



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 17.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, February 06, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

4/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) total number of government institutions including Ministries, departments and statutory boards existing in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) names of the security companies providing security services at each of the institutions;
 - (iii) number of government companies among them and their names; and
 - (iv) amount paid to each private security service company for the provision of security services at each of the aforesaid government institutions from the year 2015 to up to now, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that frauds take place in obtaining contracts relating to provision of security in government institutions; and
 - (ii) if so, what measures will be taken to assign state-owned security companies to perform the task of providing security services to government institutions?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

60/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House of the—
 - (i) number of state universities currently awarding Bachelor of Laws degree in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) names of those universities;

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- (iii) number of graduates that have completed the Bachelor of Laws degree at the universities referred to above, separately in respect of each year from 2020 to date; and
- (iv) measures have been taken to establish Faculties of Law in a few other universities with a view to promoting legal education?

(b) If not, why?

3.

80/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of Sri Lankan missions established in foreign countries;
- (ii) countries where the aforesaid missions have been established;
- (iii) number of employees serving in each of the aforesaid missions?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the —

- (i) educational qualifications required to join Sri Lanka Foreign Service;
- (ii) number of employees currently serving in Sri Lankan missions abroad without satisfying the aforesaid qualifications;
- (iii) name, place of work and designation of each of the aforesaid employees separately;
- (iv) steps that are being taken to recall the aforesaid employees to Sri Lanka and send suitably qualified employees to serve in Sri Lankan missions abroad?

(c) If not, why?

4.

88/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of humans and wild elephants killed due to human-elephant conflict since 2015 up to now by the year and the wildlife zone separately;
- (ii) measures taken to provide a permanent solution to the human-elephant conflict?

(b) If not, why?

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5.

102/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the current market prices per kilogram of Nadu rice and Samba rice separately;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to reduce the price of rice;
 - (iii) whether a price controls will be introduced for rice; and
 - (iv) if so, what the prices will be?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether rice reserves are being maintained with government intervention to provide rice to consumers without shortage;
 - (ii) if so, what the quantities of such reserves are; and
 - (iii) of the course of action is being taken regarding rice imports?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

110/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of factories in operation at present in the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone;
 - (ii) of the names of those factories;
 - (iii) of the way in which those factories are categorized;
 - (iv) of the number of direct and indirect jobs generated through each factory, separately; and
 - (v) whether there are investors who have contracted to start new factories; and
 - (vi) if so, of the details in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

252/2024

Hon. Ajith Gihan,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that the —
 - (i) shrimp farming, which is a foreign exchange generating industry in Sri Lanka, has been faced with a crisis at present; and

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- (ii) people in Puttlam District gained a huge economic strength from that industry?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) reasons for not taking steps to develop that industry; and
 - (ii) steps that will be taken to develop the industry?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

297/2024

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a disciplinary inquiry had been conducted in respect of Dr. Anil Jasinghe, Secretary to the Ministry of Health and Mass Media;
 - (ii) whether the Auditor General had conducted an audit inquiry about him;
 - (iii) whether the Auditor General's inquiry had been concluded by the time Dr. Jasinghe was appointed as the Secretary to the Ministry of Health and Mass Media;
 - (iv) whether Dr. Jasinghe had been acquitted at the inquiry concerned;
 - (v) does he accept that Dr. Jasinghe had been subjected to an audit inquiry involving Rs. 2.9 million relating to the period in which he had been functioning as the Director General of Health Services?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

365/2024

Hon. M. Nizam Kariapper, PC,—To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a ban was imposed in May 2021 under the directive of the then Secretary to the Ministry of Defence restricting the import of Islamic religious books into Sri Lanka, except those approved by the Ministry of Defence;
 - (ii) this ban has caused delays of several months in the release of imported copies of the Quran, even within the past year; and
 - (iii) this discriminatory ban has caused severe hardships to importers of Islamic books due to prolonged delays in releasing Islamic religious books?

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- (b) Will he inform this House whether the government take immediate steps to lift/remove the aforementioned ban/restrictions?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8(1) of the Parliament, the Parliament shall sit on Monday, 17th February 2025.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 75(4) of the Parliament, 18th Tuesday, 19th Wednesday, 20th Thursday, 21st Friday, 22nd Saturday, 24th Monday and 25th Tuesday, February, 2025 be allotted days for the consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2025).

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sittings on allotted days for the consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2025) from 18th Tuesday to 20th Thursday, 22nd Saturday and 24th Monday, February, 2025 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.00 p.m. the provisions of paragraphs (5) and (6) of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3),— That in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sittings on allotted day for the consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2025) 21st Friday, February, 2025 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.00 p.m. the provisions of the paragraphs (5) and (6) of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

5.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 4),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sitting on allotted day for the consideration of “Appropriation” Bill (2025) on Tuesday, 25th February, 2025 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.. At 6.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

6.

Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka,— Privileges,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law, M.P. on 22nd January, 2025 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 118 of the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— Regulations under the Intellectual Property Act,— That the Regulations made by the then Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security, Co-operative Development, Industry and Entrepreneurship Development under Section 204 read with Sections 160A, 161B, 161C, 161D, 161E, 161F, 161G, 161I, 161K and 161L of the Intellectual Property Act, No. 36 of 2003 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2407/04 of 22nd October 2024, which were presented on 21.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Appropriation Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*
