



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 44.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

506/2025

Hon. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi,—To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Saumyamoorthi Thondaman Memorial Foundation is an institution which has been incorporated by an Act of Parliament;
- (ii) of the number of members of its staff;
- (iii) of the assets owned by the above foundation;
- (iv) of the amount allocated to that Foundation by the Budget from 2020 to 2024 for each year separately; and
- (v) whether that foundation has been subjected to an audit during the period referred to above?

(b) If not, why?

2.

507/2025

Hon. Dinesh Hemantha,—To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of trained assistants who have been recruited to protect the anti-elephant electric fencing in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) out of them, of the number of those who have been confirmed in their service by now;
- (iii) whether there is a legal impediment against confirming the service of the trained assistants who have not been confirmed in their service yet;
- (iv) if not, of the reasons for not confirming them in service;

(2)

- (v) whether there is a definite course of action to confirm the service of the trained assistants who have not been confirmed in their service; and
- (vi) if so, of the nature of the said course of action?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

511/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of government sports complexes existing in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether a government sports complex has been established in the Kurunegala District;
 - (iii) if so, of the location of the sports complex referred to above;
 - (iv) of the place where the said sports complex had been proposed to be constructed;
 - (v) whether action was taken to construct the sports complex at another place; and
 - (vi) if so, of the reasons for that?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the sports for which facilities were to be provided in the sports complex concerned;
 - (ii) of the sports for which facilities have been provided in the sports complex at present;
 - (iii) of the estimated cost for the construction of the sports complex;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to fully complete the construction of the sports complex; and
 - (v) if so, of the date on which the construction of the sports complex will be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

514/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika,—To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of political prisoners currently in detention;

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- (ii) period of detention of each political prisoner, the charges against them, and the Act used to detain them separately; and
- (iii) strategy in place for the release of those political prisoners?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

517/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of schools that have been designated as National Schools under the programme to establish 1000 National Schools in each of the Divisional Secretariat Division, separately;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that was allocated separately for the construction of name board and main entrance gate of each of the said National Schools;
 - (iii) whether the schools concerned are currently administered by the line Ministry or by the respective Provincial Council;
 - (iv) accordingly, of the total number of National Schools that have been established up to now;
 - (v) of the names of those schools; and
 - (vi) whether the physical resources of the said National Schools will be developed and the schools will be brought under the purview of the line Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Ministerial Consultative Committees,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 112 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06 December 2024, as decided by the Committee of Selection on 15 March 2025, each Ministerial Consultative Committee shall consist of Cabinet Minister in charge of the relevant subject as the Chair, State Minister, Deputy Minister and twenty nine (29) other Members of Parliament to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve during the First Session of the Tenth Parliament.

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2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Legislative Standing Committee,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 113 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06 December 2024, as decided by the Committee of Selection on 15 March 2025, the Legislative Standing Committee shall consist of the Deputy Speaker as the Chair, the Deputy Chairperson of Committees and fifteen (15) other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve during the First Session of the Tenth Parliament.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament, — Committee on Parliamentary Business, — That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 115 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament with amendments on 06 December 2024, as decided by the Committee of Selection on 15 March 2025, the Committee on Parliamentary Business shall consist of the Speaker as the Chair, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairperson of Committees, the Leader of the House of Parliament, the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, the Chief Government Whip, the Chief Opposition Whip and twenty (20) other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve during the First Session of the Tenth Parliament.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Committee on Standing Orders,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 116 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06 December 2024, as decided by the Committee of Selection on 15 March 2025, the Committee on Standing Orders shall consist of the Speaker as the Chair, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairperson of Committees and ten (10) other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve during the First Session of the Tenth Parliament.

5.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— House Committee,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 117 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06 December 2024, as decided by the Committee of Selection on 15 March 2025, the House Committee shall consist of the Speaker as the Chair and fifteen (15) other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve during the First Session of the Tenth Parliament.

6.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Committee on Ethics and Privileges,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 118 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06 December 2024, as decided by the Committee of Selection on 15 March 2025, the Committee on Ethics and Privileges shall consist of eighteen (18) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve during the First Session of the Tenth Parliament.

7.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Committee on Public Accounts,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 119 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06 December 2024, as decided by the Committee of Selection on 15 March 2025, the Committee on Public Accounts shall consist of thirty one (31) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve during the First Session of the Tenth Parliament.

8.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Committee on Public Enterprises,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 120 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06 December 2024, as decided by the Committee of Selection on 15 March 2025, the Committee on Public Enterprises shall consist of thirty one (31) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve during the First Session of the Tenth Parliament.

9.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Committee on Public Finance,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 121 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06 December 2024, as decided by the Committee of Selection on 15 March 2025, the Committee on Public Finance shall consist of eighteen (18) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve during the First Session of the Tenth Parliament.

10.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Committee on Ways and Means,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 124 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06 December 2024, as decided by the Committee of Selection on 15 March 2025, the Committee on Ways and Means shall consist of twenty three (23) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve during the First Session of the Tenth Parliament.

11.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Committee on Public Petitions,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 125 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06 December 2024, as decided by the Committee of Selection on 15 March 2025, the Committee on Public Petitions shall consist of twenty nine (29) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve during the First Session of the Tenth Parliament.

12.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Committee on High Posts,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 127 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06 December 2024, as decided by the Committee of Selection on 15 March 2025, the Committee on High Posts shall consist of nineteen (19) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

13.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Backbencher Committee,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 129 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06 December 2024, as decided by the Committee of Selection on 15 March 2025, the Backbencher Committee shall consist of the Chief Government Whip, the Chief Opposition Whip, eight (08) Backbenchers from the Government and eight (08) Backbenchers from the Opposition to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve during the First Session of the Tenth Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Twenty Fourth Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress, 18th March).

*2.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

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*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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)

*15.

Proceeds of Crime Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

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”.
