

(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

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FOR

Saturday, March 01, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

380/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of fishery harbours in Sri Lanka;

(ii) measures taken to develop those fishery harbours;

(iii) number of multiday fishing vessels in Sri Lanka, the number of such multiday fishing vessels engaged in fishing activities and the number of those that are not engaged in fishing activities at present, separately;

(iv) number of one day fishing vessels in Sri Lanka, the number of such one day fishing vessels engaged in fishing activities and the number of those that are not engaged in fishing activities at present, separately; and

(v) measures that have been taken to develop the fishing industry by now?

(b) If not, why?

2.

385/2025

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

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) there is an acute shortage of drinking water in many Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the Ratnapura District;

(ii) the people living in those areas have faced severe hardships and health problems as a result; and

(iii) lack of proper water supply systems in those areas has aggravated the scarcity of drinking water?

(b) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the extent of work of Phase 2 of the "Visal Ratnapura Water Supply Project", which is implemented as a solution to the said scarcity of water, that has been completed by now;

(ii) whether new water supply projects will be initiated to provide water to the areas that have not been covered by Phase 2 of the said project after the completion of Phase 2; and

(iii) of the number of community water supply projects currently being implemented in the Ratnapura District; and

(iv) whether steps will be taken to initiate new community water supply projects?

(c) If not, why?

3.

387/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware of the dispute between the employees and the top management of the Galle Port over planting a Bo sapling of the Sacred Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi to replace the destroyed Bo tree situated within the Galle Port premises;

(ii) of the existing obstacles to plant the Bo sapling referred to above within the Galle Port premises;

(iii) whether steps will be taken to plant the Bo sapling referred to above within the Galle Port premises; and

(iv) of the actions that will be taken to resolve the dispute referred to above?

(b) If not, why?

4.

418/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether there had been a land that belonged to the Land Reform Commission in Mahenawatta area in Pitipana;

(ii) or else, whether there is a land that belongs to the Land Reform Commission in that area;

(iii) whether that land has been sold to any party;

(iv) if not, whether there is a plan to sell that land;

(v) if the land has been sold, of the total amount it has been sold;

(vi) of the value of a perch of that land;

(vii) of the reasons for selling that land to an external party in a situation where lands are needed for government activities; and

(viii) whether action will be taken to acquire that land back to the government?

(b) If not, why?

5.

452/2025

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he state —

(i) whether he accepts that the overflow of the Gin River causes a major impact on the lives and properties of the people of the Galle District;

(ii) whether reports have been prepared regarding the projects that have been proposed to be implemented after year 2000 to control the overflow of the Gin River or for any other purpose;

(iii) if so, what those reports are;

(iv) of the names of the institutions that have prepared those reports;

(v) of the amount spent on the preparation of those project reports/ feasibility study reports; and

(vi) of the sources from which funds were obtained for that purpose?

(b) Will he also state—

(i) whether projects have been implemented to control the overflow of the Gin River; and

(ii) if so, of the year in which each of those projects was initiated, the year in which it was completed, the amount allocated, the amount spent, the institution by which it was implemented and the solutions that have been given, separately?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Value Added Tax (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Inland Revenue (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

3.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Proceeds of Crime,— Bill to provide for the recovery of proceeds of crime, to provide for the investigation, restraint, forfeiture and disposal of proceeds of crime, to provide for the protection, preservation, management of restrained proceeds of crime, to establish the proceeds of crime management authority, to provide for inter-agency cooperation and international collaboration relating to the recovery of proceeds of crime, and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Tenth Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress, 28th February).

*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.***

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on the "Appropriation" Bill — See separate Paper "Supplement to the Orders of the Day".
