



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 40.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, March 14, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

126/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) total amount of loans that Sri Lanka has obtained from the International Monetary Fund during the period from 01.01.2024 to 21.09.2024;
- (ii) total amount of loans that Sri Lanka has obtained from the International Monetary Fund during the period from 21.09.2024 to date;
- (iii) number of occasions on which the amount of loans referred to in (ii) above were obtained;
- (iv) purpose for which the said loans were obtained;
- (v) interest rate that is charged on those loans; and
- (vi) date on which the repayment of the loan installments of those loans should be commenced and the date on which the loans be completely paid off, separately?

(b) If not, why?

2.

155/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the Government of Sri Lanka has entered into agreements with the Adani Group of India or any of its subsidiaries to promote wind power and solar power in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so, whether aforesaid agreement will be submitted;
- (iii) of the primary objectives of the aforesaid agreement;

(2)

- (iv) of the basis on which the aforesaid company was given the opportunity to generate electricity in Sri Lanka, without calling for competitive tenders;
 - (v) whether he admit that the aforesaid company does not fall within the meaning of “Government to Government” as per the Sri Lanka Electricity Act; and
 - (vi) of the policy of the government regarding the aforesaid agreement?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

190/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the government has announced on various occasions that the electricity tariff would be revised;
 - (ii) of the date on which the electricity tariff was last revised;
 - (iii) if the electricity tariff is to be revised in the future, of the details of the revision;
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken regarding the statement made by the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka that the Ceylon Electricity Board is taking a long time to submit their proposals for electricity tariff revision; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken to further revise the electricity tariff?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

293/2024

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

- (a) Will he admit that the —
- (i) premises of the Ashroff Memorial Hospital in Kalmunai including its surgical wards, intensive care units, general wards, outpatient departments, clinics, and pharmaceutical warehouses were inundated due to the heavy floods caused by heavy rainfall which occurred in November 2024 in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) hospital became defunct because of that; and
 - (iii) hospital premises where patients receive treatment must be safeguarded?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the losses caused to the hospital by the floods have been assessed;
 - (ii) if so, of the damage concerned above;
 - (iii) of the steps taken to restore the damages; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to prevent such occurrences in the future and safeguard the hospital premises more?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

302/2024

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

- (a) Will she separately inform this House of the number of —
- (i) grade one students admitted annually to government and private schools;
 - (ii) students admitted as per (i) above over the last five years;
 - (iii) school and private students who sat for and passed the G.C.E. (O/L) and G.C.E. (A/L) examination in the past three years; and
 - (iv) students who qualified for and gained admission to government universities from the above G.C.E. (A/L) candidates?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of the —
- (i) steps taken for students who qualified for university admission but did not secure entry;
 - (ii) number of such students who enrolled in private universities in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) number of students went overseas for higher education and annual estimated cost in SLR and USD for students studying at foreign universities over the past five years, separately; and
 - (iv) total allocation for education and its percentage of Gross Domestic Product over the past five years, separately?
- (c) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Twentieth Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress, 12th March).

*2.

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 and Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*3.

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 and Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*4.

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 and Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*5.

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 and Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*6.

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 and Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*7.

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 and Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*8.

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 and Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*9.

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 and 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 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 and 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 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 and Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*12.

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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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)

*15.

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)

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*16.

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)

*17.

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)

*18.

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)

*19.

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 and Transport on 08.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.07.2024)

*20.

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 and Transport on 08.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.07.2024)

*21.

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.)

*22.

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.)

*23.

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.)

*24.

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.)

*25.

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.)

*26.

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.)

*27.

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”.