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FOR

Wednesday, March 05, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

7/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,—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 Ruhunu Tourist Bureau has started the Madunagala Tourist Project;

(ii) of the amount of money that has been spent to construct a building to establish a heart massage (heart revival) centre using hot water springs in Madunagala; and

(iii) of the steps that will be taken to complete the construction of that building as the work of that building has not yet been finished;

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) separately, of the amount of money that has been spent on the cafeteria, restroom and dining hall that have been constructed in the Madunagala Tourist Zone under this project;

(ii) whether he is aware that the generators at the tourist bungalow, which was constructed at a considerable expense, are currently out of order and the roof is in a dilapidated condition;

(iii) of the amount of money that has been spent to construct the rural bazaar;

(iv) whether he is aware that the bazaar is in ruins by now; and

(v) of the steps that will be taken to re-implement that project?

(c) If not, why?

2.

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 Secretariat 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) of the timeframe for granting those title deeds?

(b) If not, why?

3.

91/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the prevalence of sub-standard coconut oil which is not suitable for consumption has been detected in the Sri Lankan market;

(ii) if so, of the way such sub-standard coconut oil is supplied to the market;

(iii) of the tactics that are used for it;

(iv) of the measures that have been taken to prevent them; and

(v) of the reasons for high standard coconut oil is not supplied to the market?

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

(i) problems faced by the owners of small and medium-scale oil mills; and

(ii) solutions that will be given to those problems?

(c) If not, why?

4.

490/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the total number of shops in “Polonnaruwa City Center”;

(ii) of the number of shops out of them that have been leased out by now;

(iii) of the decisions taken at the discussion held in 2019 headed by the Governor regarding the leasing out of the “Polonnaruwa City Center” building and the distribution of the shops therein;

(iv) whether the said decisions are being implemented at present; and

(v) if the Polonnaruwa Municipal Council has incurred a loss due to lease of the said shops, whether that loss will be recovered from the responsible parties?

(b) If not, why?

5.

491/2025

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the Department of Irrigation or the Water Resources Board has requested the University of Peradeniya to study and submit a report on the social, economic, and environmental concerns that have emerged due to the salinity barrier constructed across the Nilwala river during the period from 08.11.2024 to 14.01.2025;

(ii) if so, whether a technical committee has been appointed by the University of Peradeniya in this regard;

(iii) if so, of the members of the said Committee;

(iv) of the current progress of the conduct of the Committee referred to above;

(v) of the date on which the report of the said Committee will be submitted; and

(vi) if the aforesaid Committee has not yet been appointed, of the reasons for that?

(b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Thirteenth Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress, 04th March).

*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.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the Protocol entered on 16th December 2024 amending the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of India for the avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income, under Section 75(1) of Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017 and passed by the Parliament on 26th July 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1828/9 dated 17th September 2013, which was presented on 20.02.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Insurance Industry Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 112 read with Section 16 of the Insurance Industry Act, No. 43 of 2000 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2415/79 of 22nd December 2024, which were presented on 22.02.2025, 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".
