



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 25.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

423/2025

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,—To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether he admits that the tea industry in Sri Lanka has been collapsing since 2010;
- (ii) of the institution which provided funds for the project ‘STARR’ which was implemented for re-cultivation of tea;
- (iii) of the total amount of funds provided for it;
- (iv) whether it is a loan or a grant;
- (v) if it is a loan, of the annual interest rate; and
- (vi) of the year in which the said loan will be paid off?

(b) Will he also state of the—

- (i) administrative structure of that project and the names of the persons who are involved in it;
- (ii) extent of land that has been tea re-cultivated through that project in each tea inspector’s division, separately; and
- (iii) amount paid per acre of land for re-cultivating tea under the project and the amount allocated for administrative expenses separately?

(c) Will he further state—

- (i) if the said project has been completed by now, the date on which it was completed;
- (ii) if there are outstanding amounts payable to tea planters, the amounts payable as per each of the tea inspector’s divisions, separately; and
- (iii) whether the audit report on the project will be submitted?

(d) If not, why?

(2)

2.

431/2025

Hon. Danushka Ranganath,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there was a project named KL-2 Project (Kalutara Package 2) under the I-Road project in Kalutara District;
 - (ii) the above named project has been suspended partway as the relevant contractor has initiated legal proceedings; and
 - (iii) the residents of the area have been subjected to serious inconvenience because of that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of roads in Agalawatte and Matugama electoral divisions which were due to be developed under that project;
 - (ii) of the names of the contractor company/companies pertaining to that project;
 - (iii) of the ownership of those company/companies;
 - (iv) of the present status of the above mentioned legal proceedings; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to complete the project concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

433/2025

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) of the amount spent on the construction of the Meegehakiula bus station concurrent with the construction of the Meegehakiula New Town in Badulla;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the said bus station has not been used up to now;
 - (iii) if so, of the reasons for that;
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to make the said bus station available for public use; and
 - (v) of the measures that have been taken to construct the access road to the said bus station?

(3)

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) whether he accepts that the said bus station is an unproductive construction;
- (ii) if so, of the actions that will be taken against those responsible; and
- (iii) of the guidelines that will be provided to local government institutions to prevent such situations in the future?

(c) If not, why?

4.

438/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) extent of land owned by the Land Reforms Commission in the Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in acres;
- (ii) said extent in acres for each Grama Niladhari Division, separately;
- (iii) extent of lands granted to a second party out of the said lands in acres; and
- (iv) names of the second party grantees of the said lands, the Grama Niladhari Division from which the lands have been given, and the basis of granting lands to each party, separately?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Privileges,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. (Mrs.) Nilanthi Kottahachchi, Attorney at Law, M.P. on 20th February, 2025 in Parliament to the effect that her 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.

(4)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill— (Fifth Allotted Day)—Adjourned debate on question (17th 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 22nd November 2024, which was presented on 14.02.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

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