



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 15.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, January 24, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

6/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) date on which the incident of breaking Buddha's statues occurred in Mawanella area before the Easter Sunday Attack;
 - (ii) names and the addresses of persons arrested in connection with the incident concerned; and
 - (iii) measures have been taken against them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the—
 - (i) names of the security officers who conducted investigations into the incident referred to in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) Governors and powerful persons of the then government who influenced on the security officers concerned in the conduct of their investigations, separately; and
 - (iii) present progress of the investigations into the above-mentioned incident?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

62/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) number of applications received by the Department of Immigration and Emigration for obtaining passports under the normal service from 01.01.2024 up to now on monthly basis, separately;
 - (ii) fee charged for issuing a passport under the normal service; and

(2)

- (iii) actions that will be taken to issue passports expeditiously for applications submitted for obtaining passports under the normal service?

(b) If not, why?

3.

70/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that a housing scheme named Cey-Nor Housing Scheme was constructed in year 1982 in Kaluwankeni-2 in Eravur Pattu Divisional Secretary's Division of the Batticaloa District;
- (ii) whether he is aware that the residents of those houses/lands are facing various difficulties in obtaining electricity supply and drinking water supply to those houses/lands as title deeds have not been issued to them for those lands to date;
- (iii) if so, whether steps will be taken to issue title deeds for those houses/lands; and
- (iv) the timeframe for granting title deeds will be?

(b) If not, why?

4.

82/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of aircraft owned by Sri Lankan Airlines as of today;
- (ii) destinations to which the flights are operated at present;
- (iii) number of employees who are serving in the aforesaid airline at present; and
- (iv) measures that will be taken to further strengthen the airline concerned?

(b) If not, why?

5.

90/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) quantity of rice that has been imported to Sri Lanka up to now since 2015;

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- (ii) amount spent thereon;
 - (iii) countries from which the rice was imported;
 - (iv) institutions that imported the rice; and
 - (v) measures that will be taken to reduce the importation of rice?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

105/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) of the number of students who sat the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination in 2024;
 - (ii) whether the Examination Papers relating to that examination or the contents thereof have been received by external parties before the date of the above-mentioned examination;
 - (iii) if so, of the steps that have been taken regarding it;
 - (iv) what steps will be taken in respect of the students who have been aggrieved from it;
 - (v) whether the evaluation of the answer scripts of that examination has been suspended; and
 - (vi) if so, of the reasons for it?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

112/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) date on which the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone was established;
 - (ii) number of investments received for the said zone and their value separately;
 - (iii) numbers of direct and indirect employment opportunities that have been generated through the aforesaid investments separately; and
 - (iv) measures taken for the further development of the export zone concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

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8.

245/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the projects that are left without being implemented so far, out of the projects planned for flood control within the Kolannawa Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) whether plans have been made for implementing them; and
 - (iii) if so, of the timeframe for implementing the project, how funds are to be founded and what is the implementing agency is, separately in respect of each such project?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

296/2024

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,—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 government teachers have been attached to national schools from provincial council schools;
 - (ii) whether it has been decided not to extend the period for which those teachers have been attached to; and
 - (iii) as to how will the vacancies arising in national schools for teachers be balanced due to the said non-extension?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

322/2024

Hon. Ajith Gihan,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a large number of people from Puttalam District work in Italy and that the inability to get their driving licenses renewed has become a major issue for them;

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- (ii) if so, of the steps that will be taken in that regard;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that Sri Lankan workers engaged in foreign employment are subjected to inhuman torture;
 - (iv) if so, of the steps that will be taken in that regard;
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken to enforce the law against institutions/individuals who have swindled money by making promises to provide foreign employment; and
 - (vi) of the measures that will be taken to recover the money so swindled?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of Parliament (No. 1),— That notwithstanding the motion agreed to by Parliament on 03rd December 2024, the Standing Order 111 of the Parliament Shall be suspended until 14th February 2025.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of Parliament (No. 2), — That notwithstanding the motion agreed to by Parliament on 03rd December 2024, the Standing Order 50(2) of the Parliament shall operate with substitution of the words "Ministerial Consultative Committee" for the words "Sectoral Oversight Committee" until 14th February 2025.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of Parliament (No. 3),— That notwithstanding the motion agreed to by Parliament on 03rd December 2024, the Ministerial Consultative Committees shall have the power to examine any Bill, except the Bills defined in Article 152 of the Constitution, Treaty, Reports including the Annual and Performance Reports relating to the institutions coming under its purview or any other matter referred to the Committee by Parliament or any Committee or a Minister relating to the subjects and functions within their jurisdiction and report such matters to Parliament until 14th February 2025.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1),— 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 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

5.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 05th, 2025.

Votes of Condolence

- (i) The late Hon. Rukman Senanayake, ex-Member of Parliament.
- (ii) The late Hon. A. A. Reginald Perera, ex-Member of Parliament.
- (iii) The late Hon. Sirinal de Mel, ex-Member of Parliament.
- (iv) The late Hon. (Dr.) I. M. Ilyas, ex-Member of Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Local Authorities Elections (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*
