



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 8.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, January 07, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

132/2024

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of government hospitals located in the Puttalam District;
- (ii) number of vacancies exist in each of the posts of medical officer and nurse and in paramedical services, separately in each of those hospitals;
- (iii) measures that will be taken to fill those vacancies; and
- (iv) measures that will be taken to further improve the hospital system in the Puttalam District?

(b) If not, why?

2.

145/2024

Hon. Dewananda Suraweera,—To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of cooperative societies engaged in financial activities at present;
- (ii) whether the Cooperative Rural Bank in Maharagama falls into that category;
- (iii) whether he is aware that depositors have not been able withdraw their money because of irregularities on the part of the Chairs and the Board of Directors of the Maharagama Cooperative Society; and
- (iv) of the measures that will be taken in order to solve this problem?

(b) If not, why?

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3.

146/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) whether she is aware that steps were taken under the “The Nearest School is the Best School” (Langama Paasala Hondama Paasala) Project to construct a new school with modern facilities in the K/Ramukkana Vidyaloka Primary School premises;
 - (ii) of the amount of money has been spent for it so far; and
 - (iii) of the progress of construction work as per the plan for the construction of this new school?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
 - (i) whether she is aware that the construction work have been stopped after completing only half of this four-storeyed school building, constructions of which were commenced under the above-mentioned Project;
 - (ii) of the steps that will be taken to remove the rubble and remnants heaped in the playground of that school; and
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken to allocate the provisions necessary for completing the project to construct the aforementioned school?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

173/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the—
 - (i) economic growth rate in Sri Lanka for the last 30 years; and
 - (ii) projection for economic growth over the next 15 years specifying the reliance on agriculture sector, Industry sector and services sector?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) ten key sectors identified by the government for rapid development;
 - (ii) of the extent to which the government intends concentrating on and harness local investors including the projected value in Sri Lanka Rupees (SLR) and United States Dollars (USD) for the next 10 years; and
 - (iii) of the extent to which the government intends concentrating on and harness foreign investors including the projected value in Sri Lanka Rupees (SLR) and United States Dollars (USD) for the next 10 years?
- (c) If not, why?

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5.

181/2024

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of families displaced due to landslides in each district from 2019 up to now separately;
 - (ii) number of families that have already been settled in temporary houses and the number of families that have been settled in the houses of relatives/ friends out of the aforesaid families, separately;
 - (iii) reason why the aforesaid families have not received alternative houses/ lands so far;
 - (iv) steps that will be taken to resolve the above problem;
 - (v) measures to be taken in the future in such disaster situations?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

187/2024

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) pigs are currently dying due to an epidemic spreading among the pigs raised on animal farms in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) both small-scale and large-scale animal farms have had to be closed down completely consequent to this situation;
 - (iii) as no specific vaccine or medicine is available for the said disease, dying of animals in this manner is causing huge losses to the owners of these animal farms; and
 - (iv) no compensation or relief is being provided to these farm owners for the losses/damages that have been caused to them?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to provide some compensation/relief for the animals that die because of the disease mentioned above; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which such compensation/relief will be provided?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

236/2024

Hon. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he accept—
 - (i) that there has been a shortage of medicines and the prices of medicines have increased unusually because of the lack of coordination between the parties involved in the medical supply process as well as because of the failure to maintain the database properly; and

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- (ii) that this situation has become a challenge for the existence of the entire health system?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a computer software system is available to manage the stocks of medicines in the public health system;
 - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid system is;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid system is updated regularly;
 - (iv) whether the process of purchasing medicines and the distribution of stocks are monitored regularly;
 - (v) who bears the responsibility for that;
 - (vi) of the irregularities and the weaknesses, which have been identified in this entire process; and
 - (vii) of the measures that are being taken to prevent them?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

238/2024

Hon. (Dr.) Nishantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the shortage of medicines, surgical and medical equipment, laboratory testing tools, and equipment required for radioactive experiments like reactants and X-ray machines in both government and private hospitals in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, whether there is a report on the medicines and equipment there are currently available, as well as those in short supply, from among the items mentioned in (i) above;
 - (iii) of the plans have been made to ensure the continuous supply of the above medicines and equipment until the end of 2025;
 - (iv) whether there is a possibility of a shortage of any medicine or equipment;
 - (v) of the measures that are being taken to procure the above medicines and equipment and to mitigate the risks that may arise from their absence?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

242/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether action will be taken in the time to come for the construction of the flyover proposed to be built across the Kirulapona junction;

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- (ii) if so, the timeframe for its construction; and
- (iii) whether it is locally or from abroad that funds necessary for it will be obtained?

(b) If not, why?

10.

251/2024

Hon. Ajith Gihan,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he accept that —

- (i) those responsible for the Easter Attack carried out in Sri Lanka in 2019 have not been able to be brought before the law to date; and
- (ii) the Catholic Church led by His Eminence the Cardinal and other religious leaders expect that the masterminds and other responsible persons connected to the above attack will be brought before law very soon; and

(b) If so, will he inform the House whether steps will be taken to bring those respondents associated with the above attack before law and ensure justice and fairness for the victims of the above attack?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 10.30 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Notification under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Notification made by the then Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended relating to Jay Jay Textiles Lanka (Private) Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2399/16 of 26th August 2024, which was presented on 03.12.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— Order made by the then Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended relating to Colombo West International Terminal (Private) Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2401/19 of 10th September 2024, which was presented on 17.12.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 117— Programme 02— † That this Parliament resolves that, an additional sum not exceeding Rupees Thirty three thousand eight hundred seventeen million (Rs. 33,817,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or finances possessed by the Government or any loan obtained by the Government at the discretion of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, for the services of the financial year commencing on January 01, 2024 and ending on December 31, 2024 and that, the said sum may be expended in the manner specified in the schedule hereto:—

Schedule

Head	117	- Ministry of Transport & Highways (The Ministry name specified in the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023 is stated)
Programme	02	- Development Activities
		Capital Expenditure Rs. <u>33,817,000,000</u>
		Total Expenditure Rs. <u>33,817,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 15 of 2024 presented on 06th December, 2024.

Total of Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1 to 14 Rs. 234,623,000,000

* *Indicates Government Business.*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

128/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) extent of the lands that has been allocated / acquired to construct the proposed domestic airport in Maberiyatenna in the Medadumbara Divisional Secretariat Division in Kandy District;
- (ii) extent of the government plantations and private plantations situated among the lands concerned;

(7)

- (iii) number of private residences, factories, estate schools and institutions that provide public services in the lands mentioned in (i) above;
 - (iv) names and addresses of each of those who have been identified as losing their private residences when the lands are acquired for that project, separately; and
 - (v) policy decisions and the alternative measures that have been taken to resettle the people who lose their houses?
- (b) If not, why?
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