minister of Finance,—Business of the House,—That the proceedings in respect of the following Business be exempted at this day's sittings from the provisions of Standing Order No. 8.

- (1) Customs Ordinance (Resolution) (No. 1).
- (2) Customs Ordinance (Resolution) (No. 2).
- (3) Profits Tax Bill—Second Reading.
- (4) Income Tax (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- (5) Estate Duty (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- (6) Stamp (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.



## NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1\*. Appropriation Bill (Eleventh Alloted Day)—Committee (Progress; 7th January).!

\*2. The Minister of Finance,—Customs Ordinance (Resolution) (No. 1).—That this House resolves under section 9 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 185)—

- (1) that, with effect from the date on which this resolution is notified in the *Government Gazette*, export duty upon the goods specified in column I of the Schedule to this resolution shall be levied and paid at the rate prescribed in column II. of that Schedule;
- (2) that, notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this resolution, in every case where the Collector is satisfied—
  - (a) that a valid contract for the sale of any such goods to a buyer outside Ceylon was entered into prior to midnight of 1st/2nd December, 1947 (hereinafter referred to as "the relevant time"); and
  - (b) that any quantity of such goods, having been purchased by the exporter prior to the relevant time for the purposes of exportation in fulfilment of that contract, is being exported in fulfilment thereof, export duty on that quantity of such goods, or on such part thereof as represents the quantity specified in the contract, whichever is less, shall be leviable and payable at the rate applicable prior to the relevant time; and
- (3) that nothing contained in this resolution shall affect any export duty leviable or payable under any written law other than the Customs Ordinance, on the goods specified in the Schedule hereto.

## SCHEDULE.

Column I.	Column II.
	Rs. c.
Desiccated Coconut, per 100 lbs. ...	30 0

\*3. The Minister of Finance,—Customs Ordinance (Resolution) (No. 2).—That this House resolves under section 9 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 185) that with effect from the date on which this resolution is notified in the *Government Gazette* the import duty under that Ordinance shall be levied and paid on the goods specified in column I. of the Schedule hereto—

- (a) at the General Rates set out in the corresponding entries in column III. of the Schedule hereto; or
- (b) at the Preferential Rates set out in the corresponding entries in column II. of the Schedule hereto, where Preferential Rates are leviable and payable under the provisions of Schedule A to the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 185), as amended by section 17 (1) of Ordinance No. 32 of 1941.



# ORDER PAPER

## OF THE

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOR

*Friday, January 9, 1948, at 10 a.m.*



#### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER.

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- \* 1. Mr. T. B. Poholiyadde,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Lands, whether the Talpats or Sittu (grants of lands) taken over by Government from time to time and admitted and registered as genuine documents cannot be returned to the persons or their heirs of the North-Central Province from whom they were taken.

#### AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. The Minister of Finance,—Business of the House,—That the proceedings on the Appropriation Bill be exempted at this day's sittings from the provisions of Standing Order No. 8.

2. The Minister without Portfolio,—Sittings of the House,—That this House at its rising this day do adjourn till 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th January, and shall sit every day thereafter untill Friday, 16th January.

#### NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a1.\* Appropriation Bill (Twelfth Allotted Day)—Committee (Progress; 8th January).

\*2. The Minister of Health and Local Government,—Housing and Town Improvement (Ingiriya Bazaar area).—That this House resolves under the provisions of section 3 (b) of the Housing and Town Improvement Ordinance (Chapter 199), as modified by Proclamation under section 88 (1) of the Ceylon (Constitution) Order in Council, 1946, published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 9,773 of September 24, 1947, that from the first day of February, 1948, the aforesaid Ordinance shall be in force within the area defined in the Schedule hereto:—

#### *Schedule.*

All that area of land as Ingiriya Bazaar situated in Ingiriya village in Udugaha Pattuwa of Rayigam Korale in Kalutara District, Western Province, and bounded as follows:—

*North:* By a line drawn from a point 150 feet west of the western boundary of the Padukka-Ingiriya road at right angles to the centre line of the said road 450 feet north of the centre of the junction of the Panadura-Ratnapura road and Padukka-Ingiriya road eastwards crossing the said road to a point 150 feet east of the eastern boundary of the said road.



*East:* By a line drawn from the last-mentioned point southwards parallel to and at a distance of 150 feet from the eastern boundary of the Padukka-Ingiriya road to a point 150 feet north from the northern boundary of the Panadura-Ratnapura road, thence by a line drawn eastwards parallel to and at a distance of 150 feet from the northern boundary of the said road to a point on a line drawn at right angles to the centre line of the Panadura-Ratnapura road 200 feet from the junction of the said road and Padukka-Ingiriya road, thence by a line drawn southwards at right angles to the centre line of the Panadura-Ratnapura road crossing the said road to a point 150 feet south of the southern boundary of the Panadura-Ratnapura road.

*South:* By a line drawn from the last-mentioned point westwards parallel to and at a distance of 150 feet south of the southern boundary of the Panadura-Ratnapura road to a point on a line drawn at right angles to the centre of the culvert No. 20/6 on the Panadura-Ratnapura road.

*West:* By a line drawn from the last-mentioned point northwards to the centre of the culvert No. 20/6 on the Panadura-Ratnapura road crossing the said culvert to a point 150 feet from the northern boundary of the said road, thence by a line drawn eastwards parallel to and at a distance of 150 feet from the northern boundary of the said road to a point 150 feet west from the western boundary of Padukka-Ingiriya road, thence by a line drawn northwards parallel to and at a distance of 150 feet west of the western boundary of the said road to the starting point of the northern limit of the area.

\*3. The Minister of Health and Local Government, — Housing and Town Improvement (Kosgama area). — That this House resolves under the provisions of section 3 (b) of the Housing and Town Improvement Ordinance (Chapter 199), as modified by Proclamation under section 88 (1) of the Ceylon (Constitution) Order in Council, 1946, published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 9,773 of September 24, 1947, that from the 1st day of February, 1948, the aforesaid Ordinance shall be in force within the area defined in the Schedule hereto: —

#### *Schedule.*

All that area of land representing the former Sanitary Board limits of Kosgama situated in Kosgama Pahala village in Udu-gaha Pattuwa of Hewagama Korale in the Colombo District, Western Province, and bounded as follows: —

*North:* By a line drawn from the north-western corner of Aluthwatta claimed by M. D. Gimosinghe and others, southwards and north-eastwards along the southern and eastern boundaries of the said land to the eastern boundary of the path on eastern boundary of Paththayangodelle-watta, claimed by M. Aron and others, thence northwards along the eastern boundary of the said path to the southern boundary of Kanaththagewatta claimed by M. D. Gimosinghe and others, eastwards and northwards along the southern and eastern boundaries of the said



land to the southern boundary of Hapugahawela claimed by H. M. D. Kaithanappu and others, eastwards and northwards along the southern and eastern boundaries of the said land to the left bank of Kosgama Oya, thence by a line drawn eastwards along the said bank crossing the Kosgama-Pugoda road to a point on the said bank 2 chains east of the western boundary of the said road where it crosses the said Oya.

*East:* By a line drawn from the last-mentioned point southwards parallel to and at a distance of 2 chains east from the western boundary of the Kosgama-Pugoda road through Walekumbura claimed by D. S. Wijesundara and others to the north-eastern corner of the house belonging to N. P. Senanayake, thence by a line drawn westwards and southwards along its northern and western walls of the said house to its south-western corner, thence by a line drawn to the centre of the northern end of culvert No. 24/1 on the Colombo-Avissawella Public Works Department road, thence across the said road to the southern end of the culvert, thence south-eastwards along the ditch to the centre of the northern end of railway culvert, thence by a line drawn southwards through the said culvert to its southern end, thence along the ditch to the north-western corner of Eriyagahadeniyawatta claimed by D. H. Wijesundara, thence by a line drawn southwards along the ditch running through the said land and Godaporagahawatta claimed by M. J. Perera and along the western boundary of Delgahawatta claimed by G. K. Martin Perera and others to the northern boundary of Bomiriyagewatta claimed by M. D. Emissingho and others, thence southwards through the said land to the north-western corner of Pusseldagere (T. P. 66433) claimed by D. L. Wijesundara and others, thence by a line drawn southwards along the western boundary of the said land to a distance of 560 links, southwards through (T. P. 66433) along a line 240 links in length, south-westwards by a straight line 670 links in length of magnetic bearing  $217^{\circ}$  through the said Title Plan, and again south-westwards through the said Title Plan by a straight line 714 links in length of magnetic bearing  $228\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ .

*South:* By a line drawn from the last-mentioned point westwards in a straight line of bearing  $270^{\circ}$  through Pusseldagara (T. P. 66433) claimed by D. L. Wijesundara and others to the centre of the culvert across Gansabhawa road to Kadugoda, thence westwards along the ela, which runs along the northern boundary of Nagayawatta claimed by M. Arnolis and others, through Kelagahawatta claimed by W. Johannis and others to the north-eastern corner of Ibulgahawatta claimed by W. D. Selvestri, thence westwards along the northern boundary of the said land to the eastern boundary of Baduwatthenedeniya claimed by W. W. Girigoris and others.

*West:* By a line drawn from the last-mentioned point northwards along the eastern boundary of Baduwatthenedeniya claimed by W. W. Girigoris and others, north-eastwards and north-westwards along the ridge through Andekumbura claimed by W. W. Girigoris and



others, northwards along the banks on the eastern boundaries of Palabotewatta claimed by Alexander and others and Public Works Department lines and premises claimed by Crown to the Colombo-Avissawella Public Works Department road, thence across the said road, and along a straight line to the starting point of the northern limit of the area.

*\*Indicates Government Business.*

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NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO  
ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- a1. For Amendments in Committee on Appropriation Bill, see separate Paper "Supplement to Orders of the Day".
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*Nothing concerning*

**ORDER PAPER**  
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
FOR

*Tuesday, January 13, 1948, at 2 p.m.*

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER.

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✱ 1. Mr. K. Kanagaratnam,—To ask the Minister of Finance,

(a) Whether he is aware that the Government of Burma proposes to grant to all Government Servants a bonus equivalent to a month's salary in order to celebrate the Burma Independence Day on the 4th January, 1948, and whether he will obtain the sanction of the Cabinet and this House to grant a bonus equivalent to a month's salary at least to all monthly paid and daily paid Government Servants and Pensioners drawing salaries and pensions of Rs. 500 and under on the occasion of the celebration of the Ceylon Independence Day in February, 1948.

(b) Whether he is aware that Buddhist Burma proposes to prohibit the killing of animals and the eating of meat between January 3rd and 7th, 1948, in connection with the celebration of Independence Day in order to emphasise and reiterate to the world the teachings of Lord Buddha on non-killing and whether he proposes to introduce a similar prohibition in Ceylon in connection with the local celebrations of the Independence Day in February, 1948.

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✱ 2. Mr. W. Dahanayake,—To ask the Minister of Finance,

(a) How many Government minor employees and industrial workers, who were discontinued after the June strike, have not yet been reinstated.

(b) Whether they will be reinstated without further delay, in view of the fact that the Strike Committee had recommended for them punishment other than discontinuance.

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✱ 3. Mr. W. Dahanayake,—To ask the Minister of Finance,

(a) Why temporary clerks who took part in the June strike have been excluded from the scheme of absorption into the General Clerical Service, despite the recommendations of the Strike Committee.

(b) Whether the circular that called for such discriminatory selection will be withdrawn and selections now being made added to with names of those who now stand disqualified.

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✱ 4. Mr. W. Dahanayake,—To ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development,

(a) On whose orders is the use of Galle Face Green for public meetings on certain days of the week, banned, and why.

(b) Whether the ban will be lifted.



## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.

1. The Minister without Portfolio,—Sittings of the House,—That this House at its rising this day do adjourn till 2 P.M. on Thursday, 15th January.

2. The Minister without Portfolio,—Business of the House,—That the proceedings in respect of the following Business be exempted at this day's sittings from the provisions of Standing Order No. 8.

(a) Customs Ordinance (Resolution) (No. 1)

(b) Customs Ordinance (Resolution) (No. 2).

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

\*1. The Minister of Finance,—Customs Ordinance (Resolution) (No. 1).—That this House resolves under section 9 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 185)—

(1) that, with effect from the date on which this resolution is notified in the *Government Gazette*, export duty upon the goods specified in column I of the Schedule to this resolution shall be levied and paid at the rate prescribed in column II. of that Schedule;

(2) that, notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this resolution, in every case where the Collector is satisfied—

(a) that a valid contract for the sale of any such goods to a buyer outside Ceylon was entered into prior to midnight of 1st/2nd December, 1947 (hereinafter referred to as "the relevant time"); and

(b) that any quantity of such goods, having been purchased by the exporter prior to the relevant time for the purposes of exportation in fulfilment of that contract, is being exported in fulfilment thereof, export duty on that quantity of such goods, or on such part thereof as represents the quantity specified in the contract, whichever is less, shall be leviable and payable at the rate applicable prior to the relevant time; and

(3) that nothing contained in this resolution shall affect any export duty leviable or payable under any written law other than the Customs Ordinance, on the goods specified in the Schedule hereto.

## SCHEDULE.

Column I.	Column II. Rs. c.
Desiccated Coconut, per 100 lbs. ...	30 0

\*2. The Minister of Finance,—Customs Ordinance (Resolution) (No. 2).—That this House resolves under section 9 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 185) that with effect from the date on which this resolution is notified in the *Government Gazette* the import duty under that Ordinance shall be levied and paid on the goods specified in column I. of the Schedule hereto—

(a) at the General Rates set out in the corresponding entries in column III. of the Schedule hereto; or

(b) at the Preferential Rates set out in the corresponding entries in column II. of the Schedule hereto, where Preferential Rates are leviable and payable under the provisions of Schedule A to the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 185), as amended by section 17 (1) of Ordinance No. 22 of 1941.

Schedule.			( 3 )	
Column I. Goods.	Column II. Preferential Rate ad valorem. Rs. c.	Column III. General Rate ad valorem. Rs. c.		
1 Acid—				
Acetic	per demi-john of 44 lb.	0 50	..	
Formic	per demi-john of 44 lb.	0 70	..	
Other	15%	25%	..	
5 Aerated and mineral waters		100%	..	
Agricultural implements, viz., alavangoes, axes, forks for digging, manuring or weeding, harrows, katties, knives and saws for budding, pruning or tapping, manoties, picks, ploughs and sickles			..	
10 Aluminium foil for packing produce for export	5%	15%	..	
Aluminiumware not elsewhere specified	2½%	12½%	..	
Animals—	35%	45%	..	
Birds	each		..	5 50
Dogs	each		..	10 0
Horses	each		..	750 0
Arms—				
Firearms:				
Guns:				
Single-barrel	..	15%	..	
Double-barrel	..	15%	..	
Pistols:				
Single-barrel, not magazine	..	100%	..	
Double-barrel or magazine	..	100%	..	
Revolvers	..	100%	..	
20				



Column I. Goods.		Column II. Preferential Rate ad valorem. Rs. c.	Column III. General Rate ad valorem. Rs. c.
1	Arms— <i>contd.</i>		
	Rifles and carbines—		
	Single-barrel without magazine		100%
	Single-barrel with magazine		100%
5	Double-barrel		100%
	Other :		100%
	Air guns, air rifles and air pistols, not being toys		100%
	Aromatic chemicals including synthetic essential oils	35%	45%
	Asbestos sheets		17½%
10	Asphalt		1 10
	Beedy leaves		2 25
	Beer, ale and porter and all other malt liquors	6 0	6 50
	Betel leaves		
	Bicycles (pedal) and tricycles (pedal) and spare parts and accessories (other than toys)		50%
15	Bird seed	17½%	27½%
	Biscuits and cakes		50%
	Boots and shoes, canvas, rubber soled	35%	45%
	Boots and shoes, not elsewhere specified		20%
20	Boxes imported for the purpose of packing Ceylon produce for export including shooks and fittings	20%	30%
	Brooms and brushes—		7½%
	Tooth brushes, hair brushes, shaving brushes and nail brushes		17½%
25	Artists' and painters' brushes	25%	35%
	Other		45%

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1	Butter	..	..	40%	..	50%	0 75
	Camphor	..	..		..	45%	
	Candles	..	..		..	50%	
	Canes and rattans	..	..		..	12 1/2%	
5	Cards, playing	..	..	90%	..	100%	
	Ceiling and flooring boards	..	..	27 1/2%	..	37 1/2%	
	Cement	..	..		..		
	Cereal foods (prepared)	..	..		..		
	Cheese	..	..	50%	..	60%	
		..	..	40%	..	50%	
10	Chemicals, not elsewhere specified (other than camphor, drugs, medicines and medicinal preparations including patent medicines)	..	..	20%	..	30%	
	Chests imported for the purpose of packing Ceylon produce for export other than tea, including shocks and fittings	..	..		..		
15	Chicory	..	..		..	7 1/2%	
	China ware and porcelain ware	..	..	25%	..	50%	
	Cider	..	..		..	35%	
	Cinematograph films processed (sound and silent) other than films certified by the Director of Education to be films of an educational character	..	..		..		
20	Clocks and watches and parts and accessories thereof, except gold and silverware	..	..		..		
	Cocoa (prepared)	..	..	60%	..	70%	
25	Coffee, beans, not roasted	..	..		..	35%	
	Coffee, mixed or unmixed not elsewhere specified	..	..		..		
	Coins, antique	..	..		..	50%	
	Coir, manufactures wholly or mainly of	..	..		..	50%	
	Confectionery	..	..		..	100%	
30	Copra, not being copra which is the produce of the Maldiv Islands	..	..	60%	..	70%	
	Cotton, raw	..	..	Free	..		2 50

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6 50

0 6 1/2

0 20

2 50



Column I. Goods.		Column II. Preferential Rate ad valorem. Rs. c.		Column III. General Rate ad valorem. Rs. c.	
1	Cowries .. ..			50%	
	Cream .. ..			60%	
	Curios .. ..			100%	
5	Cutlery—Knives, scissors, razors and other cutlery ware including spoons and forks, but not including gold and silverware .. ..	40%		50%	
	Dates .. ..		4 50		5 50
	Diamonds .. ..			10%	
10	Dripping .. ..				25 0
	Drugs and medicines and medicinal preparations including patent medicines, fish liver oils and medicinal herbs and other ingredients used in indigenous medicine not elsewhere specified, but excluding quinine and quinine preparations .. ..			17½%	
15	Dry battery cells .. ..				6 0
	Dyes and dye-stuffs .. ..			7½%	
	Earthenware .. ..			25%	
	Electric accumulators and batteries (except splash-proof accumulators and batteries for motor vehicles and dry cells), alternators, dynamos, exciters, generators, control and switch gear. .. ..			10%	
20	Electric lamp bulbs .. ..			17½%	
	Electric lighting accessories and electrical goods and apparatus not elsewhere specified .. ..			17½%	
25	Electric heating and cooking apparatus, irons and vacuum cleaners .. ..	50%		60%	

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				0 35
				50 0
				1 10
1	Electric washing machines	..	50%	..
	Electric wires and cables	..	17½%	..
	Electro-plated ware—			
5	Tableware including presentation cups and shields (except silverplated and goldplated ware and cutlery including forks and spoons)	..		100%
	Other, not elsewhere specified—			
	Iron and steel ..	..	30%	40%
	Other metal ..	..		45%
10	Essential oils, not elsewhere specified ..	..		35%
	Explosives—			
	Cartridges, filled or empty ..	..		50%
	Fireworks ..	..		100%
	Gun powder, fine (passing No. 10 standard mesh) ..	per lb.		
15	Percussion caps and propellant powders and explosives not elsewhere specified ..	..		25%
	Fishing nets and netting ..	..		15%
	Fish oil, edible, except fish liver oil for medicinal purposes ..	per cwt.		
	Fish ova, living ..	..		35%
20	Fish, tinned, potted or preserved, not elsewhere specified ..	..	40%	50%
	Floor cloth ..	..		50%
	Floor polish ..	..		50%
	Flowers, fresh ..	..		
25	Food and drink (including feeding stuffs for animals), not elsewhere specified, except spirits, wine, beer, ale and porter and all other malt liquors ..	per lb.		
	Food colouring matter ..	..		
	Fruit cordials ..	..		40%
	Fruit, dried or otherwise preserved without sugar (other than canned fruit, currants, raisins and dates) ..	..	60%	30%
30				75%
				65%



Column I. Goods.		Column II. Preferential Rate ad valorem.		Column III. General Rate ad valorem.	
		Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
1	Fruit, fresh, apples and grapes .. ..	50%		60%	
	Fruit, fresh, not elsewhere specified .. ..	50%		60%	
	Fruit, tinned, bottled or preserved not elsewhere specified .. ..	60%		70%	
	Furniture .. ..	90%		100%	
5	Gas mantles .. ..	20%		30%	
	Ghee .. ..		per cwt.		50 0
	Ghee, substitutes for .. ..		per cwt.		50 0
	Glass and manufactures wholly or mainly thereof not elsewhere specified .. ..				
10	Glass beads and bangles including imitation pearls .. ..			30%	
	Gold leaf .. ..			100%	
	Goldplated ware .. ..			35%	
	Golf and tennis balls .. ..			100%	
	Gunnies and gunny cloth .. ..	45%		55%	
15	Haberdashery and millinery (excluding manufactures of silk and artificial silk and any admixture thereof other than admixtures containing over 50 per cent. by weight of cotton) .. ..			10%	
	Harness and saddlery .. ..	40%		50%	
20	Hosiery (excluding manufactures of silk and artificial silk and any admixture thereof other than admixtures containing over 50 per cent. by weight of cotton) .. ..	75%		85%	
	Implement and tools and parts thereof (except agricultural)	20%		30%	
25	Instruments, scientific, surgical and mathematical .. ..	17½%		27½%	
	Ivory manufactured .. ..			17½%	
	Jams, jellies and marmalades .. ..	60%		100%	
				70%	

1	Jewellery and gold and silversmiths' wares, including imitation jewellery, jari goods and spangles and gold and silver-plated wire and thread, but not including other electroplated ware .. ..	100% 7½%	..	..	0 27½
5	Kapok .. ..	..	..	..	..
	Kerosene oil as defined in section 159 of this Ordinance except dangerous petroleum .. ..	..	..	..	..
	Lamps and lanterns (except paper) not elsewhere specified—	..	..	..	..
	Iron and steel .. ..	25%	..	..	..
10	Other .. ..	35% 35%	..	..	..
	Lard .. ..	..	..	..	25 0
	Leather .. ..	27½%	..	..	..
	Leather, manufactures wholly or mainly of, not elsewhere specified .. ..	17½%	..	..	..
15	Lubricating oil, petroleum (refined) .. ..	60%	..	..	..
	Machinery—	..	0 75	..	0 85
	Cranes, hoists and lifting and pumping machinery ..	15%	..	..	..
	Machine belting .. ..	17½%	..	..	..
	Machinery for spinning or weaving cotton and component parts thereof .. ..	2½%	..	..	..
20	Machinery, oil pressing and refining and component parts thereof .. ..	..	..	..	..
	Machines operated by disc, token or coin and component parts and accessories thereof .. ..	17½%	..	..	..
25	Machines, sewing and component parts thereof .. ..	100% 25% 27½%	..	..	..
	Machine tools .. ..	17½%	..	..	..
	Machinery not elsewhere specified and component parts thereof .. ..	17½%	..	..	..
30	Machines, self-contained air conditioning, comprising elements for cooling, controlling humidity, cleaning and circulating air .. ..	95%	..	..	..



Column I. Goods.	Column II. Preferential Rate ad valorem. Rs. c.	Column III. General Rate ad valorem. Rs. c.
1 Manures of all sorts, including castor seed poonac, and refuse of saltpetre .. .. . Marble slabs and monuments .. .. .	90%	51% 100%
Matches, packed in boxes—		
5 (i.) where each box contains not more than 60 matches (ii.) where each box contains more than 60 matches ..		2 25
per gross of boxes an amount calcu- lated at the rate of 75 cents for each unit of 20 matches con- tained in a box, any outstanding fraction of such unit being reck- oned as a unit for this purpose per 1,000 or part thereof		
Matches, not in boxes		0 75
Match-making materials :		0 35
Splints such as are ordinarily used for making matches		0 10
10 Veneers, such as are ordinarily used for making match boxes, including boxes and parts of boxes made from such veneers .. .. .		0 45
per 100 sets of boxes or part thereof		

1	Mats and matting including rubber mats and matting...	...	100%
	Meat, fish, poultry and game, frozen or refrigerated ..	..	60%
	Meat, tinned, potted or preserved ..	..	60%
	Mechanical lighters ..	..	100%
5	Metals:		
	Brass, copper, gun metal, yellow metal, delta metal or bronze, bars, rods, wires, tubes and pipes, sheets and plates, not fabricated ..	..	22½%
10	Hoop iron and steel and strapping wire and other iron and steel and wire specially prepared for strapping packages ..	Free	10%
	Iron and steel, sheets and circles, declared to be im- ported for the purpose of manufacturing drums for the export of local produce ..	..	3%
15	Iron and steel, plates and sheets, not coated, flat or corrugated, not fabricated, not elsewhere specified ..	..	12½%
	Iron and steel, plates and sheets, galvanized or coated, flat or corrugated, not fabricated, not elsewhere specified ..	12½%	22½%
20	Iron and steel, expanded metal and other materials for reinforcement, not fabricated ..	..	12½%
	Iron and steel, rolled angles, bulbs, channels, shapes, and sections, H-iron, girders, tees, beams, joists, pillars, rails, not fabricated ..	..	12½%
25	Iron and steel, bars and rods, slabs, including blister, jumper and tool steel, not fabricated ..	..	12½%
	Iron and steel wire, barbed or plain, black or galvanized, wire ropes and shoot runners ..	12½%	22½%
30	Iron and steel drums for oil ..	..	12½%
	Iron and steel, black or galvanized, chains, bolts, nuts, rivets not elsewhere specified, washers and nails (except wire nails) ..	12½%	22½%



Column I. Goods.	Column II. Preferential Rate ad valorem. Rs. c.	Column III. General Rate ad valorem. Rs. c.
1 Metals— <i>contd.</i>		
Iron and steel staples and wire nails not elsewhere specified .. ..		12½%
Iron and steel tubes and pipes, black or galvanized, not fabricated .. ..	12½%	22½%
Iron and steel, manufactures wholly or mainly of, not elsewhere specified .. ..	30%	40%
Lead, pig (excluding lead sheets, tea lead and foil) .. ..	Free	10%
Lead sheet and foil for packing produce for export .. ..	2½%	12½%
Lead sheet and foil not elsewhere specified .. ..	7½%	17½%
Solder and soldering fluid .. ..	7½%	17½%
Tin sheets and plates, not fabricated .. ..	12½%	22½%
Zinc rolled sheets, plates and dishes, not fabricated, not elsewhere specified .. ..	12½%	22½%
15 Motor cars and motor station wagons (not including motor lorries) and engines and chassis thereof—		
(i) 10 horse power and under .. ..	30%	37½%
(ii) Over 10 horse power and up to and including 16 horse power .. ..	45%	52½%
(iii) Over 16 horse power .. ..	70%	77½%
20 Motor cycles and motor scooters including engines and chassis for motor cycles, magnetos, enclosed splash-proof accumulators for motor vehicles and accessories for motor cars, motor cycles, motor scooters and motor station wagons .. ..	30%	37½%
25		

1	Motor lorries, motor vans, motor omnibuses and tractors, including engines and chassis—			
	Diesel-engined .. ..	25%	..	32½%
	Other .. ..	25%	..	32½%
5	Musical instruments—			
	Gramophones, phonographs and records, and component parts and accessories .. ..	50%	..	60%
	Other, including automatic pianos and organs and component parts and accessories .. ..	45%	..	55%
10	Mustard powder .. ..		..	75%
	Nuts used as fruit .. ..	60%	..	70%
	Oil cloth .. ..		..	50%
	Orange and Angostura bitters .. ..		..	100%
	Painters' materials not elsewhere specified .. ..	25%	..	35%
15	Paints and painters' colours (including enamels, distempers and varnishes) .. ..	25%	..	35%
	Paper—			
	Book covers .. ..	40%	..	50%
	Book cover paper and marble paper .. ..	40%	..	50%
20	Exercise books in paper covers .. ..	7½%	..	17½%
	Forms, ruled or printed .. ..	50%	..	60%
	Letter paper with printed or embossed headings, printed or embossed envelopes, and paper not elsewhere specified .. ..		..	100%
25	Millboard, strawboard, cardboard and box-board .. ..	90%	..	50%
	Paper and cardboard, manufactures wholly or mainly of, not elsewhere specified .. ..	40%	..	100%
30	Paper of the kind commonly used for the purpose of packing sole crepe rubber for export and of lining tea chests, tea packets or desiccated coconut .. ..		..	



Column I. Goods.	Column II. Preferential Rate ad valorem. Rs. e.	Column III. General Rate ad valorem. Rs. e.
1 Paper— <i>contd.</i>		
5 chests, where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Principal Collector of Customs that such paper has been imported for such purpose and is likely to be used mainly for such purpose .. ..	7½%	17½%
Paper cartons which are shown to the satisfaction of the Principal Collector of Customs to have been imported for the purpose of being used as milk containers .. ..		
10 Paper, tissue .. ..	90%	7½% 100%
Paper, plain of the kind commonly used for writing and printing purposes including duplicating paper, plain envelopes and writing pads other than compendiums .. ..		3%
15 Pearls, culture .. ..		100%
Pearls, natural .. ..		100%
Pepper powder .. ..		75%
Perambulators and parts and accessories except toys .. ..	40%	50%
Perfumed spirits including lavender water and eau de Cologne .. ..		150% or 150 0 (whichever produces the higher duty)
per gallon		
20 Perfumery, cosmetics, powder and toilet preparations (except perfumed spirits) .. ..	90%	100%
Photographic goods (including unprocessed cinema films and photographic chemicals) not elsewhere specified .. ..	90%	100%
25 Pictures, prints and picture postcards, not elsewhere specified .. ..		100%





Column I. Goods.		Column II. Preferential Rate ad valorem. Rs. a.	Column III. General Rate ad valorem. Rs. a.
1	Salt, other than unrefined salt	..	12 0
	Sauces	..	75%
	School slates and slate pencils	..	17½%
5	Ships and other vessels for inland and harbour navigation including steam, electric and motor launches, boats and barges imported entire or in section	17½%	..
	Silverplated ware	..	27½%
	Soap, toilet, perfumed or medicated	..	100%
	Soap, other including household and laundry soap	60% or 60 0 whichever produces the higher duty. 30% or 6 75 whichever produces the higher duty.	80% or 91 50 50% or 13 50 12½% 50%
10	Soda bisulphite	..	..
	Soups, tinned or bottled	..	..
	Spare parts for motor cars, motor station wagons, motor lorries, motor vans, motor omnibuses and tractors, other than diesel-engined (except magnetos, splash-proof accumulators and tyres and tubes)	..	..
15	Spare parts for motor vehicles, not elsewhere specified	25% 25%	32½% 32½% 17½%
20	Spectacles and spectacle glass and frames	..	..
	Spirits (not being sweetened or mixed with any article so that the degree of strength thereof cannot be ascertained by Sykes' hydrometer) for every gallon of the strength of proof by such hydrometer and so in proportion for any greater or less strength than the strength of proof and for any greater or less quantity than a gallon—	..	..

1	Provided that in no case shall the duty be less than— Rs. 130 per gallon where the duty per proof gallon is Rs. 162-50 or Rs. 157-50 per gallon where the duty per proof gallon is Rs. 187-50 or Rs. 162-50 per gallon where the duty per proof gallon is Rs. 193-50				
5	Brandy in respect of which a certificate is pro- duced to the satisfaction of the Collector of Customs that the spirit is produced from the juice of the grape and has been matured for not less than five years	..	..	per proof gallon	162 50
10	All other brandy	..	..	per proof gallon	187 50
15	Gin	..	..	per proof gallon	193 50
	Rum	..	..	per proof gallon	162 50
20	Whisky, in respect of which a certificate is pro- duced to the satisfaction of the Collector of Customs that the spirit has been matured for not less than five years	..	..	per proof gallon	162 50
	All other whisky	..	..	per proof gallon	187 50
	Unenumerated (excluding spirits denatured to the satisfaction of the Collector of Customs)	..	..	per proof gallon	162 50
25	Spirits being sweetened or mixed, so that the strength cannot be ascertained as aforesaid, namely— Liqueurs and cordials	..	..	per imperial gallon	203 0
	Unenumerated	..	..	per imperial gallon	203 0
	Sports materials, games and athletic materials (excluding rubber balls)	..	40%	..	50%



	Column I. Goods.	Column II. Preferential Rate ad valorem.	Rs. c.		Column III. General Rate ad valorem.
1	Sports materials, not elsewhere specified, other than games and athletic materials .. ..				
	Stoneware .. ..	25%			50% 35%
5	Studio cameras (including magazines, tripods, tilthead adaptors, synchronous motors, camera motors, carrying cases, sound blimps and lenses), recorder outfits (including microphones for sound recorders), film printers, film editing tables, footage measures, synchronisers, microphone booms, processing plants and disc recording machines for use in the production of 35 millimetre sound films for public exhibition, and component parts of any of the foregoing .. ..				
10	Synthetic resin (moulding powder) suitable for use in the manufacture of local products .. ..	2½%			5%
15	Tallow and wax for candles .. ..				5%
	Tallow (other than tallow for candles) .. ..	2½%			12½%
	Tea chests, shoosks and fittings .. ..	2½%			12½%
	Telegraph and telephone apparatus, other than wireless. ..				7½%
20	Tenterhooks, rivets and wire nails which are shown to the satisfaction of the Principal Collector of Customs to have been imported for the construction of chests or boxes for packing Ceylon produce for export .. ..	25%			35%
	Textiles and manufactures of textile materials—				
	Cotton twist .. ..				7½%
25	Cotton lace and net, excluding cotton mosquito netting and fishing nets and netting, but including cotton curtain netting .. ..	5% 50%			15% 60%

1	Cotton manufactures (including apparel and sewing thread) other than admixtures of any other material, not elsewhere specified	..	15%	..
5	Linen, manufactures wholly or mainly of Mixed material and other textiles not elsewhere specified—	..	100%	..
10	Carpets and floor rugs Lace and net excluding mosquito netting and fishing nets and netting, but including curtain netting Scarves and shawls Blankets, handkerchiefs, piece goods and others Silk and artificial silk and manufactures thereof (including any admixture thereof, other than admixtures containing over 50 per cent. by weight of cotton)	90% 50% 50% 30%	100% 60% 60% 40%	.. .. .. ..
15	Silk and artificial silk yarn Woollen and worsted, manufactures wholly or mainly of, other than admixtures of silk or artificial silk— Berlin, scarves, shawls and garments	90% 15%	100% 25%	.. ..
20	Carpets and floor rugs Manufactures not elsewhere specified	50% 90% 30% 20%	60% 100% 40% 30%	.. .. .. ..
25	Timber, not elsewhere specified Timber which is shown to the satisfaction of the Principal Collector of Customs to have been imported for the manufacture of boxes or chests for packing Ceylon produce for export Tinned-plates which are shown to the satisfaction of the Principal Collector of Customs to have been imported for the manufacture of fittings for chests or boxes for packing Ceylon produce for export	7½%	17½%	..
30				3%



	Column I. Goods.	per lb. of their gross weight	Column II. Preferential Rate ad valorem. Rs. c.	Column III. General Rate ad valorem. Rs. c.
1	Tobacco—			
	Manufactured :			
	Beedies	..	6 0 ..	6 50
	Cigarettes—			
5	(i.) Manufactured in the British Empire from Empire grown tobacco—			
	(a) sold wholesale at not more than Rs 29.25 per lb. nett	..	23 25 ..	
	(b) sold wholesale at more than Rs 29.25 p/lr lb. nett	..	24 25 ..	
10	(ii.) Manufactured in the British Empire from foreign tobacco—			
	(a) sold wholesale at not more than Rs. 29.25 per lb. nett	..	23 75 ..	
	(b) sold wholesale at more than Rs. 29.25 per lb. nett	..	24 75 ..	
15	(iii.) Manufactured in the British Empire from Empire grown and foreign tobacco at rates intermediate between (i.) and (ii.) above according to the certified proportion of Empire and foreign leaf content.			
20	(iv.) Manufactured in foreign countries	..	60 0 ..	25 25
	Cigars	..	6 0 ..	61 0
	Hooka and beedy tobacco	..	10 0 ..	6 30
25	Snuff	..		10 50

1	Manufactured tobacco not elsewhere specified, other than hooka and beedy tobacco and snuff	..	per lb. nett	30 0	..	30 75
	Unmanufactured ..	..	per lb. nett	19 35	..	22 35
5	Toilet requisites not elsewhere specified	..	..	..	..	100%
	Toys and games ..	..	..	..	..	100%
	Trailers and tram cars including chassis and spare parts thereof and such accessories of motor lorries, motor vans, motor omnibuses, tractors, trailers and tramcars not elsewhere specified as are not also adapted for use as accessories of motor cars, motor station wagons, motor cycles or motor scooters	..	..	90%	..	..
10	Treacle ..	..	..	25%	..	32½%
	Typewriters and parts thereof ..	..	..	30%	..	40%
	Umbrellas ..	..	..	15%	..	35%
15	Unassembled component parts of umbrellas, namely sticks and handles (other than wooden sticks and handles), ribs, stays, runners, notches, cups, ferrules and paper covers	..	..	..	..	20%
	Vegetables (tinned or preserved except dried)	..	..	7½%	..	12½%
20	Vinegar ..	..	..	40%	..	50%
	Wine :—	..	..	..	..	75%
	Sparkling ..	..	per gallon	..	..	144 0
	Other : ..	..	..	..	..	..
	In wood ..	..	per gallon	..	..	48 0
25	In bottles ..	..	per gallon	..	..	50 0
	Wireless goods and apparatus ..	..	..	45%	..	50%
	Wood and timber, manufactures wholly or mainly of, not elsewhere specified	..	..	..	..	60%
30	All other goods not otherwise charged with duty or prohibited and not comprised in the table of exemptions hereinafter set forth. . .	..	..	..	..	45%



\*3. The Minister of Health and Local Government,—Housing and Town Improvement (Hanwella area).—That this House resolves under the provisions of section 3 (b) of the Housing and Town Improvement Ordinance (Chapter 199), as modified by proclamation under section 88 (1) of the Ceylon (Constitution) Order in Council, 1946, published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 9,773 of September 24, 1947, that from the 1st day of February, 1948, the aforesaid Ordinance shall be in force within the area defined in the Schedule hereto.

*Schedule.*

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*North* : By a line drawn from a point at the centre of the Kelani Ganga due north of the north-western corner of the cemetery bordering the Low Level Colombo-Avissawella Road eastwards along the centre line of the said river to a point due north of culvert No. 19/1 on the Low Level Colombo-Avissawella Road over the Kuppiawatta Ela.

*East* : By a line drawn from the last-mentioned point southwards crossing the Kelani Ganga and the Low Level Colombo-Avissawella Road at culvert No. 19/1 to the landmark on the southern boundary of Delgahawatta claimed by Elandaridewage Arnolis Fernando, thence by a line drawn eastwards to the northern wall of the slaughter house, south-eastwards along the northern wall of the slaughter house to a point on the footpath leading to the Government Dispensary,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  chains from the centre of the junction of the said footpath with the Horana-Hanwella Road; thence south-eastwards by a line 10 chains 20 links drawn to a point distant 9 chains 20 links from the centre of the junction of the Hanwella-Horana Road and High Level Road to Avissawella, thence by a straight line drawn to the centre of the Avissawella High Level Road 6 chains 6 links from the above-mentioned junction, thence by a line drawn southwards to a point on the northern boundary of Mahayawatta claimed by E. W. Jayasinghe and others 20 links east of the north-western corner of the said land, thence by a line drawn south-eastwards to the south-western corner of Kirikumbura claimed by E. W. Jayasinghe and others, thence by a line drawn southwards to the centre of the D.R.C. Road leading to Pitumpe, 6 chains 6 links east of the junction of the said Road and Avissawella High Level Road, south-eastwards by a straight line to a point on the eastern boundary of Gonagahawatta claimed by Hettiarachchige Punchi Nona and others 230 links from the south-eastern corner of the said land, thence by a line drawn southwards along the eastern boundary of the said land to its south-eastern corner.

*South* : By a line drawn from the last-mentioned point westwards to the 25th mile-post on the western boundary of the Avissawella High Level Road, thence by a line drawn westwards to a point on the eastern boundary of Punchiowita claimed by A. Ramalingam  $3\frac{1}{2}$  chains south of the north-eastern corner of the said land.



*West* : By a line drawn from the last-mentioned point northwards along the eastern boundaries of Punchiowitta claimed by A. Ramalingam and Gonnagahawatta claimed by J. A. Aslin Perera and others to its north-eastern corner, thence along the southern and western boundaries of Medatiyagahawatta claimed by A. R. M. Lebbe, thence north-eastwards along the eastern boundary of Pellapelkotuwa claimed by L. G. Noris Singho and others to its north-eastern corner, thence by a line drawn north-westwards to the masonry well situated in Medatiyagahawatta, the Post Office Premises, thence by a line  $2 \frac{7}{10}$  chains dawn north-westwards to the southern boundary of Udhalkadawilkumbura claimed by A. J. Vander Poorten and others at a distance of 7 chains 10 links from the junction of the Horana-Hanwella and Avissawella High Level Roads, thence by a line  $10 \frac{9}{10}$  chains drawn north-westwards to the landmark on the northern corner of the boundary of Pettahenawatta claimed by A. J. Vander Poorten and others, thence by a line  $3 \frac{1}{10}$  chains drawn north-west to meet the northern boundary of Dehiadawilakumbura claimed by M. M. Ismail and others, thence along the northern boundary of the said land, eastern and northern boundaries of Beliattekumbura claimed by R. D. Nonahamy and others, northern boundary of Madanwela claimed by S. T. Simón Appuhamy and others to meet the eastern boundary of Kudamadanwela claimed by M. R. P. S. Siriwardene and others, thence along the eastern and northern boundaries of the said land to the Wewela Ela, thence along the southern and western boundaries of the cemetery, to its north-western corner on the Low Level Road to Avissawella, thence by a line drawn due north crossing the Low Level Colombo-Avissawella Road to the starting point of the northern limit of the area.

\* Indicates Government Business.

#### QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER.

63/47

1. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether he will cause the following V. C. works to be put in hand in the first half year of 1948, in the Wagapanaha Pallesiya V. C. Area:—

- (a) Bridge on road to Nayakumbura.
- (b) Embulambe-Etabeniwewa road.
- (c) Extension of road to Embulambe.
- (d) Wells for Tibawalgolla new village, Kandalawa, Kolundewa and Wattegammedda.

64/47

2. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether he will cause the following V. C. works to be put in hand in the first half year of 1948, in the Wagapanaha Udasiya Pattu V. C. area:—

- (a) Pilipudugolla-Bowettenne road.
- (b) Bibile-Pallewela road.
- (c) Karavilahena-Haduwa-Wattegemmedda road.
- (d) Wells for Murutotuwa, Pilihudugolla, Wambutuyaya and Dewaradapola.



65/47

3. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether he will cause the following V. C. works to be put in hand in the first half year of 1948, in the Gangala Pallesiya Pattu V. C. area:—

Well for Helambagahawatta and Pipe Line.

66/47

4. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether he will cause the following V. C. works to be put in hand in the first half year of 1948, in the Laggala Udasiya Pattu V. C. area:—

- (a) Wells for Ratninda and Illukkumbura.
- (b) Bridges on footpaths to Kahagala and Pitawala.
- (c) Suspension bridge over Kaluganga and Kalupana.

67/47

5. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether he will cause the following V. C. works to be put in hand in the first half year of 1948, in the Laggala Pallesiya Pattu V. C. area:—

- (a) Kaluganga - Akarahaduwa - Galgediwela - Madumana-Guruwela road.
- (b) Wells for Narangamuwa, Madumana and Pahalagama.

68/47

6. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether he will cause the following V. C. works to be put in hand in the first half year of 1948, in the Inamaluwa Korale V. C. area:—

- (a) Digampothoha - Andangawa - Gedigaswelana - Udawelagagama-Pidurugala-Sigiriya road.
- (b) Sigiriya-Talkote road.
- (c) Wells for Inamaluwa Bazaar, Rohawewa old village, Nagalawewa, Diyakepilla and Sigiriya village.

69/47

7. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether he will cause the following V. C. works to be put in hand in the first half year of 1948, in the Kandapola Korale V. C. area:—

- (a) Makulgaswewa-Dandubendiruppu-Talakiriyagama road.
- (b) Improvements to Beligamuwa-Bambaragaswewa road.
- (c) Well for Bulanawewa.

70/47

8. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Lands, whether he will cause the following works to be put in hand early in 1948, in the Laggala Pallesiya Pattu:—

- (a) Haltota Amuna.
- (b) Tanks at Akarabediya and Madumana.
- (c) Narangamuwa Vila.
- (d) Anicuts at Arangamuwa and Talakolawela.



71/47

9. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Lands, whether he will cause the following works to be put in hand early in 1948, in the Inamalawa Korale:—

- (a) Mahakandalanwewa.
- (b) Manawewa.

72/47

10. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Lands, whether he will cause the following works to be put in hand early in 1948, in the Gangola Pallesiya Pattu:—

- (a) Helambagahawatta Tank.
- (b) Meewewa at Bambaragahawatta.
- (c) Godigamuwewewa at Dambagolla.
- (d) Nabarolawewa at Pubbiliya.

74/47

11. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Lands, whether he will cause the following works to be put in hand early in 1948, in the Wagapanaha Pallesiya Pattu:—

- (a) Timbiriattawewa at Kubukkandanwela.
- (b) Opening of channel to Gamewewa at Kubukkandanwela.

75/47

12. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Lands, whether he will cause the following works to be put in hand early in 1948, in the Wagapanaha Udasiya Pattu:—

- (a) Danweherawewa at Bible.
- (b) Bakmigahawewa at Karamlahena.

76/47

13. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether he will cause the following D. R. C. works to be put in hand early in 1948, in the Laggala Udasiya Pattu:—

- (a) Patana-Illukkumbura D. R. C. Road.
- (b) Permanent Dispensary at Illukkumbura.

88/47

14. Mr. W. Dahanayake,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Lands,

- (a) How many Food Production Overseers are now in service, and how many were discontinued recently.
- (b) Whether those discontinued will be given employment at an early date.

89/47

15. Mr. W. Dahanayake,—To ask the Minister of Finance,

- (a) How much was paid for the acquisition of " Sravasti ".
- (b) From whom was it purchased.
- (c) How was the purchasing price determined.





**ORDER PAPER**  
OF THE  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
FOR

*Thursday, January 15, 1948, at 2 p.m.*



QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER.

96/48

- \* 1. Mr. S. M. Subbiah.—To ask the Minister of Food and Co-operative Undertakings.
- (a) Whether he is aware that there is a large stock of rice with the Government.
- (b) Whether he will take immediate steps to increase the present ration of rice to three measures per adult per week, and two measures per child.

97/48

- \* 2. Dr. N. M. Perera.—To ask the Minister of Finance,
- (a) Whether he is aware that talks are now proceeding between the British and American Governments on the question of the devaluation of the pound.
- (b) Whether he is aware that the Indian Government is being consulted on this question by the British Government.
- (c) Whether he has been consulted by the British Government on this question.
- (d) If he has not been consulted, what steps he proposes to take to safeguard our sterling balances in the event of such devaluation.

98/48

- \* 3. Mr. K. Kanagaratnam.—To ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development, whether he will declare that with the inauguration of the New Government under the Independence Bill, the system of conferring Honours will be discontinued.

99/48

- \* 4. Mr. K. Kanagaratnam.—To ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development, whether he will consider the question of recommending a general amnesty to all political offenders in jail on the day of the inauguration of the New Government under the Independence Bill and also to all prisoners who have served a substantial period of imprisonment prior to the said day.

100/48

- \* 5. Mr. K. Kanagaratnam.—To ask the Minister of Food and Co-operative Undertakings, whether in view of the reported improvement in the rice, flour, and sugar position he will double or treble the rations for the week in which Independence Day will be celebrated and also for the weeks preceding and following the aforesaid week.



101/48

\* 6. Mr. W. Dahanayake,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government,

- (a) What action he proposes to take to help the dependants of Mr. W. P. G. Charles, who died at the Civil Hospital, Galle, as the result of a fall that has been attributed by the Coroner to "gross slackness" on the part of the Hospital authorities.
- (b) Whether the staff of nurses and attendants will be increased without delay to prevent such tragedies in the future.

102/48

\* 7. Mr. W. Dahanayake,—To ask the Minister of Finance,

- (a) What investments have been made of funds accruing to the National Savings Movement.
- (b) Whether investments made outside Ceylon cannot be recalled and re-invested in Ceylon.

103/48

\* 8. Mr. W. Dahanayake,—To ask the Minister of Education,

- (a) Why students over nineteen years of age have been suddenly asked to leave their schools.
- (b) Whether an immediate order will be made so that the schools may take back such students.

105/48

\* 9. Mr. K. V. D. Sugathadasa,—To ask the Prime Minister,

- (a) Whether his attention has been drawn to the public agitation which has been going on for some time against the erection of a Cinema Theatre adjoining the Jetawanarama Temple in Colombo and also to the demand made to introduce legislation preventing the erection of Cinema Theatres in close proximity to places of religious worship.
- (b) If so, has he taken any steps so far, and, if not, what steps does he propose taking to give effect to this demand to safeguard all religious institutions.

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*North* : By a line drawn from a point at the centre of the Kelani Ganga due north of the north-western corner of the cemetery bordering the Low Level Colombo-Avissawella Road eastwards along the centre line of the



said river to a point due north of culvert No. 19/1 on the Low Level Colombo-Avissawella Road over the Kuppiawatta Ela.

*East:* By a line drawn from the last-mentioned point southwards crossing the Kelani Ganga and the Low Level Colombo-Avissawella Road at culvert No. 19/1 to the landmark on the southern boundary of Delgahawatta claimed by Elandaridewage Arnolis Fernando, thence by a line drawn eastwards to the northern wall of the slaughter house, south-eastwards along the northern wall of the slaughter house to a point on the footpath leading to the Government Dispensary,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  chains from the centre of the junction of the said footpath with the Horana-Hanwella Road; thence south-eastwards by a line 10 chains 20 links drawn to a point distant 9 chains 20 links from the centre of the junction of the Hanwella-Horana Road and High Level Road to Avissawella, thence by a straight line drawn to the centre of the Avissawella High Level Road 6 chains 6 links from the above-mentioned junction, thence by a line drawn southwards to a point on the northern boundary of Mahayawatta claimed by E. W. Jayasinghe and others 20 links east of the north-western corner of the said land, thence by a line drawn south-eastwards to the south-western corner of Kirikumbura claimed by E. W. Jayasinghe and others, thence by a line drawn southwards to the centre of the D.R.C. Road leading to Pitumpe, 6 chains 6 links east of the junction of the said Road and Avissawella High Level Road, south-eastwards by a straight line to a point on the eastern boundary of Gonagahawatta claimed by Hettiarachchige Punchi Nona and others 230 links from the south-eastern corner of the said land, thence by a line drawn southwards along the eastern boundary of the said land to its south-eastern corner.

*South:* By a line drawn from the last-mentioned point westwards to the 25th mile-post on the western boundary of the Avissawella High Level Road, thence by a line drawn westwards to a point on the eastern boundary of Punchiowita claimed by A. Ramalingam  $3\frac{1}{2}$  chains south of the north-eastern corner of the said land.

*West:* By a line drawn from the last-mentioned point northwards along the eastern boundaries of Punchiowita claimed by A. Ramalingam and Gonnagahawatta claimed by J. A. Aslin Perera and others to its north-eastern corner, thence along the southern and western boundaries of Medatiyagahawatta claimed by A. R. M. Lebbe, thence north-eastwards along the eastern boundary of Pellapelkotuwa claimed by L. G. Noris Singho and others to its north-eastern corner, thence by a line drawn north-westwards to the masonry well situated in Medatiyagahawatta, the Post Office Premises, thence by a line  $2\frac{7}{10}$  chains drawn north-westwards to the southern boundary of Udhalkadawilkumbura claimed by A. J. Vander Poorten and others at a distance of 7 chains 10 links from the junction of the Horana-Hanwella and Avissawella High Level Roads, thence by a line  $10\frac{9}{10}$  chains drawn north-westwards to the landmark on the northern corner of the boundary of Pettahenawatta claimed by A. J. Vander Poorten and others, thence by a line  $3\frac{1}{10}$  chains drawn north-west



to meet the northern boundary of Dehiadawilakumbura claimed by M. M. Ismail and others, thence along the northern boundary of the said land, eastern and northern boundaries of Beliattekumbura claimed by R. D. Nonahamy and others, northern boundary of Madanwela claimed by S. T. Simon Appuhamy and others to meet the eastern boundary of Kudamadanwela claimed by M. R. P. S. Siriwardene and others, thence along the eastern and northern boundaries of the said land to the Wewela Ela, thence along the southern and western boundaries of the cemetery, to its north-western corner on the Low Level Road to Avissawella, thence by a line drawn due north crossing the Low Level Colombo-Avissawella Road to the starting point of the northern limit of the area.

- a2.\* Profits Tax Bill—Committee.
- a3.\* Income Tax (Amendment) Bill—Committee.
- a4.\* Estate Duty (Amendment) Bill—Committee.
- a5.\* Stamp (Amendment) Bill—Committee.

A. 77/47

- 6. Mr. E. F. N. Gratiaen.
- Mr. Wilnot A. Perera.
- Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayakam.
- Mr. H. Sri Nissanka.

Ceylon (Constitution) Order in Council (Amendment).—That in the opinion of this House the Ceylon (Constitution) Order in Council (1946) should be amended:—

- (a) in Section 13 (3) (f) by the deletion of the words ' or has during the period of seven years immediately preceding completed the serving of ' in lines 1 and 2 thereof, and the words ' or has during the period of seven years immediately preceding completed the serving of ' in lines 10 and 12 thereof, and
- (b) in Section 24 (1) (d) of the said Order in Council so that a seat of a Member of Parliament who has become subject to the disqualification mentioned in Section 13 (3) (f) of the said Order shall not become vacant until three months have elapsed from the date of such disqualification.

\*Indicates Government Business.

#### QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER.

91/48

1. Mr. L. Rajapaksa.—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether he will consider establishing permanent dispensaries at Middeniya and Vitharandeniya at an early date.

92/48

2. Mr. L. Rajapaksa.—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government, whether he will consider early the allocation of sufficient funds to Village Committees for the improvement of the following V. C. roads:—

- (a) Angunakola Pellessa—Vatiya V. C. Road,
  - (b) Angunakola Pellessa—Bopellana V. C. Road,
  - (c) Liyaangahatota—Debokkawa V. C. Road,
  - (d) Abeysekeragama—Anugunakola Pelessa V. C. Road,
- and (e) Handunkatuwa—Mulana V. C. Road.



93/48

3. Mr. L. Rajapaksa,—To ask the Minister of Education, whether he will consider taking early steps to establish Primary Schools at (a) Netolpitiya, (b) Dendenigama, (c) Wakamulla, and (d) Yodakandiya.

94/48

4. Mr. L. Rajapaksa,—To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication, whether he will take early steps to establish a Receiving Post Office for Gannoruwa for the convenience of the people in the area,

95/48

5. Mr. K. Herat,—To ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development,

(a) Whether he is aware that the Government Agent, N.-W.P., does not hold enquiries personally into complaints against the conduct of certain Headman, even though the complaints are made by the Member of Parliament of the area and a personal enquiry is requested.

(b) Whether he is aware that this refusal has caused discontent among the people of the area.

(c) What steps he intends to take in the matter.

104/48

6. Mr. A. Sinnalebbe,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government,

(a) Whether he is aware that the public of Batticaloa is greatly inconvenienced by the transfer of the Medical Superintendent.

(b) For what precise reasons was this officer transferred.

(c) In view of the discontent and inconvenience to the public, caused by this transfer, will the Minister take early steps to have this officer sent back to Batticaloa.

109/48

7. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Labour and Social Services,

(a) Whether he is aware that distress is prevailing in Haduwa, Haduwela, Karawilahena, Nikula, Bibila, Galboda, Dammantenne, Maragamuwa, Pubbiliya, Helambagahawatta, Bambaragahawatta, Dambagolla and Tittawelgolla.

(b) Whether the Assistant Government Agent, Matale, who is in charge of the District has visited any of the above villages. If so, when? If not, why not.

(c) What action is Government proposing to take on these complaints.



8. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government,

- (a) On what date the contract for repairs to Dambaluoya-Kalundewa Road was given.
- (b) The name of the Contractor.
- (c) The amount of the estimate.
- (d) The date on which repairs are to be completed.
- (e) The section of the road that has been gravelled and the quantity of gravel that has been used.
- (f) The number of bridges and culverts that has been repaired or built and the cost of each.
- (g) Is an overseer, paid from any Government funds, employed to supervise any work on this estimate. If so, has Government authorised such payment.
- (h) The dates on which the officer responsible for works (*i.e.* The Superintendent Village Works or the Superintendent Minor Roads) inspected the works.
- (i) The dates on which the Paying Officer inspected these works.
- (j) The dates on which payments were made to the contractor.

111/48

9. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government,

- (a) On what date the contract for repairs to Kibissa-Digampathaha Road was given.
- (b) The name of the Contractor.
- (c) The amount of the estimate.
- (d) The date on which repairs are to be completed.
- (e) The section of the road that has been gravelled and the quantity of gravel that has been used.
- (f) The number of bridges and culverts that has been repaired or built and the cost of each.
- (g) Is an overseer, paid from any Government funds, employed to supervise any work on this estimate. If so, has Government authorised such payment.
- (h) The dates on which the officer responsible for works (*i.e.* The Superintendent Village Works or the Superintendent Minor Roads), inspected the works.
- (i) The dates on which the Paying Officer inspected these works.
- (j) The dates on which payments were made to the contractor.

112/48

10. Mr. H. B. Tenne,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government,

- (a) On what date the contract for repairs to Kibissa-Lenawa-Ereula Road was given.
- (b) The name of the Contractor.
- (c) The amount of the estimate.
- (d) The date on which repairs are to be completed.
- (e) The section of the road that has been gravelled and the quantity of gravel that has been used.
- (f) The number of bridges and culverts that has been repaired or built and the cost of each.

- (g) Is an overseer, paid from any Government funds, employed to supervise any work on this estimate. If so, has Government authorised such payment.
- (h) The dates on which the officer responsible for works (i.e. The Superintendent Village Works or the Superintendent Minor Roads) inspected the works.
- (i) The dates on which the Paying Officer inspected these works.
- (j) The dates on which payments were made to the contractor.

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NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO  
ORDERS OF THE DAY.

a. For Amendments in Committee on these Bills, see separate Paper "Supplement to Orders of the Day".

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**ORDER PAPER**  
OF THE  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
FOR

*Friday, January 16, 1948, at 10 a.m.*



**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER.**

87/47

- \* 1. Mr. W. Dahanayake,—To ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development, what has been the cost of Government advertisements in privately owned newspapers in each of the years 1941 to 1946.

106/48

- \* 2. Mr. W. Dahanayake,—To ask the Minister of Finance,  
(a) Why Mr. B. V. Samuel of Bataduwa, Galle, who retired from the post of Tide Surveyor, Galle Customs, on the 31st January, 1947, has not yet been given pension, gratuity, or any other payment.  
(b) Is the Minister aware that Mr. Samuel is dying from starvation.  
(c) Whether the responsible officers will be suitably dealt with.

106/48

- \* 3. Mr. Somaweera Chandrasiri,—To ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development,  
(a) How many Police Officers of every rank were detailed for special work during the past elections and what were the general duty periods allotted to them.  
(b) Whether he is aware that whilst a dry ration of 2 or 3 biscuits and a small quantity of sugar only were given to Sergeants and Constables, the Inspectors and the other higher officers were paid batta and lodging.  
(c) Whether he is prepared to look into this matter and see that the Constables and Sergeants are also paid a suitable batta.

107/48

- \* 4. Mr. M. H. Peiris,—To ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice,  
(a) Whether he is aware that a duly stamped and signed petition of appeal tendered on behalf of the accused in M. C. Panadura Case No. 49053 while they were in Fiscal's custody at Panadura on 23.12.47 was refused by the Chief Clerk on the ground that it was not signed by a Proctor; that as a consequence of such refusal the prisoners had to undergo 7 days' rigorous imprisonment till a fresh petition with fresh stamps signed by a Proctor was filed.



- (b) Whether in view of the refusal and failure of the Chief Clerk of the Court to carry out an official duty which he is bound to perform in accordance with the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code and the consequential hard labour the prisoners had to suffer it is proposed to take action against him or anyone else and what compensation he proposes to pay to the prisoners.

113/48

- \* 5. Mr. W. Dahanayake,—To ask the Minister of Finance,  
 (a) Why Mr. B. L. Gillis of Unawatuna, Galle, has not yet been given any workman's compensation for the loss of his left eye arising from an accident that occurred at the State Farm, Killinochi, on May 3, 1946.  
 (b) Whether disciplinary action will be taken against all officers who have contributed to this delay.

#### AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.

##### Notice of Presentation of Bill.

1. The Minister of Finance,—Customs (Amendment).—  
 "Bill to amend the Customs Ordinance." (Cabinet approval signified).

##### NOTICE OF MOTION.

2. The Leader of the House,—Sittings of the House.—That this House at its rising this day do adjourn till 2 P.M. on Tuesday, 27th January, and shall sit every day thereafter until Friday, 30th January.

#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Ceylon (Constitution) Order in Council (Amendment)—  
 Adjourned Debate on Question (15th January).†

A. 84/48

- a2. Mr. A. Sinnalebbe,—Official Flag of Free Lanka.—That this House is of opinion that the Royal Standard of King Sri Wickrama Raja Sinha depicting a yellow lion passant holding a sword in its right paw on a red background, which was removed to England after the convention of 1815 should once again be adopted as the official flag of Free Lanka.

[Motion made and Question proposed "That in the opinion of this House the Ceylon (Constitution) Order in Council (1946) should be amended:—

- (a) in Section 13 (3) (f) by the deletion of the words 'or has during the period of seven years immediately preceding completed the serving of' in lines 1 and 2 thereof, and the words 'or has during the period of seven years immediately preceding completed the serving of' in lines 10 and 12 thereof, and  
 (b) in Section 24 (1) (d) of the said Order in Council so that a seat of a Member of Parliament who has become subject to the disqualification mentioned in Section 13 (3) (f) of the said Order shall not become vacant until three months have elapsed from the date of such disqualification."



NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO NOTICE  
OF MOTION.

- a2. Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam.  
 Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayakam.  
 Mr. K. Kanagaratnam.  
 Mr. G. R. Motha.  
 Mr. C. Vanniasingam.  
 Mr. A. L. Thambiayah.  
 Mr. K. V. Nadarajah.  
 Mr. S. M. Subbiah.

As amendment to the motion on Official Flag of Free Lanka  
to move:—

Leave out all words from " House " to end and insert,—  
 " is of opinion that the official National Flags of Ceylon  
 should be the Lion Flag of the Sinhalese, the Nandi Flag  
 of the Tamils and the Crescent and Star Flag of the  
 Muslims ".

- a2. Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam.  
 Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayakam.  
 Mr. S. M. Subbiah.  
 Mr. G. R. Motha.  
 Mr. K. Kanagaratnam.  
 Mr. A. L. Thambiayah.  
 Mr. C. Vanniasingam.

As amendment to the motion on Official Flag of Free Lanka  
to move:—

Leave out all words from " House " to end, and insert,—  
 " approves of the adoption of a Tricolour of Saffron, red  
 and white, with a lion emblem in yellow in the centre of  
 the red, as the National Flag of Ceylon ".

- a2. The Hon. Mr. C. Suntharalingam.

As amendment to the motion on Official Flag of Free Lanka  
to move:—

Leave out all words from " House " to end, and insert,—  
 " approves of the adoption, as the National Flag of Sri  
 Lanka, the Sinha Kodiya of King Sri Wickrema Rajasinha  
 depicting a yellow lion holding a sword in its right paw on  
 a red background altered to the extent of the addition of  
 two parallel bands, one of orange above and the other of  
 white below, each band to be half the width of the red  
 portion, the whole to be in such proportions and shades of  
 colours as to have a pleasing effect ".

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No. 29.]

## ORDER PAPER

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOR

*Tuesday, January 27, 1948, at 2 p.m.*

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER.

122/48

- \* 1. Dr. N. M. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,
- (a) When the present Postmaster-General is due for compulsory retirement.
  - (b) Whether there is any proposal to retain his services beyond the retiring age.

123/48

- \* 2. Mr. P. G. B. Keuneman,—To ask the Minister of Labour and Social Services,
- (a) Whether he will appoint a Wages Board of determine the terms and conditions of employment of workers and employees of the cinema industry.
  - (b) Whether he will appoint a Wages Board for the same purpose for employees of the Co-operative Societies.

124/48

- \* 3. Dr. N. M. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Lands,
- (a) How many food production overseers are being discontinued or will be discontinued during the year 1948.
  - (b) Whether he will consider discontinuing first those who are the most junior in service, and those who are untrained.
  - (c) Whether he is aware that at least two of the five overseers discontinued from the Homagama Emergency Kachcheri are the most senior in service, and that they are also trained men.

125/48

- \* 4. Mr. Cholmondeley Goonewardene,—To ask the Minister of Finance,
- (a) Whether he is aware that entries are made in the personal files of public servants without any intimation to the public servant concerned.
  - (b) Whether the Minister would take early steps to terminate this practice.



126/48

\* 5. Mr. M. Senanayake,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Lands,

- (a) Whether he has perused the news paragraph appearing in the "Ceylon Daily News" of January 12, 1948, under the disquieting headlines "No Staff for Big Schemes" "Irrigation Department's Plight" and "Advertisement draw blanks".
- (b) Whether he proposes to make immediate investigations into the causes operating towards the premature retirement of several senior Irrigation Engineers.
- (c) What steps he intends to take to prevent the disappearance from this country, of all that wealth of talent and mature Irrigation Engineering experience, at this juncture when several minor and major Irrigation schemes are awaiting execution in our programme to attain self-sufficiency in the matter of food.

127/48

\* 6. Dr. N. M. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Defence and External Affairs,

- (a) Whether he is aware that Mr. J. P. Dhanapala of the R. A. S. C. has been sentenced to prison for two years on a charge of mutiny.
- (b) The facts of the offence for which he was thus sentenced.
- (c) Was any reasonable chance given to the accused to be defended by any outside lawyer.

128/48

\* 7. Mr. A. Reginald Perera,—To ask the Minister of Food and Co-operative Undertakings,

- (a) What is the expenditure, annually, on the purchase of rice (imported), flour and sugar (respectively) from the inception of control to date and the profit or loss, as the case may be, on sales.
- (b) What is the annual expenditure on the internal purchase of paddy, and the loss to date.
- (c) What is the annual expenditure on the different subsidiary foodstuffs since the inception of control to date and the profit or loss, as the case may be, on sales.

129/48

\* 8. Mr. Somaweera Chandrasiri,—To ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development,

- (a) Whether Government intends to close all liquor shops in Ceylon on Independence Day.
- (b) Whether it is a fact that a double distilled special brand of arrack is to be released for sale on this day among the Ministers and Members of Parliament as well as amongst high Government officials.



116/48

- \* 9. Mr. A. Sinnalebbe,—To ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development, whether he will declare three days as Public Holidays in commemoration of Independence Day.

117/48

- \* 10. Mr. A. Sinnalebbe,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Works, whether he would issue free Railway Warrants to all Government servants desirous of participating in the Independence Day celebrations from their home station to Colombo and back.

118/48

- \* 11. Mr. A. Sinnalebbe,—To ask the Minister of Food and Co-operative Undertakings, whether he would issue one week's rations free of cost to all residents in rural areas through the Co-operative Stores and Authorised Dealers in connection with Independence Day.

119/48

- \* 12. Mr. W. Dahanayake,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government,

(a) Whether he is aware that the Secretary of the All-Ceylon Government Hospitals and Sanitary Service Workers' Association has been informed that the transmission of individual cases containing grievances is irregular.

(b) How a worker should set about to obtain redress over a grievance.

114/48

- \* 13. Mr. W. Dahanayake,—To ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice, why the clerical and minor staff of the Magistrate's Court, Colombo, and other Courts, are not paid additional remuneration for work done on Government holidays.

115/48

- \* 14. Mr. M. H. Peiris,—To ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development,

(a) Whether he is aware that the Excise Commissioner has reduced the amount paid to toddy contractors per gallon of toddy from 91½ cents to 87 cents per gallon.

(b) What are the reasons for this reduction.

(c) Whether he realises that this reduction is an encouragement to illicit sales of toddy.

(d) In whose interest was this reduction made.

#### NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

\*1. Customs (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.

\*2. The Minister of Finance,—Customs Ordinance,—That this House resolves under section 9 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 185) as modified by the Proclamation under section 88 (1) of the Ceylon (Constitution) Order-in-Council, 1946, published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 9,773 of September 24,



1947, that, with effect from the date on which this resolution is notified in the *Gazette*, the following goods shall be added to the goods enumerated in Schedule A to that Ordinance as exempt from customs duty:—

“ Braille writing machines, frames, and styles used by the blind.

Arithmetic number boards and types, and apparatus required for mathematics, used by the blind.

Apparatus for games played by the blind.

Records for talking books used by the blind.

Clocks, watches, thermometers and other articles designed for the use of the blind.

Knitting machines and any other apparatus designed for industrial work of the blind.

Audiometers and hearing aids for class or individual use of the deaf.

Any apparatus designed for the teaching of speech or lip reading to the deaf ”.

*\*Indicates Government Business.*

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#### QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER.

121/48

1. Mr. K. Kanagaratnam,—To ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development, whether he is aware that Buddhist Burma proposes to prohibit the killing of animals and the eating of meat between January 3rd and 7th, 1948, in connection with the celebration of Independence Day in order to emphasize and reiterate to the world the teachings of Lord Buddha on non-killing and whether he proposes to introduce a similar prohibition in Ceylon in connection with the local celebrations of the Independence Day in February, 1948.

120/48

2. Mr. K. Kanagaratnam,—To ask the Minister of Finance, whether he will consider the payment to all monthly paid and daily paid Government servants and Pensioners drawing salaries and Pensions of Rs. 500 and under of a bonus equivalent to the amount of the living allowance paid to them for November, 1947, to enable them to rejoice in a fitting manner on the Independence Day which is to be celebrated in February, 1948.

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**ORDER PAPER**  
OF THE  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
FOR

*Wednesday, January 28, 1948, at 2 p.m.*



QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER.

130/48

- ✱ 1. Mr. Somaweera Chandrasiri,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government,
- (a) How many nurses, attendants and midwives will be recruited for training this year.
  - (b) What is the procedure that is adopted at present in selecting the said candidates.

131/48

- ✱ 2. Mr. Somaweera Chandrasiri,—To ask the Minister of Education,
- (a) Whether he will explain to this House the nature of the new scheme he has adopted to employ Sinhalese educated youths for clerical work in his department.
  - (b) According to his scheme how many new hands will be employed at the start.

132/48

- ✱ 3. Mr. Somaweera Chandrasiri,—To ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development,
- (a) How many Registrars of Births, Deaths and Marriages are there altogether in the Island.
  - (b) What are the allowances that these Registrars are given by the Government.
  - (c) Whether he is prepared to give his attention to this matter and start paying the presently unpaid Registrars, allowances in accordance with their work.

133/48

- ✱ 4. Mr. D. Ramanujam,—To ask the Prime Minister, whether in view of the general dissatisfaction with Section 13 (3) (f) of the Ceylon (Constitution) Order-in-Council, 1946, he will recommend to His Excellency the Governor that an amnesty be granted before 4th February, 1948, to all persons now disqualified as a result of this section of the Order-in-Council.



\* 5. Mr. E. F. N. Gratiaen,—To ask the Minister of Finance,

- (1) How many individuals were assessed by the Department of the Commissioner of Income Tax to have derived from employment profits (a) exceeding Rs. 50,000 but less than Rs. 75,000; (b) exceeding Rs. 75,000 but less than Rs. 100,000; (c) exceeding Rs. 100,000 in respect of each of the following years of assessment—
  - (i.) 1st April 1945 to 31st March 1946.
  - (ii.) 1st April 1946 to 31st March 1947.
  - (iii.) 1st April 1947 to 31st March 1948.
- (2) What are the corresponding figures for the said years of assessment in respect of individuals who derived profits or income from the practice or pursuit of any profession, vocation, art, craft or skilled occupation of any description with a view to earning remuneration, fee or pecuniary reward.

#### NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A. 44/47

1. Mr. P. G. B. Keuneman,—Commission on Bribery.—That, in view of the many allegations of bribery and corruption in the Administration and the disquiet among the general public as a result of such allegations, this House is of opinion that a Commission of Inquiry be set up without delay to investigate and report on—

- (1) The purchase and sales of properties and securities by and the fortunes of all those responsible for the administration of control schemes and the distribution of foodstuffs, textiles and other essential commodities, and of their immediate relations;
- (2) The terms and conditions of contracts and tenders given by Government Departments to private persons and to Companies since September, 1939;
- (3) Such other evidence of bribery, corruption or malpractice in the Administration as may be laid before it;

and to suggest ways and means of preventing bribery and corruption in the Administration in future.

A. 57/47

2. Mr. K. V. D. Sugathadasa,—Uncultivated Land.—That in the opinion of this House immediate steps should be taken to acquire all uncultivated land whether owned by individuals or by co-owners or by limited liability companies, and distributed among the peasants of the particular areas.

A. 58/47

3. Mr. K. V. D. Sugathadasa,—Emergency (Lands).—That in the opinion of this House all lands given to peasants, cultivators and villagers, as a measure to improve the food situation during the emergency period, should be given to those particular people on 99 years lease.



A. 50/47

4. Mr. T. B. Poholiyadde,—Village Tank Bunds,—That in view of the great hardships caused to the land-owners under the village tanks by having to perform the works necessary for the maintenance of the bunds of their tanks annually resulting in prosecutions in the event of their failure to do them, this House is of opinion that immediate steps should be taken to relieve the land-owners from having to perform such labours.

A. 35/47

5. Mr. D. B. R. Gunawardena,—Renovation of Bridges,—That in the opinion of this House immediate steps should be taken to renovate and remodel the bridges situated along the Kotte-Borella, Battaramulla-Kotte, Madinnagoda-Rajagiriya, Kotuwagoda-Welikade roads as the existing bridges are utterly incapable of meeting with the large volume of traffic along these roads.

A. 36/47

6. Mr. D. B. R. Gunawardena,—Colombo South Drainage Scheme,—That in the opinion of this House the Colombo South Drainage Schemes as proposed in Sessional Paper V of 1939 should be forthwith implemented as this would bring under cultivation about 3,000 acres of fertile land in the Kotte and other adjoining areas.

A. 48/47

7. Mr. T. B. Poholiyadde,—Village Crown Chenas,—That in view of the prevailing drought which is already destroying the young chena crops of both paddy and kurakkan, and as a measure of production of increased food supplies, this House is of opinion that the restrictions passed on the clearing of the village Crown chenas by the Government should be withdrawn, until further orders.

A. 49/47

8. Mr. T. B. Poholiyadde,—Schools for Horowpotane Electorate,—That in view of the fact that there are over a thousand children of school-going-age within the Horowpotane Electorate, who do not attend any schools now, this House is of opinion that immediate steps should be taken to build the 15 schools which are needed to provide the educational facilities to these children.

A. 51/47

9. Mr. Somaweera Chandrasiri,—Standing Order No. 13,—That in the opinion of this House Standing Order No. 13 should be amended by the deletion of the words "the consent of Mr. Speaker first being obtained" in line 2.

A. 52/47

10. Mr. K. Herat,—Commission on Agricultural and Social conditions among the Peasantry,—That in the opinion of this House the appointment of a Commission on the agricultural and social conditions of the Peasantry of Ceylon is a very desirable step, prior to any new schemes being embarked upon by the Minister of Agriculture and Lands and the Hon. the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development.

A. 10/47

11. Dr. N. M. Perera,—Reinstatement of strikers without any punishment,—That in the opinion of this House all those victimized in whatever form after the general strike of May-June,



1947, should be forthwith reinstated or such other punishments as have been imposed annulled and all contemplated punishment on those now in service for various alleged acts during the strike should be forthwith stopped.

A. 11/47

12. Dr. N. M. Perera,—Public Security Ordinance,—That in the opinion of this House the Public Security Ordinance should be forthwith repealed.

A. 12/47

13. Dr. N. M. Perera,—Police Amendment Ordinance,—That in the opinion of this House the Police Powers (Amendment) Ordinance should be forthwith repealed.

A. 94/48

14. Mr. V. T. Nanayakkara,—Report of the National Languages Committee,—That this House is of opinion that the Report of the National Languages Committee should be implemented, beginning with the creation forthwith of the National Languages Department.

A. 95/48

15. Mr. V. G. W. Ratnayaka,—Agricultural Products,—That in the opinion of this House the Government do undertake to train persons in conducting business in the major and minor Agricultural Products exported from the country and help them to establish trade relationships in foreign countries and that the State should be the sole exporter of such major and minor produce.

A. 96/48

16. Mr. V. G. W. Ratnayaka,—Tea Propaganda,—That in the opinion of this House the Government should undertake the management of Tea Propaganda for Ceylon.

A. 97/48

17. Mr. V. G. W. Ratnayaka,—Cottage Hospital and Maternity Wards (Deiyandara),—That in the opinion of this House the Minister of Health should take early steps for the construction of a Cottage Hospital and Maternity Wards at Deiyandara in Kandaboda Pattu of Matara District.

A. 98/48

18. Mr. V. G. W. Ratnayaka,—Village Headman's Divisions,—That in the opinion of this House the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development should take immediate steps to withdraw the policy of amalgamation of Village Headmans' Divisions in various parts of the Island.

A. 99/48

19. Mr. V. G. W. Ratnayaka,—Construction of Roads in areas mapped out for village expansion,—That in the opinion of this House the Minister of Agriculture and Lands should take early steps to construct roads for light traffic in all areas mapped out either for village expansion, peasant class allotments or middle class allotments before calling for applicants for the grant of such lands.

A. 100/48

20. Mr. V. G. W. Ratnayaka,—State Pure Line Seed Farms,—That in the opinion of this House the Minister of Agriculture and Lands should take early steps to cause the immediate establishment of State Pure Line Seed Farms in each Headman's Division with a view to increasing the yield per acre.



A. 101/48

21. Mr. V. G. W. Ratnayaka,—Roadways,—That in the opinion of this House all the roadways in the Island should be brought under one central Ministry.

A. 102/48

22. Mr. V. G. W. Ratnayaka,—Provincial Hospitals,—That in the opinion of the House the Minister of Health should take early steps to provide all provincial hospitals with electricity and pipe borne water supplies and drainage schemes.

103/48

23. Mr. V. G. W. Ratnayaka,—Beggars,—That in the opinion of this House all persons found begging owing to either old age, chronic wounds, blindness, &c., should be rounded up and housed and looked after by the State, so as to eliminate beggars in the Island.

104/48

24. Mr. V. G. W. Ratnayaka,—Maternity Benefits on Estates,—That in the opinion of this House the number of days required to qualify to draw maternity benefits on Estates should be reduced from 150 days to 100 days within the preceding 12 months, and that in the event of a labourer changing from one estate to another, such estate should pay a proportionate share of such maternity benefits.

A. 105/48

25. Mr. V. G. W. Ratnayaka,—Advisory Boards for Provincial Hospitals, &c.,—That in the opinion of this House Advisory Boards should be appointed for Provincial Hospitals, Cottage Hospitals and Dispensaries from among the public of all classes in their respective areas, and that such Boards should be granted the authority to make surprise visits, especially during meal hours, in order to check the food given to patients.

A. 106/48

26. Mr. V. G. W. Ratnayaka,—Refrigerators for Provincial and Cottage Hospitals,—That every provincial and cottage hospital should be supplied with Refrigerators to keep such medicines as are necessary.

A. 107/48

27. Mr. V. G. W. Ratnayaka,—Free issues of special medicines at Provincial and Cottage Hospitals,—That in the opinion of this House every provincial and cottage hospital should supply free those special medicines that have now to be purchased by the poorer classes.

A. 108/48

28. Mr. V. G. W. Ratnayaka,—Land to Middle Class Colonists,—That in the opinion of this House any Government hilly land given out to peasant class or middle class Colonists or to any other category should be blocked out so as to leave one chain belts of jungle in contours, every 10 chains apart, to arrest soil erosion.

A. 109/48

29. Mr. V. G. W. Ratnayaka,—Employment of Ceylonese in Business Establishments,—That in the opinion of this House the necessary legislation should be introduced to compel all foreign traders and business establishments to employ a minimum of 75 per cent. Ceylonese in their business undertakings.



A. 110/48

30. Mr. V. G. W. Ratnayaka,—Ceylonese Assistant Superintendents for Estates,—That in the opinion of this House the Estates owned by foreigners should employ Ceylonese as Assistant Superintendents wherever such billets are available.

A. 111/48

31. Mr. V. G. W. Ratnayaka,—Nett Profits of Foreign Firms,—That in the opinion of this House not more than 25 per cent. of the nett profits of foreign firms should be allowed to be remitted from this country.

A. 112/48

32. Mr. W. Dahanayake,—Vernacular Teachers' Final Examination,—That this House is of opinion that the vernacular teachers' final examination should be held this year too.

A. 113/48

33. Mr. W. Dahanayake,—Unemployment Assistance,—That this House is of opinion that, as the Government is unable to provide full employment of a suitable nature for all able-bodied workers, a scheme of unemployment assistance should be immediately inaugurated.

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34. Mr. W. Dahanayake,—Old Age Pension Scheme,—That this House demands the immediate introduction of an old age pension scheme.

A. 115/48

35. Mr. W. Dahanayake,—Childrens' Allowances,—That this House demands the immediate introduction of a scheme of childrens' allowances.

A. 42/47

36. Mr. A. Reginald Perera,—Prison Administration,—That in the opinion of this House a Commission should be appointed to inquire into the Administration of Prisons in Ceylon.

A. 6/47

37. Mr. I. M. R. A. Iriyagolla,—Recruitment to Public Service,—That this House is of opinion that candidates who have passed the S.S.C. in Sinhalese or Tamil with English as a subject should be eligible to sit for all competitive examinations for recruitment to the Public Service to which those who have passed the English S.S.C. are at present eligible.

A. 7/47

38. Mr. I. M. R. A. Iriyagolla,—Dam across Maha-oya,—That this House is of opinion that Government should take immediate steps to construct a dam across the Maha-oya at Yakabendi-ella, where there had been such a dam in ancient times, as that would enable the irrigation of thousands of acres of cultivable land in the Kurunegala and Chilaw Districts.

A. 8/47

39. Mr. I. M. R. A. Iriyagolla,—Allotment of Crown Land,—That in view of the fact that thousands of villagers in the Katugampola Hatpattu and Mayurawathie Korala are either landless or possess only uneconomic plots of land, this House is of opinion that Government should take immediate steps to allot them either Crown land or land acquired by Government for the purpose.



A. 9/47

40. Mr. I. M. R. A. Iriyagolla,—Election of Vel Vidanes,—That this House is of opinion that the election of Vel Vidanes on whom the prosperity of village areas largely depends, should be by secret ballot so as to ensure that the most suitable men are elected.

A. 79/48

41. Mr. W. Dahanayake,—Recruitment of Ceylonese to the Royal Pioneer Corps,—That this House protests against the recruitment of Ceylonese to the Royal Pioneer Corps, and demands that those already sent to Malaya and elsewhere should be immediately brought back and given suitable employment in Ceylon.

A. 117/48

42. Mr. V. T. Nanayakkara,—Young Mens' Buddhist Association Headquarters,—That this House is of opinion that the application of the Young Mens' Buddhist Association, Colombo, for a site centrally situated in the Fort for its Headquarters should be allowed and that Government should take immediate steps to grant to this body a suitable block of land in the Fort.

A. 118/48

43. Mr. V. T. Nanayakkara,—Foreign Insurance Companies,—That in the opinion of this House all foreign Insurance Companies should not be permitted to invest more than 10 per cent. of their assets outside Ceylon.

A. 119/48

44. Mr. V. T. Nanayakkara,—Alienation of immovable property,—That in the opinion of this House legislation should be introduced immediately with retrospective effect as from 1st December, 1947, to the effect—

- (a) that no immovable property should be alienated to any body other than a Ceylonese;
  - (b) that no Ceylon national should be permitted to hold in trust any immovable property for and on behalf of a non-Ceylonese.
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**ORDER PAPER**  
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FOR

*Thursday, January 29, 1948, at 2 p.m.*



**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER.**

133/48

- \* 1. Mr. Somaweera Chandrasiri,—To ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development,

Whether early steps will be taken to use the Sinhalese language for all State business after the attainment of "Independence" by this country.

134/48

- \* 2. Mr. Somaweera Chandrasiri,—To ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development,

(a) Whether a National Anthem will be introduced to suit our country at the present day.

(b) If so, in what language that National Anthem will be composed.

142/48

- \* 3. Dr. N. M. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Lands,

(a) What is the total expenditure incurred up to date on the Cinchona Farm at Massena in Balangoda area.

(b) What is the present position of the Farm.

(c) Is it proposed to close this Farm.

143/48

- \* 4. Mr. W. Dahanayake,—To ask the Minister of Health and Local Government,

(a) Whether he is aware that no less than five patients died in the Galle Hospital in December last, and this January on account of falls while in Hospital.

(b) Whether he is aware that the officer-in-charge employs new and inexperienced persons as attendants.

**AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.**

1. The Leader of the House,—Sittings of the House,—That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until 10 A.M. on Saturday, 31st January, 1948.



## NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A. 116/48

1. Mr. C. E. Attygalle,—Persons disqualified under Section 13 (3) (f) of the Order in Council 1946,—That in view of the dissatisfaction expressed by this House with Section 13 (3) (f) of the Ceylon (Constitution) Order in Council of 1946, and the undertaking of the Government to refer this question to a Select Committee, this House requests His Excellency the Governor, as an interim measure, and in order to commemorate Independence Day, to grant a free pardon to all Elected Representatives in this House and in Local Government Bodies who are affected by the provisions of the above Section.

A. 46/47

2. Mr. V. Kumaraswamy,—Iranaimadu Tank,—That in view of the desire of the Karachi farmers to bring more lands under cultivation during Sirupokam and to make available the benefits of irrigation in larger areas, immediate steps should be taken to increase the storage capacity of the Iranaimadu Tank by raising its bund or by other suitable methods.

A. 45/47

3. Mr. V. Kumaraswamy,—Colonisation Scheme,—That in the opinion of this House a colonisation scheme should be launched, forthwith under any one of the big tanks, which are now abandoned, in the district of Pooneryn.

A. 47/47

4. Mr. V. Kumaraswamy,—Village Tanks,—That in view of the land-hunger in the peninsula, and of the shortage of paddy for the needs of the district, this House is of opinion, that a Committee of experts should be appointed, to consider the feasibility of restoring the village tanks in the districts of Pooneryn and Tunnukkai, and that colonisation schemes be launched thereafter, allotting lands to the Jaffna peasants.

A. 78/48

5. Mr. V. Kumaraswamy,—Binders,—That this House is of opinion that binders whose work is of a clerical nature and who are recommended by their superiors, should be absorbed into the General Clerical Service.

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### QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER.

138/48

1. Mr. C. V. Velupillay,—To ask the Minister of Education, whether he will make a statement to the House at an early date as to the progress made in the compilation of the Sinhalese Dictionary.

139/48

2. Mr. C. V. Velupillay,—To ask the Minister of Education,
- (a) Whether he is aware that there is an urgent need of schools in the Agrapatna, and Bogawantalawa areas.
  - (b) Whether he will consider establishing schools in these areas as early as possible.

140/48

3. Mr. C. V. Velupillay,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Works,

- (a) Whether he is aware that the train service has deteriorated in respect of the following:—
  - (i.) the doors and windows of third class compartments are broken or defective.
  - (ii.) lighting facilities are far from satisfactory.
  - (iii.) alarm cords are generally missing.
  - (iv.) third class passengers are put to unnecessary suffering due to lack of adequate accommodation.
  - (v.) a band of organized gamblers playing a game called " Three Cards " regularly travel between Nanuoya and Rozelle cheating passengers.
  - (vi.) that trains do not arrive to scheduled time at stations.
- (b) Whether he will consider taking steps to improve this unsatisfactory position.

141/48

4. Mr. C. V. Velupillay,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Works, whether he will consider providing better living accommodation to the minor employees of the Railway at Talawakelle.



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