(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 36.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Saturday, March 08, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

259/2024

Hon. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

(a) Will she inform this House of the —

(i) number of foreign official visits made by the Former President Ranil Wickramasinghe during the period from 2022 to 2024;

(ii) country of visit; objective, benefits accrued to Sri Lanka, those persons who were part of the visit on government expense other than the former President, and the purpose of making each of them part of it, separately in respect of each visit overseas; and

(iii) total expenditure borne for these visits overseas?

(b) If not, why?

2.

274/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether a programme has been proposed for the development of the road (old road) from Ambatale to Grandpass;

(ii) if so, of the timeframe during which the said programme is expected to be implemented; and

(iii) of the manner in which the funds required for the development of the said road would be provided?

(b) If not, why?

3.

381/2025

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House of the —

(i) number of national schools in Sri Lanka in each province, separately;

(ii) number of students, the number of teachers and the number of members on the non-academic staff in each of those schools, separately;

(iii) number of provincial-council schools under each of the province in Sri Lanka, separately;

(iv) number of students, the number of teachers and the number members in the non-academic staff in each of those schools, separately;

(v) number of provincial-council schools that have been transformed as national schools by the previous government; and

(vi) measures that will be taken to develop those schools?

(b) If not, why?

4.

428/2025

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

(a) Is he aware —

(i) that the Muttur and the Kinniya hospitals in the Trincomalee District have been given the status of Grade 'A';

(ii) however, that physical resources conforming to Grade 'A' have not been hitherto provided to the said hospitals; and

(iii) that the aforesaid hospitals have not been provided with adequate staff?

(b) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) steps that will be taken to provide the necessary physical resources to those hospitals;

(ii) number of consultant doctors currently serving in each of those hospitals separately;

(iii) steps taken to fill the staff vacancies existing in the said hospitals; and

(iv) reasons for not taking over the Kinniya and Muttur hospitals to the Central Government?

(c) If not, why?

5.

444/2025

Hon. Chanaka Madugoda,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that the employees recruited to the Ceylon Mineral Sands Limited, Pulmudai for the post of labourer on casual basis with effect from 01.07.2024 have not been paid any salaries or allowances so far;

(ii) of the reasons for not paying them salaries or allowances;

(iii) of the steps that will be taken to pay their salaries; and

(iv) of the measures that will be taken to ensure their job security?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka,— Privileges,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. (Dr.) Ramanathan Archchuna, M.P. on 05th February, 2025 in Parliament to the effect that his 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.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Sixteenth Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress, 07th March).

*2.

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)

*3.

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)

*4.

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)

*5.

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)

*6.

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)

*7.

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)

*8.

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)

*9.

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 respectively and presented on 23.11.2023 under Section 151 of the Companies Act, No. 07 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)

*10.

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)

*11.

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)

*12.

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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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)

*15.

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)

*16.

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)

*17.

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)

*18.

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)

*19.

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)

*20.

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)

*21.

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)

*22.

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)

*23.

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)

*24.

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)

*25.

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)

*26.

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)

*27.

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)

*28.

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.)

*29.

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.)

*30.

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.)

*31.

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.)

*32.

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.)

*33.

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.)

*34.

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.)

* ***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".
