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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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** Indicates Government Business.*

(2)

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

430/2025

Hon. Imran Maharoo, —To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, — (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of national-level stadiums available in the Northern and the Eastern provinces;
 - (ii) of the location of each such stadium, separately;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that arrangements had been made to develop the Mc Heyzer stadium in the Trincomalee district as a national-level stadium but the excavation activities pertaining to that were suspended owing to the discovery of human bone fragments during the excavations;
 - (iv) whether steps have been taken to resume the said excavation activities that were suspended; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to develop the Mc Heyzer stadium into an international-level cricket stadium?
- (b) If not, why?

452/2025

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara, — To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation, — (2)

- (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?

(3)

(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?

455/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether industrialists have been granted lands in the Raigampura Industrial Estate;
- (ii) if so, of the total extent of lands that has been granted as at present;
- (iii) of the extent of lands so granted in which work has been commenced by now and the extent of lands so granted in which work has not commenced so far, separately;
- (iv) of the reasons for not commencing operations in the lands in which no work has been commenced so far; and
- (v) of the amount of money that has been invested by the investors who have obtained lands in which no work has been commenced so far?

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

- (i) present status of the Administration building constructed in the Industrial Estate concerned; and
- (ii) amount of money that was spent by the government on the construction of the building concerned?

(c) If not, why?

500/2025

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that there are no chambers for new lawyers practicing in the courts in the Kandy District;
- (ii) if so, of the number of lawyers who have not had chambers so far, separately for each court in the Kandy District;

(4)

- (iii) whether he is aware that steps have been taken to construct new law chambers on the land adjacent to the lawyers' office complex established in Gatambe, Kandy;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that construction work pertaining to it has been stopped halfway;
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken to expedite the construction work of the said new law chambers?
- (b) If not, why?

516/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware of the statement made by the Hon. President to the effect that the investigations in relation to seven crimes, which had been suspended, were resumed after the appointment of the current President;
 - (ii) of the current progress of the investigation into the disappearance of the two political activists 'Lalith Weeraratne and Kugan Muruganandan', who disappeared in Jaffna in 2011;
 - (iii) whether the investigations have been completed by now in relation to any of the other disappearances that occurred after the end of the civil war in the North-Eastern regions of Sri Lanka and which were not solved up until now;
 - (iv) whether the political interferences caused the delay in the investigations into the said disappearances; and
 - (v) if so, of the measures taken in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

519/2025

Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether —
- (i) there is a serious discrepancy between the pension of government pensioners who retired before 31.12.2015 and that of those who retired after 31.12.2015;
 - (ii) steps will be taken to remove the said pension discrepancy;

(5)

- (iii) he is aware that the cost of living allowance of present government employees is Rs. 17,800 and the cost of living allowance of government pensioners is Rs. 9,025, and that as a result, there is a discrepancy of Rs. 8,775; and
- (iv) steps will be taken to remove the said discrepancy?
- (b) If not, why?

542/2025

Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of applications that are received per day for obtaining new passports;
 - (ii) of the number of applications that have been received by now for obtaining new passports;
 - (iii) of the number of new passports issued per day ;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that a long time is spent after applying to the Department of Immigration and Emigration for obtaining a new passport or extending the period of validity of an existing passport; and
 - (v) of the steps that have been taken to resolve this problem?
- (b) If not why?

573/2025

Hon. Athula Welandagoda,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the problems relating to the shortage of employees, housing facilities of employees, and facilities such as tourist bungalows, toilet facilities, roads network, and common amenities in the Yala National Park;
 - (ii) of the number of registered tourist jeeps that are allowed to enter the Park;
 - (iii) of the number of jeeps registered but not currently providing services to tourists;
 - (iv) of the action that will be taken regarding those jeeps;
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to register new jeeps to replace the jeeps concerned; and

(6)

- (vi) separately, of the short-term, medium-term, and long-term measures that will be taken to protect and develop the wildlife and the ecosystem in the Yala National Park, which has secured significant tourist attraction and attention and generates a substantial daily income for Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

575/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he accepts that the office rent allowance currently paid to each sub-post master is not adequate to maintain a sub-post office;
- (ii) whether the impediments to increasing the said rent allowance have been identified;
- (iii) if so, of such impediments;
- (iv) of the measures that will be adopted to overcome the impediments; and
- (v) of the time that will be needed for adopting such measures?

(b) If not, why?

580/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

(a) Will he admit that the —

- (i) Sri Lanka Railways Department, under the then Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation, had prepared plans to construct a railway line from Kurunegala to Habarana via Dambulla and had commenced preliminary works thereon; and
- (ii) possession/tenure of the lands and properties of the Rangiri Dambulla Rajamaha Viharaya and the Bambawa Rajamaha Viharaya, and the people of the Galewela and Dambulla Divisional Secretariat Divisions, were legally acquired by the relevant Divisional Secretaries?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps will be taken to return the possession of those lands and properties taken over by the Divisional Secretaries to their original owners;
- (ii) if so, whether an amount of money in compensation / ex-gratia payment will be made for the damages caused to the said properties due to non-maintenance for the past 10 years and for the loss of income due to non-development of the lands;

(7)

- (iii) if so, of the procedure followed in that regard;
 - (iv) of the date on which the said compensation/ ex-gratia payment will be made; and
 - (v) if not, whether any such payment will not be made?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

11/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the methodology adopted in granting the lands belonging to Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority for large scale projects;
 - (ii) of the extent of land provided to companies named ‘Dole Lanka’ and ‘Vita Organi’ for banana cultivation in Chandrika Wewa Division of Walawa region, separately; and
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that the said lands were not provided following the proper methodology ;
- (b) If not, why?

72/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Is she aware that —
- (i) Bt/ Kayankuda Kannahi Vidyalaya in Batticaloa West Education Zone and Bt/ Korakkallimadu Sri Ramana Maharishi Vidyalaya in Kalkuda Education Zone belong to the IC category;
 - (ii) students from Bt/ Kayankuda Kannahi Vidyalaya won the first place at the national-level in Elle and students from Bt/ Korakkallimadu Sri Ramana Maharishi Vidyalaya won the first place at the national level in Kabaddi; and
 - (iii) however, physical training instructors have not been appointed to the schools concerned up to now?
- (b) If so, will she inform this House whether steps will be taken to appoint physical training instructors to these schools?
- (c) If not, why?

94/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the crop damage caused by animals to domestic food crops has been assessed;
 - (ii) if so, separately, of the damage caused to each crop, i.e. paddy, vegetables, and fruits; and
 - (iii) of the animals that cause the most disastrous damage to food crops?
- (b) If not, why?

213/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,—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 government schools functioning in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) number of schools that teach Technology as a subject among the said schools; and
 - (iii) measures that are being taken to teach Technology in other schools as it is a highly important subject?
- (b) If not, why?

582/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Central Government allocates funds to the Provincial Councils for development activities; and
 - (ii) of the mechanism through which the Parliament is informed of the funds allocated to the Provincial Councils by the Central Government are spent?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money that was allocated to the last Provincial Council of the Southern Province;
 - (ii) of the amount channelled from such amount to the provincial cultural ministry in the Southern Province;
 - (iii) of the number of buildings of which the construction works have been commenced and have been stopped partway by the then provincial cultural ministry in the Southern Province;

(9)

- (iv) whether action will be taken to conduct an investigation in this regard; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to utilize the above-mentioned buildings for the needs of the public?
- (c) If not, why?

604/2025

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the bridge located in Pansilgoda, Minuwangoda, in the Gampaha District, which is daily used by around 8,000 people in 09 villages, was dismantled and removed in 2021 for repairs; and
 - (ii) nevertheless, the construction of the bridge has not been completed for a period of 04 years and as a result, the people concerned have been facing inconveniences and as a result of the non-operation of the two buses that used to ply that route up to Gampaha?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount that has been allocated for the construction of a new bridge in place of the aforesaid bridge;
 - (ii) whether the full amount of the allocation has been credited to the relevant account;
 - (iii) if so, of the name of that account and the name of the bank at which the account is maintained;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the State Development and Construction Corporation, which is responsible for the construction of the bridge concerned, was directed at the meeting of the Minuwangoda Divisional Coordination Committee held on 04.04.2024 to complete the construction of the bridge within two and a half months; and
 - (v) of the length of time that will be taken to open that bridge?
- (c) If not, why?

611/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) amount of money received by the Lady Ridgeway Hospital in Colombo from donors to purchase the items required for surgeries, from 2024 to date;

(10)

- (ii) amount used from it and the amount not used, separately; and
 - (iii) measures that will be taken to properly utilize the funds so received by that hospital from donors?
- (b) If not, why?

631/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) separately, of the number of teacher vacancies in Sinhala medium and Tamil medium government schools for grades 1 to 5 and grades 6 to 11;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of teacher vacancies in Sinhala medium and Tamil medium government schools of the Western province for grades 1 to 5 and grades 6 to 11;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of teacher vacancies in Sinhala medium and Tamil medium government schools in the Colombo Education Zone, from grade 1 to grade 5 and from grade 6 to grade 11;
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to fill the aforesaid teacher vacancies; and
 - (v) of the time taken to fill the aforesaid teacher vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

634/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of Sri Lankan workers who have left for employments in Israel's agriculture sector in each year from 2015 up to now, separately;
 - (ii) procedure adopted in selecting the workers referred to above; and
 - (iii) measures that will be taken to ensure transparency in providing the employment opportunities mentioned above?
- (b) If not, why?

648/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the preliminary plan for the construction of the East Terminal of the Colombo Port was prepared;
 - (ii) of the date on which a new road plan was prepared with regard to it;

(11)

- (iii) whether he is aware that the trade unions of the Colombo Port have pointed out that the new road plan has been prepared arbitrarily; and
 - (iv) if so, of the steps that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, April 24, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

157/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) total area of lands in which crops were damaged due to adverse weather that affected Sri Lanka in November 2024;
 - (ii) total area of lands that cultivated each crop damaged, i.e. paddy fields, maize fields, and lands cultivated with other crops etc, separately; and
 - (iii) estimated financial loss caused by the damage to crops?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
- (i) total amount of compensation paid for the damaged crops ;
 - (ii) total amount of compensation paid for each damaged paddy field, maize cultivation and lands cultivated with other crops, separately;
 - (iii) total area of lands that cultivated crops for which compensation has not yet been paid; and
 - (iv) reasons for not paying the compensation for the lands referred to above?
- (c) If not, why?

195/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of investment projects carried out by China in Sri Lanka from 2015 up to now, along with the name of each such investment project, the value of the investment, and the number of direct and indirect jobs generated, for each year separately; and

(12)

- (ii) steps that will be taken to attract more Chinese investments to Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

222/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,—(1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) whether she is aware that the development bank promised to be established for granting loans without collaterals to young entrepreneurs, which is stated in the manifesto “Rich Country, Beautiful Life”, has not been established so far; and
- (ii) of the reasons for the delay in delivering on the promise concerned?

(b) If not why?

278/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,—(1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) whether plans have been formulated to make it compulsory for teaching Sinhala language in Tamil medium schools and Tamil language in Sinhala medium schools;
- (ii) if so, of the timeframe for its implementation;
- (iii) whether teachers are available for the aforesaid purpose; and
- (iv) if not, of the steps that will be taken to fill the relevant teacher vacancies?

(b) If not, why?

310/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) date on which the Paddy Marketing Board was established;
- (ii) quantity and the value of paddy purchased by the Board over past 3 years per district, separately;
- (iii) number of centers established for purchasing paddy per district, separately;

(13)

- (iv) number of paddy storage facilities per district, separately; and
- (v) percentage of paddy purchased by the government annually out of the total paddy harvest per district, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately —
 - (i) of the amount of money provided by state banks to small and large scale paddy mill owners over past 3 years;
 - (ii) of the quantity of paddy purchased by those mill owners during that period;
 - (iii) of the names of the mill owners, along with the quantity and value of paddy they purchased during the above period; and
 - (iv) whether a system will be established to convert paddy into rice and distribute it at district level?
- (c) If not, why?

441/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) amount of paddy that was purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board in each year over the past ten (10) years, separately;
 - (ii) profit earned / loss that the Paddy Marketing Board incurred in each year during the aforesaid period separately;
 - (iii) amount of money spent by the Paddy Marketing Board on the renovation of buildings the period concerned; and
 - (iv) amount of money that is expected to be spent on the renovation of buildings in the future?
- (b) If not, why?

456/2025

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the target number of foreign tourists expected to visit Sri Lanka in the year 2025;
 - (ii) of the countries from which foreign tourists are expected to come from;
 - (iii) whether adequate accommodation/ room facilities are available to such tourists;

(14)

- (iv) of the steps that are taken towards the advancement of the Sri Lanka's tourist hotel sector, which collapsed for reasons such as Covid-19 Pandemic, Easter Day Attack in Sri Lanka and mass protests (Aragalaya);
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken to uplift Sri Lanka's tourism industry; and
 - (vi) of the number of tourist destinations existing in each of the provinces in Sri Lanka, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

585/2025

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) Kalpitiya can be identified as a region where vegetables and fruits are produced even under adverse environmental conditions; and
 - (ii) the farmers in the said area are greatly inconvenienced due to the inundation of farmlands and the destruction of crops during the rainy season?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) If so, whether steps have been taken to pay compensation to the aforesaid farmers for their crops destroyed due to rain;
 - (ii) whether there is any arrangement in place to provide the fertilizer subsidy to vegetable and fruit farmers in Kalpitiya; and
 - (iii) if so, of the said arrangement?
- (c) If not, why?

618/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a loan scheme named “SARUSARA” which gives loans to small-scale farmers at a concessionary interest rate has been introduced;
 - (ii) if so, of the objectives of introducing the loan scheme concerned;
 - (iii) of the number of farmers who have obtained loans under the loan scheme so far;
 - (iv) of the criteria considered in granting loans under the loan scheme concerned; and

(15)

(v) of the measures that are adopted for empowering farmers financially?

(b) If not, why?

703/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,—(1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) whether she accepts that education reforms should be conducted in keeping with the current trends prevailing in the world where science and technology changes rapidly;
- (ii) of the frequency of years at which education reforms should be conducted according to the accepted criteria;
- (iii) of the courses of action taken to introduce new education reforms to Sri Lanka; and
- (iv) of the courses of action adopted for implementing those reforms?

(b) If not, why?

Friday, April 25, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

12/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of Dedicated Economic Centers that have been established in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) their locations;
- (iii) the purpose of establishing such Dedicated Economic Centers; and
- (iv) the measures that would be adopted to regularize the business and administrative matters of such centers?

(b) If not, why?

76/2024

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 there are drainage systems that need to be renovated and that need to be established newly within the areas belonging to the Batticaloa Municipal Council and in areas adjacent to it;

(16)

- (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to renovate the existing drainage systems and to establish new drainage systems; and
- (iii) if so, of the action that will be taken in that regard?

(b) If not, why?

95/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) names of the major ports in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) income and expenditure of each of such ports in each year from 2015 up until now, separately; and
- (iii) measures that have been taken to develop the said ports?

(b) If not, why?

214/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of prisons existing in Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) names of those prisons;
- (iii) number of prisoners detained in each of those prisons at present, separately; and
- (iv) steps that will be taken to reduce congestion prevailing in those prisons?

(b) If not, why?

583/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of training centres that are run by the National Youth Services Council in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the number of training centres situated in Matara District;
- (iii) of the number of training centres situated within the Akuressa Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (iv) of the number of training centres situated within the Athuraliya Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (v) whether a building of one such centre that is abandoned after its construction halted halfway, has been informed of;

(17)

- (vi) of the reasons for halting the construction of the building concerned halfway; and
 - (vii) of the plans in place to renovate that building and use it for the benefit of the youth community?
- (b) If not, why?

605/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) of the number of Early Childhood Development Centres (Pre-schools) currently registered in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the minimum educational qualification that must be possessed by the pre-school wardens serving in those pre-schools;
 - (iii) of the number of pre-school wardens currently serving who have fulfilled the above minimum educational qualification; and
 - (iv) whether a single syllabus, or any other such guiding mechanism has been introduced for every pre-school?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
- (i) whether she admits that pre-school education is the most crucial and important sector among pre-school, primary, secondary, tertiary, university and other educational sectors; and
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to bring pre-school education directly under the Ministry of Education and develop it more effectively?
- (c) If not, why?

612/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindrancee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the objectives behind the establishment of the National Health Development Fund;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has been received as donations by the said Fund from the year 2015 up to now;
 - (iii) of the projects that were implemented under the said Fund;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the National Audit Report has stated that the money received as donations to the said Fund has been used for purposes outside the objectives of the said Fund; and

- (v) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

632/2025

Hon. Mujibur Rahman,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether Israeli religious and cultural centers have been established in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the areas where the said centers have been established; and
 - (iii) whether legal approval has been obtained for the establishment of those centers?
- (b) If not, why?

635/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of Sri Lankan workers who have migrated to Israel to work as caregivers from 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) procedure that has been adopted in selecting them;
 - (iii) steps that have been taken to provide them with the necessary training; and
 - (iv) measures that have been taken to provide the job opportunities referred to above in a transparent manner?
- (b) If not, why?

649/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which Azad Maulana made a statement to Channel 4 regarding the Easter attacks in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether she is aware that an widespread dialog took place in the society regarding the statement concerned; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to bring Azad Maulana to Sri Lanka and record further statements in that regard?
 - (b) If not, why?
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