



*(Tenth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 24.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, February 21, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

384/2025

Hon. Waruna Liyanage,—To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of compensation paid and the outstanding compensation yet to be paid for the lives lost and the properties and businesses devastated owing to various natural disasters in each year from 2017 until now district-wise, separately;
- (ii) whether he admits that the insurance scheme introduced under the National Insurance Trust Fund and established by Circular No. 03/2016, is a great relief for the victims of the disasters;
- (iii) whether he is aware that a considerable number of families have not received the said compensation due to the requirement made through Circular No. 01/2020 to the effect that the ownership of land should be established for compensation above Rs.10,000/-;
- (iv) whether he admits that the amount allocated per day is insufficient to provide dry rations and cooked food to a family affected by disasters; and
- (v) whether measures will be taken to increase the assessment value related to the assessment of disaster compensation, on account of the inadequacy of assessment value prescribed by Circular NBRO/FL/DA/IN/R5 dated 09.09.2020?

(b) If not, why?

2.

386/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the citizens of many countries of the world find employment in South Korea under the E-8 visa scheme;

(2)

- (ii) of the reasons for turning the Sri Lankans who have obtained work visas for South Korea under the E-8 visa scheme back at the Katunayake Airport ;
- (iii) of the barriers for aforesaid Sri Lankans to work in South Korea; and
- (iv) of the measures that are being taken to accord justice to the Sri Lankans who have obtained visas to work in South Korea under the E-8 visa scheme ?

(b) If not, why?

3.

417/2025

Hon. Aruna Panagoda,—To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that the —

- (i) drainage sewerage system at the Homagama, Maththegoda Housing Scheme has been defunct for a number of years now; and
- (ii) National Water Supply and Drainage Board has been constructing a fence around this sewerage system at present?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the amount estimated for the construction of the fence referred to above;
- (ii) of the date on which its construction was commenced and date on which the construction is supposed to be completed, separately;
- (iii) of the construction firm that has been selected for the construction;
- (iv) whether the specified tender procedure has been followed in selecting the firm concerned;
- (v) whether he is aware that the roads that people had been using for around 40 years have been obstructed completely because of the construction of the fence; and
- (vi) if so, of the measures that will be taken to rectify this situation?

(c) If not, why?

4.

420/2025

Hon. Gnanamuththu Srineshan,—To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the extent of forests in Sri Lanka in acres;
- (ii) of the extent of forests having an environment conducive for wild elephants to live, within the extent as aforesaid;

(3)

- (iii) of the number of wild elephants living in such forests;
  - (iv) whether he is aware that wild elephants destroy humans and their properties; and
  - (v) of the number of persons attacked by wild elephants, the number of those who were killed by the attacks; and the number of wild elephants that were killed in the elephant-human conflicts from the year 2020 to the year 2024, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that an elephant population that overwhelms the forest cover is in existence; and
  - (ii) whether the wild elephant population has to be controlled so that it is proportionate with the forest cover;
  - (iii) if so, of the mechanisms available for it;
  - (iv) whether they will be implemented in future; and
  - (v) if so, whether there is any methodology for controlling the destruction caused by wild elephants?
- (c) If not, why?

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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,—That in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 75(5) of the Parliament, 27<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> Friday, February 2025 and 01<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 03<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 04<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 05<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 06<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 07<sup>th</sup> Friday, 08<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> Thursday and 21<sup>st</sup> Friday, March 2025 be allotted days for the consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2025).

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1),— That in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sittings of Parliament on allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2025) from 27<sup>th</sup> Thursday, February 2025 and 01<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 03<sup>rd</sup> Monday to 06<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 08<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> Monday to 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday, and 17<sup>th</sup> Monday to 20<sup>th</sup> Thursday, March 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. provisions of paragraphs (5) and (6) of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

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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 of Parliament on allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2025) on 28<sup>th</sup> Friday, February, 2025, 07<sup>th</sup> Friday and 14<sup>th</sup> Friday, March 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. provisions of paragraphs (5) and (6) of 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 notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of the sitting of Parliament on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 allotted for consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2025) shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.. At 6.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

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#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Appropriation Bill— (Fourth Allotted Day)—Adjourned debate on question (17<sup>th</sup> February 2025) [1].

\*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulation under the Finance Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 12 of the Finance Act, No. 12 of 2013 read together with the provisions of the Finance Act, No. 12 of 2012 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2411/56 of 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024, which was presented on 14.02.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”

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