



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 13.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

5/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,—To ask the Minister of Environment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that a project for the construction of a wild elephant detention centre was implemented in the Lunugamwehera National Park;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has been spent for the aforesaid project so far;
 - (iii) of the sources from which funds were obtained for the said project;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the aforesaid project is alleged to have failed by now; and
 - (v) if so, the steps that will be taken regarding it?
- (b) If not, why?

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61/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) amount of profit made/loss incurred by Sri Lankan Airlines from 2015 to date separately according to each year;
 - (ii) reasons for the profit made/loss incurred by the Sri Lankan Airlines during the above-mentioned period; and
 - (iii) steps that will be taken to maintain Sri Lankan Airlines in a state of not incurring losses?
- (b) If not, why?

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68/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,—To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a housing scheme consisting of more than 50 housing units was launched in Vavunathivu within the Manmuni-West Divisional Secretariat Division in Batticaloa during the previous good governance government;
 - (ii) the construction of some houses has been completed, but the construction of some other houses has not been completed; and
 - (iii) the governments that came into power subsequently neither restored those houses nor handed them over to the people;
 - (iv) the people in those areas have been facing various hardships for more than eight years accordingly?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to fully complete this housing scheme; and
 - (ii) of the timeframe within which it will be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

81/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara, —To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Land Reform Commission was established;
 - (ii) of the objectives of establishing that Commission;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the lands owned by the Land Reform Commission have been fraudulently acquired by various persons / institutes by now; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures that are taken to protect the lands owned by the said Commission;
- (b) If not, why?

5.

89/2024

Hon. Kins Nelson,—To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of rivers in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the names of those rivers;
 - (iii) whether he knows that most of those rivers have been polluted;

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- (iv) if so, what measures will be taken to clean such rivers; and
- (v) of the measures that will be taken to minimize the pollution of rivers;
- (b) If not, why?

6.

319/2024

Hon. Imran Maharoof,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of hours for which power supply had been disconnected in the Kinniya CEB Consumer Service Center area from 01.01.2023 to 20.12.2024, separately for each area;
 - (ii) whether he accepts that the public in these areas including the students studying online and people engaged in their jobs were severely inconvenienced due to the disconnections referred to above;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that disconnecting the power supply to this area occurs frequently;
 - (iv) if so, the reasons for the frequent power outages referred to above; and
 - (v) whether remedial measures have been taken regarding the matter so far?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts that there is a mechanism of issuing the monthly electricity bill via SMS instead of the printed electricity bill;
 - (ii) whether he accepts that the system in question causes significant inconvenience for elderly citizens as well as those without smartphones; and.
 - (iii) if so, whether he will take action to issue the printed electricity bill instead, as per the previous practice?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

320/2024

Hon. Kaveenthiran Kodeeswaran,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Kalmunai North, which was established as an Assistant Government Agent Division in 1989, has been upgraded as a Divisional Secretariat Division with the Cabinet Approval dated 28.09.1993 given based on the Cabinet Memoranda No. 93/600/034 dated 17.03.1993 and No. 93/600/034(I) dated 31.03.1993 and the Cabinet Sub-Committee report dated 09.07.1993 ;

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- (ii) it has been functioning as an independent Divisional Secretariat for more than 34 years accordingly; and
 - (iii) that there are attempts to downgrade the Kalmunai-North Divisional Secretariat Division (Tamil Division) to the level of a sub-office of the Kalmunai-South Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a cabinet decision has been taken to downgrade the divisional secretariat division mentioned in (a)(iii) above;
 - (ii) if so, whether he will submit the said Cabinet Paper;
 - (iii) if not, the basis for the decision regarding such downgrading;
 - (iv) whether a Ministry Secretary/Government official is vested with the authority to override a Cabinet decision and downgrade a divisional secretariat division into the level of a sub-office; and
 - (v) if so, of the legal basis of such a measure?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

323/2024

Hon. (Mrs.) Nilanthi Kottahachchi, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether there is a Police Mounted Division in Sri Lanka Police;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of horses in the possession of that division at present; and
 - (iii) of the numbers of horses according to the age categories, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether tenders have been called under the number: LA/SJ/300/2024 to import 15 live horses to the Police Mounted Division;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of tenders presented;
 - (iii) of the supplier who has been selected to import those horses; and
 - (iv) of the amount to be spent to import those 15 horses as per the above tender?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

324/2024

Hon. Lal Premanath,—To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that a cess is levied on finished tea exported from Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the amount cess levy that is imposed upon one kilogram of tea at present;
 - (iii) of the income that was earned through the imposition of the cess during the year 2024;
 - (iv) of the amounts that have been given to the Sri Lanka Tea Board, the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority and the Tea Research Institute from that income separately; and
 - (v) whether he will present a report on how each of the aforementioned institute has spent those amounts of money?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

327/2024

Hon. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he state whether parcels of land have been released to the Dharmayathana Protection Council Limited and other parties from the land located in Kothalawala Grama Niladhari Division in Kaduwela which belonged to the Land Reform Commission, on which 'Silk Factory' had existed;
 - (b) Will he state of the number of plots of land —
 - (i) alienated for residential purposes out of the remaining part of the land apart from those released as aforesaid;
 - (ii) set aside for roads and reservations;
 - (iii) set aside for common purposes; and
 - (iv) extent of each such plot in terms of units of measurements used in land survey?
 - (c) Will he further state —
 - (i) of the basis and time of alienating the lands referred to in (b) above;
 - (ii) of the value of a perch of the land at that time and at present, separately;
 - (iii) whether he will present the cadastral plan in which the plots of land mentioned in (b) (ii) above have been demarcated; and
 - (iv) of the purposes for which the plots of land available for common purposes are used at present?
 - (d) If not, why?
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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 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 Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development 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. 2413/37 of 04th December 2024, which were presented on 07.01.2025.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2),— 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.)

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*4.

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.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*
