



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 10.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, January 09, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

87/2024

Hon. Kins Nelson,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of state-owned radio stations;
 - (ii) names of the said radio stations;
 - (iii) number of employees serving in each of the said radio stations, separately;
 - (iv) annual profit gained/loss incurred by each radio station in each year since 2015 up to now, separately; and
 - (v) measures that will be taken to maintain the said radio stations without loss?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

101/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the tariff charged for a unit of electricity under each of the domestic and commercial categories as of 20.11.2024, separately;
 - (ii) of the details of the electricity tariff revisions made from 21.10.2024 to date;
 - (iii) whether the above revisions have been made subject to the decisions/approval of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) whether the decisions given by the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka will be accepted; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to dissolve the said Commission?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to maintain a fixed price for electricity; and
 - (ii) if so, the fixed price?
- (c) If not, why?

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3.

109/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of private power plants in operation at present in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) names of those power plants;
 - (iii) name and address of the owner of each power plant separately; and
 - (iv) amount paid to the owners of those power plants from 2015 to date, separately each year?
- (b) Will he also inform this house —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the agreements reached with the aforesaid power plant owners are very unfavourable; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that would be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

133/2024

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) number of civil cases that are pending before courts within the judicial system of Sri Lanka for over five years and for over ten years, separately; and
 - (ii) measures that will be taken to prevent the delay in ending cases?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

174/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Minister of Labour,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House on yearly basis, of the—
 - (i) labour force in Sri Lanka for the last 5 years in government sector and private sector, separately;
 - (ii) number of government servants both permanent and casual for the last 10 years, separately;
 - (iii) total financial cost of salaries and emoluments for the government servants for the last 10 years; and
 - (iv) total amount of pensions paid over the last 10 years?
- (b) Will he also inform this House on yearly basis, of the —
 - (i) prognosis of the labour force in Sri Lanka for the next 10 years in government sector and private sector, separately;

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- (ii) number of government servants intended to be recruited for the next 5 years, separately;
 - (iii) projected pensions expenditure for the next 10 years; and
 - (iv) projected number of pensioners for the next 10 years?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

182/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
- (i) number of electricity power stations that have been added to the national grid since 2019 up to now and their names of those power stations;
 - (ii) volume of electricity is expected to be generated by each such electricity power station and the volume of electricity that is generated by each at present, separately;
 - (iii) number of the electricity power stations referred to above are driven with renewable energy;
 - (iv) names of those power stations are; and
 - (v) volume of electricity is generated from each such electricity power station, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the—
- (i) plans that have been put in place for the expansion of the national power grid in the next two years; and
 - (ii) plans for the expansion of renewable energy are?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

237/2024

Hon. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the types of visas issued to Sri Lankan workers leaving for employment in Korea;
 - (ii) of the basis of the decision taken by the previous government to send Sri Lankan workers for employment in Korea under E8 visa;
 - (iii) of the number of Sri Lankan workers who have left for employment in Korea under the visa mentioned above;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the said workers are in distress;
 - (v) if so, the number of workers who are in distress; and
 - (vi) of the actions that will be taken regarding them?

(4)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether Sri Lankan workers are sent for employment in Korea only under E8 visas; and
 - (ii) of the other types of visas issued, if any?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

239/2024

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

- (a) Will he accept that—
 - (i) specialist doctors, doctors and other trained health professionals have left the country because of the economic crisis that existed in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) it has caused an adverse effect on the health service in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the numbers of specialist doctors, doctors, nursing officers, supplementary and paramedical service officers and junior staff —
 - (i) who are currently serving in the health service of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) who are necessary for ensuring a proper public health service in the future;
 - (iii) who have left the service before reaching the age of retirement from the year 2022 to November 2024; and
 - (iv) who are currently undergoing training in various academic institutions including specialist training?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the steps that will be taken to recruit them into the health service expeditiously?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

247/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the publication ‘Provisional Clinical Practice Guidelines on COVID-19 suspected and confirmed Patients’;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the experts who contributed content and recommendations to the publication;
 - (iii) of their affiliations and designations at the time of their serving as expert resource persons;
 - (iv) of the authority responsible for appointing them; and
 - (v) of the criteria/basis followed to select them?

(5)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware of Section 7 of the above publication;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the specific expert resource persons responsible for the content and recommendations in the abovementioned Section;
 - (iii) separately, the process, documents and references used to develop the content and recommendations in Section 7; and
 - (iv) whether the recommendations in Section 7 are subject to the professional opinion of experts in the fields of medical ethics and medical anthropology either locally or internationally?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Appropriation,— Bill to provide for the service of the financial year 2025; to authorize the raising of loans in or outside Sri Lanka, for the purpose of such service; to make financial provision in respect of certain activities of the Government during that financial year; to enable the payment by way of advances out of the Consolidated Fund or any other fund or moneys, of or at the disposal of the Government, of moneys required during that financial year for expenditure on such activities; to provide for the refund of such moneys to the Consolidated Fund and to make provision for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Local Authorities Elections (Special Provisions),— Bill to provide for the calling of fresh nominations and the holding of elections in respect of certain local authorities where the elections of such local authorities have been called and postponed; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

3.

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 11.30 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 Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the then Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 regarding CESS levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2400/25 of 05th September 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the then Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2384/31 of 17th May 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the then Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2395/32 of 31st July 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Policy Formulation, Planning and Tourism under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2404/19 of 02nd October 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Policy Formulation, Planning and Tourism under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2406/02 of 14th October 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Policy Formulation, Planning and Tourism under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2408/15 of 01st November 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 6),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2412/38 of 30th November 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Aswesuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme under the Welfare Benefits Act,— That the Aswesuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 9 of the Welfare Benefits Act, No. 24 of 2002, relating to Welfare Benefits and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2415/66 of 21st December 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the then Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2384/35 of 17th May 2024, which were presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the then Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2377/39 of 28th March 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

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.*