



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 43.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

495/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the Janatha Lanka Chillie Marketing Limited is situated in the Mihintale Agrarian Service area;
- (ii) whether a loan of Rs. 1,275,000/- has been granted to that company by the Mihintale Govijana Seva Bank in 2001;
- (iii) if so, of the basis on which that loan was granted;
- (iv) whether that loan will be recovered;
- (v) if so, of the basis on which the said loan will be recovered;
- (vi) whether a decision has been taken not to collect the interest of Rs. 1,975,233/- of the loan; and
- (vii) if so, of the reasons for that?

(b) If not, why?

2.

496/2025

Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of Sri Lankan television channels that are broadcast in Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) number of government television channels and the number of private television channels that are among them, separately;
- (iii) names of the government and the private television channels, separately?

(2)

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether he accepts that a code of ethics should exist for the media;
- (ii) of the manner in which the aforesaid code of ethics is being enforced in respect of the Sri Lankan television channels;
- (iii) of the manner in which focus has been made on the programmes that are being broadcast on television channels at present ;
- (iv) whether an investigative course of action is going to be implemented in respect of the programs concerned; and
- (v) if so, of the manner in which such course of action is going to be implemented?

(c) If not, why?

3.

498/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) magnitude of damage that was caused to cultivations by wild animals in 2024;
- (ii) resultant economic loss incurred; and
- (iii) measures that have been taken so far to mitigate the damage caused to cultivations by wild animals?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the number of firearms issued to farmers in order to protect cultivations;
- (ii) whether he is aware that a bullet used in such firearms costs Rs.450/;
- (iii) whether he is aware that farmers are severely inconvenienced as a result; and
- (iv) if so, of the measures that would be adopted in this regard?

(c) If not, why?

4.

502/2025

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) whether she admits that there is a salary anomaly in the teachers' and the principals' services;

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- (ii) of the plan in place to resolve it;
 - (iii) whether she is aware that the module requirements must be met for promotions as per the Teachers' Service Minute;
 - (iv) whether she is aware that problems such as missing out on promotions, non-receipt of salary increments and delays in service confirmation have arisen due to failure to complete module requirements;
 - (v) of the plan course of action in place to resolve the problems referred to above; and
 - (vi) of the dates on which the above problems will be resolved?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
- (i) whether she is aware that problems have arisen regarding seniority due to the limited and the open recruitments are being conducted in two time frames as per the Service Minute;
 - (ii) whether there are obstacles to resolving the said problems so arise; and
 - (iii) of the course of action in place to resolve the above problems?
- (c) Will she further inform this House—
- (i) whether the placement of officers in the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service has been regularised; and
 - (ii) if not, of the course of action in place in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

505/2025

Hon. Kitnan Selvaraj,—To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the people in the Estates do not get clean drinking water;
 - (ii) of the number of Drinking Water Projects implemented in the Estates in the Badulla district by the government and the Plantation Human Development Trust after 1992; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money spent on each such project and their current state, separately?

(4)

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the water project carried out at the new housing scheme at Punagala LLG, Kepkade in the Badulla district has not been completed;
- (ii) of the amount of money allocated for that project; and
- (iii) whether the said amount has been released in full at present?

(c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Twenty Third Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress, 17th March).

*2.

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)

*3.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2417/20 of 31st December 2024, which was presented on 06.03.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2421/03 of 27th January 2025, which was presented on 06.03.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

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)

*14.

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)

*15.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Annual Report of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 05.07.2023 under Section 110 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education on 24.08.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 21.09.2023)

*16.

Proceeds of Crime Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(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”.
