(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 35.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, March 07, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

154/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) date on which the construction of the "Thambapawani" Wind Power Station located in Mannar was commenced;

(ii) amounts of the local investments and the foreign investments used for the aforesaid construction, separately;

(iii) installed capacity of the said power station;

(iv) per unit cost of generating electricity by the said power station; and

(v) amount of energy added to the national grid by the said power station in each year from 2021 to 2024, separately?

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

(i) steps that have been taken to prevent the harm caused to migratory birds due to the said power station; and

(ii) effectiveness of those steps?

(c) Will he further inform this House —

(i) whether there is potential to construct more wind power stations on the Mannar Island; and

(ii) if so, of the capacity of those wind power stations?

(d) If not, why?

2.

253/2024

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) total area of lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission situated in Haputale Divisional Secretariat Division and Haldummulla Divisional Secretariat Division in hectares;

(ii) extent of the said lands as per their Grama Niladhari Divisions, separately in hectares;

(iii) extent of lands out of the lands concerned have been given to second parties in hectares; and

(iv) name of each of the said second party, the location of the land thus granted to each such party and the basis on which the land has been granted to each person, separately?

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

(i) places where lands belonged to the state but, do not belong to the Land Reforms Commission are located in the divisional secretariat divisions named above and the extents of lands located in each such place, separately in hectares;

(ii) extent of agricultural lands that have been identified in the above-named Divisional Secretariat Divisions in hectares; and

(iii) extent that has been cultivated out of the agricultural lands concerned, in hectares?

(c) If not, why?

3.

292/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Does he accept that the —

(i) premises of the Puttalm Hospital including its residential wards, OPDs and clinics, were inundated due to the heavy floods caused by the heavy rain that fell in November 2024 in Sri Lanka;

(ii) hospital lacks a proper drainage system to dispose of the hospital's waste water and to channel the rain water;

(iii) hospital premises where patients receive treatment must be kept safer?

(b) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken to keep the aforementioned hospital premises safer;

(c) If not, why?

4.

304/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House, separately of the —

(i) number of ships arrived at each terminal owned by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority and private companies from 2015 to date;

(ii) number of containers handled by each of those terminals during the same period;

(iii) operational profit of each of those terminals for the same period;

(iv) income and profit earned by the Authority for the same period; and

(v) efficiency of the each of the terminals mentioned in the no. (i) above by means of number of containers handled per hour by each of those terminals?

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

(i) total number of containers and General Cargo (in Tons) handled in Sri Lanka from 2020 to 2024;

(ii) projected number of containers and General Cargo (in Tons) to be handled over the next ten years; and

(iii) Sri Lanka's world ranking in container handling over the past 5 years?

(c) If not, why?

5.

492/2025

Hon. Dewananda Suraweera,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of the registered pharmacies and the number of registered pharmacists in Sri Lanka, separately;

(ii) whether the registered pharmacies should be operated under the supervision of a registered pharmacist as per the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act No.05 of 2015;

(iii) whether he accepts that there is a shortage of registered pharmacists compared to the number of registered pharmacies; and

(iv) if so, of the measures that have been taken so far and measures that will be taken in the future to address the shortage referred to above, separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) whether he is aware that a credit pass for Chemistry subject in G.C.E. (A/L) examination is required to register with the Sri Lanka Medical Council in order to sit the External Pharmacist Examination; and

(ii) whether he accepts that the pass rate is as low as 6% of the total number of candidates who took the examination as only 99 out of 1700 candidates have passed the recent External Pharmacist Examination?

(c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Fifteenth Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress, 06th 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 Regulation of 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 Regulation of 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.)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2421/04 of 27th January 2025, which were presented on 25.02.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2421/44 of 31st January 2025, which were presented on 25.02.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, regarding Excise Duty on Liquor, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2418/42 of 10th January 2025, which was presented on 27.02.2025, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 01/2025).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2418/43 of 10th January 2025, which was presented on 27.02.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 08.09.2023 under Section 33 of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans on 18.06.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 08.08.2024)

*10.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 22.03.2024 under Section 20(2) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans on 18.06.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 08.08.2024)

*11.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Fund (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Fund 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 22.03.2024 under Section 23(4) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans on 18.06.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 08.08.2024)

*12.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 09.02.2024 under Section 40(1) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans on 18.06.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 08.08.2024)

*13.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 07.05.2024 under Section 40(1) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans on 18.06.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 08.08.2024)

*14.

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— Annual Report of the Milco (Private) Limited (2018),— That the Annual Report of the Milco (Private) Limited 2018 together with the observation of the Auditor-General as prepared for the year ended 31.12.2018 and presented on 10.08.2023 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Food Security & Agriculture on 26.04.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.09.2024)

*15.

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— Annual Report of the Milco (Private) Limited (2019),— That the Annual Report of the Milco (Private) Limited 2019 together with the observation of the Auditor-General as prepared for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 09.02.2024 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Food Security & Agriculture on 26.04.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.09.2024)

*16.

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— Annual Report of the Agricultural & Agrarian Insurance Board (2020),— That the Annual Report of the Agricultural & Agrarian Insurance Board 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 21.11.2023 under Section 12 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Food Security & Agriculture on 10.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.09.2024)

*17.

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— Annual Reports of the Land Reform Commission (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020),— That the Annual Reports of the Land Reform Commission 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 together with the observation of the Auditor-General as prepared for the years ended 31.12.2015, 31.12.2016, 31.12.2017, 31.12.2018, 31.12.2019 and 31.12.2020 respectively and presented on 05.07.2023 under the Land Reform Act, No. 1 of 1972, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Food Security & Agriculture on 15.11.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 10.05.2024)

*18.

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— Annual Report of the Land Reform Commission (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Land Reform Commission 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General as prepared for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 23.08.2023 under the Land Reform Act, No. 1 of 1972, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Food Security & Agriculture on 15.11.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 10.05.2024)

*19.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Reports of the Elkaduwa Plantation Limited (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017),— That the Annual Reports of the Elkaduwa Plantation Limited 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the years ended 31.12.2012, 31.12.2013, 31.12.2014, 31.12.2015, 31.12.2016 and 31.12.2017 and presented on 23.11.2023 under Section 151 of the Company Act, No. 7 of 2007, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*20.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation (2017),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation 2017 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2017 and presented on 24.11.2023 under Section 15 of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation Act, No. 4 of 1958, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*21.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation (2018),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation 2018 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2018 and presented on 24.11.2023 under Section 15 of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation Act, No. 4 of 1958, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*22.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation (2019),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 24.11.2023 under Section 15 of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation Act, No. 4 of 1958, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*23.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation (2020),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 09.02.2024 under Section 15 of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation Act, No. 4 of 1958, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*24.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Limited (2020/2021),— That the Annual Report of the Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Limited 2020/2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2021 and presented on 24.08.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*25.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka (2020),— That the Annual Report of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 23.01.2024 under Section 16 of the Tea Research Board Act, No. 52 of 1993, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*26.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 23.01.2024 under Section 16 of the Tea Research Board Act, No. 52 of 1993, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*27.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 09.01.2024 of the Tea Small Holdings Development Act, No. 35 of 1975, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*28.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tea Board (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tea Board 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 09.01.2024 under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law, No. 14 of 1975, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*29.

The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— Annual Report of the National Youth Services Council (2021),— That the Annual Report of the National Youth Services Council 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 17.10.2023 under Section 31 of the National Youth Services Act, No. 69 of 1979, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Media, Youth, Heritage and New Citizen on 10.07.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.09.2024)

*30.

The Minister of Energy,— Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited (CPSTL) (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited (CPSTL) 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 13.12.2023 in terms of Section 2(1) of the conversion of Public Corporation or Government Owned Business Undertaking into Public Companies Act, No. 23 of 1987 under the Companies Act, No. 17 of 1982, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy & Transport on 08.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.07.2024)

*31.

The Minister of Energy,— Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited (CPSTL) (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited (CPSTL) 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 05.03.2024 in terms of Section 2(1) of the conversion of Public Corporation or Government Owned Business Undertaking into Public Companies Act, No. 23 of 1987 under the Companies Act, No. 17 of 1982, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy & Transport on 08.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.07.2024)

*32.

The Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority (2020),— That the Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 28.11.2023 under Section 32 of the National Child Protection Authority Act, No. 50 of 1998, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Children, Women and Gender on 05.03.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*33.

The Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority (2021),— That the Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 07.05.2024 under Section 32 of the National Child Protection Authority Act, No. 50 of 1998, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Children, Women and Gender on 20.06.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.09.2024)

*34.

The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report of the Galle Heritage Foundation (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Galle Heritage Foundation 2021 together with the observation of the Auditor-General as prepared for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 06.12.2023 under Section 16 of Part III of the Galle Heritage Foundation Act, No. 7 of 1994, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Media, Youth, Heritage and New Citizen on 10.07.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.09.2024)

* ***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".