



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 47.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, April 08, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

276/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Labour,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the number of files that are newly opened for employees under the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) and the Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) can be used as an indicator for assessing the economic development;
 - (ii) of the number of files that were newly opened under the Employees' Provident Fund and the Employees' Trust Fund in November 2024, separately;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to present the number of files that are newly opened under the Employees' Provident Fund and the Employees' Trust Fund every month commencing from December 2024 to Parliament; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date of the month on which the aforesaid information will be presented to Parliament?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

383/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of Depots that belong to the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (ii) Depots that make profits and the Depots that incur losses out of those referred to above, separately;
 - (iii) measures to be adopted in regard to the Depots that incur losses;
 - (iv) number of buses owned by the Board;

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- (v) number of those buses that are currently deployed in running operations and the number of buses that have been removed from the fleet out of the number of buses referred to above, separately;
 - (vi) reasons for removing the buses from the fleet; and
 - (vii) total number of employees of the Sri Lanka Transport Board?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
- (i) number of railway stations in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) number of trains that are currently deployed in running operations and the number of trains that have been removed from the fleet, separately;
 - (iii) reasons for removing trains from the fleet;
 - (iv) number of new trains that are currently deployed in running operations;
 - (v) total number of employees of the Department of Railways; and
 - (vi) number of casual employees and the number of permanent employees of that Department, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

424/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,—To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the project to provide drinking water to Vavuniya town was implemented during the years 2010-2011 with the financial assistance of the Asian Development Bank, and that paddy fields, farmlands, houses and religious places were acquired for that purpose;
 - (ii) a tripartite agreement was signed on 05.11.2013 among the Farmers' Organizations, the Divisional Secretary and the National Water Supply and Drainage Board in this regard so that no prejudice would be caused to the farmers and the land owners;
 - (iii) issuing of permits for the alternative lands provided in place of the acquired lands, and providing proper irrigation facilities and establishing and renovating access roads for those lands have not been done up until now;
 - (iv) members of the affected farming families have not been provided with jobs under the abovementioned water supply project on a priority basis so far; and

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- (v) no action has been taken to channel the additional water overflowing from the anicuts to the renovated tanks belonging to the Department of Agrarian Development?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken to resolve the issues referred to above?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

427/2025

Hon. Imran Maharroof,—To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the names of the areas in the Trincomalee District that have been provided with drinking water by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board and those areas that have not been provided so;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that around 5000 families living in the areas of Kuchchaveli, Pudavaikattu, Tiriiai and Salappaiyaru, which belong to the Kuchchaveli Divisional Secretariat Division, have faced immense difficulty in obtaining drinking water as the National Water Supply and Drainage Board has not provided drinking water to those areas;
 - (iii) whether plans have been made to provide drinking water to the said areas expeditiously ;
 - (iv) whether plans have been made to improve the drinking water facilities in the Trincomalee District as a whole?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of hours for which the drinking water supply was disconnected in the Kinniya Divisional Secretariat Division from 01.01.2022 to 01.01.2024; and
 - (ii) main reason for the aforesaid disconnection of the water supply ?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

445/2025

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the soldiers recruited into the tri Forces under the Special Recruitments (enlisted) have been deployed in duties related to various occupations;

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- (ii) they have been permitted to perform duties in civilian clothes or in workwear without wearing the uniforms relevant to their services; and
 - (iii) accordingly, a problem has emerged as 43 soldiers employed in duties at the Information Technology Division of the Sri Lanka Navy have been instructed to wear uniforms?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) of the number of soldiers who have been recruited under special recruitments and are currently in service, separately;
 - (ii) of the respective duties assigned to them and the privileges they are entitled to separately;
 - (iii) whether they can wear their service uniforms in addition to civilian clothes;
 - (iv) if so, of the instances in which they can do so;
 - (v) of the authorities that undertake the issuance of instructions/ circulars/orders relating to them;
 - (vi) whether they may be ordered to wear uniforms at the discretion of the Head of the Institution;
 - (vii) whether the soldiers referred to in (a) (iii) above perform their duties in service uniform; and
 - (viii) if not, whether they perform duties in civilian clothes or in workwear?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

569/2025

Hon. Ravindra 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 is aware that money has been provided to various individuals by the President's Fund for completing a PhD or other higher education programmes at foreign universities under the strict condition that they must return to Sri Lanka and serve this country;
 - (ii) whether money has been provided accordingly by the President's Fund to the children, relatives and friends of the former Presidents, Ministers and Members of Parliament after 2005;
 - (iii) if so, of the number of individuals to whom money has been provided in this manner, their names and the names of the respective politicians to whom they are related, separately;

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- (iv) out of the above-named individuals, of the number of those who have returned to Sri Lanka after completing their PhDs and the number of those who have not returned to Sri Lanka, separately;
- (v) of the action that has been taken regarding the individuals who have not returned to Sri Lanka;
- (vi) whether legal action has been taken against them; and
- (vii) whether the money spent by the government on their behalf has been recovered from them?

(b) If not, why?

7.

570/2025

Hon. Waruna Liyanage,—To ask the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— (1)

(a) Will he accept that the —

- (i) Sri Lanka Samurdhi Authority, established in the year 1995, was transformed into the Department of Samurdhi Development in the year 2013 and currently employs about 25,000 employees;
- (ii) payment of pensions to the employees who have retired from the aforesaid department has been stopped for about a year and they and their dependents have been in great difficulty as a result; and
- (iii) election manifesto of the present government has also assured that the aforesaid problem will be resolved expeditiously?

(b) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) reasons for not paying pensions to the aforesaid employees, be it by withholding the retirement gratuity amount as a temporary measure;
- (ii) measures that will be taken to provide a permanent solution for aforesaid matter?

(c) If not, why?

8.

574/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the program to provide freehold deeds to the owners of deeds to government lands, which was implemented by the previous government, will be continued;
- (ii) of the number of freehold deeds that have been granted under the program so far;

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- (iii) whether he is aware that the owners of deeds to government lands have surrendered their deeds to the respective Divisional Secretariats in order to obtain freehold deeds under the aforesaid program; and
- (iv) of the manner in which deeds, which have been surrendered to the Divisional Secretariats, will be returned?

(b) If not, why?

9.

576/2025

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) whether any form of regulating is in place regarding the private tuition classes that are conducted targeting the G.C.E. (O/L) and the G.C.E. (A/L) Examinations;
- (ii) if not, of the reasons for not regulating them;
- (iii) whether she is aware of the teachers who conduct the above-mentioned private tuition classes and of their educational qualifications;
- (iv) if not, of the reasons for not being aware of such information;
- (v) whether she is aware that private tuition classes are conducted at present targeting the G.C.E. (O/L) and the G.C.E. (A/L) Examinations from 8.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. on school days;
- (vi) whether appropriate action will be taken regarding conducting of the tuition classes concerned above;
- (vii) if not, of the reasons for not taking action regarding it; and
- (viii) of the steps that will be taken regarding the adverse impact that is caused to government schools due to conducting of private tuition classes as mentioned in (v) above?

(b) If not, why?

10.

584/2025

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

(a) Is he aware that the —

- (i) Chilaw General Hospital has not been developed in a long time; and
- (ii) patients visiting the above hospital are severely inconvenienced as a result?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether there is a plan to upgrade the aforesaid hospital into one consisting of all facilities; and
 - (ii) if so, of the course of action in order to achieve it?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Proceeds of Crime Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice and National Integration under Section 7(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No. 2 of 2013, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2418/28 of 08th January 2025, which was presented on 20.03.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

3.

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Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody
Hon. Ashoka Gunasena
Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga
Hon. Dinindu Saman Hennayake
Hon. Ravindra Bandara
Hon. (Ms.) Ambika Samivel
Hon. Aravinda Senarath
Hon. (Mrs.) Oshani Umanga
Hon. (Mrs.) Sagarika Athauda, Attorney at Law
Hon. Sugath Thilakaratne
Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara
Hon. Mayilvaganam Jegatheeswaran
Hon. Upali Samarasingha
Hon. (Dr.) Sandaruwan Madarasinghe
Hon. Eranga Weeraratne
Hon. (Dr.) Namal Sudarshana
Hon. (Dr.) Hansaka Wijemuni
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Sugath Wasantha de Silva
Hon. (Mrs.) Hasara Liyanage, Attorney at Law
Hon. Sunil Rajapaksha
Hon. Namal Karunaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) A.M.M.M. Rathwaththe
Hon. Wasantha Piyathissa
Hon. Kanchana Welipitiya
Hon. R.G. Wijerathna
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Hon. (Dr.) Prasanna Gunasena
Hon. Gayan Janaka
Hon. Bhagya Sri Herath, Attorney at Law
Hon. Dinesh Hemantha
Hon. Ajith Gihan

Hon. Danushka Ranganath
Hon. (Dr.)(Ms.) Kaushalya Ariyaratne
Hon. Sunil Watagala, Attorney at Law
Hon. Harshana Nanayakkara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Asoka Sapumal Ranwala
Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake
Hon. Aboobucker Athambawa
Hon. (Mrs.) M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani
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Hon. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra, Attorney at Law
Hon. Ruwan Mapalagama
Hon. (Dr.) Chrishantha Abeysena
Hon. Lasith Bhashana Gamage
Hon. Fasmin Sharif
Hon. Darmapriya Wijesinghe
Hon. Mahinda Jayasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Harshana Suriyapperuma
Hon. Shantha Pathma Kumara Subasingha
Hon. Padmasiri Bandara
Hon. Nandana Pathmakumara
Hon. Nimal Palihena
Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara
Hon. Ajith Agalakada
Hon. Dharmapriya Dissanayake

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Hon. Lal Premanath
Hon. Nalin Hewage
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Hon. Stepni Fernando
Hon. Nishantha Perera
Hon. K. Ilankumaran
Hon. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi
Hon. (Dr.) Susil Ranasinghe
Hon. Upul Kithsiri
Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna
Hon. Wasantha Pushpa Kumara

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Hon. (Dr.) Upali Pannilage

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayatissa

Hon. Sunil Kumara Gamage

Hon. Eranga Gunasekara

Hon. (Mrs.) Nilanthi Kottahachchi, Attorney at Law,— Resolution to appoint a Committee of Inquiry in terms of Section 5 of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002, to remove the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. T.M.W. Deshabandu Tennakoon from the office of the Inspector-General of Police for misconduct and gross abuse of power of his office in terms of Sections 3(d) and 3(e) read with Section 5 of the said Act,— whereas, the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. T.M.W. Deshabandu Tennakoon (hereinafter referred to as Deshabandu Tennakoon) at one point of time functioned as the Senior Deputy Inspector-General of Police of the Western Province;

whereas, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon was then appointed as the Acting Inspector-General of Police on or about 21-11-2023 by the former President;

whereas, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon was thereafter appointed as the Inspector-General of Police with effect from 26-02-2024 by the former President claiming that the Constitutional Council has approved his appointment as the Inspector-General of Police;

whereas, several citizen have challenged the said appointment of Deshabandu Tennakoon as the Inspector-General of Police in nine Fundamental Rights Petitions bearing Nos: SC FR 67/2024, SC FR 68/2024, SC FR 71/2024, SC FR 72/2024, SC FR 75/2024, SC FR 79/2024, SC FR 80/2024, SC FR 82/2024 and SC FR 84/2024 in the Supreme Court;

whereas, upon consideration of the totality of the material placed before it, the Supreme Court by its Order dated 24-07-2024 has decided to grant Leave to Proceed to the Petitioners of the afore-mentioned Fundamental Rights Petitions under Article 12(1) of the Constitution on the basis that the aforesaid Petitioners have made out a strong *prima facie* case on the question of the Constitutionality of the appointment of the said Deshabandu Tennakoon as the Inspector-General of Police, which the Supreme Court by the said Order held to be suggestive of the said appointment being contrary to the applicable provisions of the Constitution;

whereas, upon a consideration of the said strong *prima facie* case presented by the afore-mentioned Petitioners, the Supreme Court has also decided to make an Interim Order restraining the said Deshabandu Tennakoon from exercising the powers, functions and responsibilities of the office of the Inspector-General of Police, to be valid until the final determination of those Cases;

whereas, pursuant to the said Order of the Supreme Court, the President has subsequently appointed an Acting Inspector-General of Police to exercise the powers, functions and responsibilities of the office of the Inspector-General of Police;

Whereas, it has now come to light that the said Deshabandu Tennakoon is a person unfit to hold the office of the Inspector-General of Police as he has engaged himself in incidents of misconduct and gross abuse of power of his office, the particulars of which are more fully set out below:—

1. whereas, on or about 30-12-2023, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon in his capacity as the Senior Deputy Inspector-General of Police of the Western Province and Acting Inspector-General of Police, illegally caused an armed team of Police officers belonging to the Colombo Crime Division consisting of eight members namely Chief Inspector Anslem De Silva, Inspector Mahesh Ruwan Dunusinghe, Inspector Jagath Nishantha, Sub Inspector Roshan Madhuranga, Police Sergeant 69480 Prasantha Kumara, Police Sergeant 57241 Maningamuwa Gedera Upul Chaminda Kumara, Police Constable 2204 Supun Priyashan, Police Constable Driver 89728 Duleep Gihan Piyatissa to be sent to Pelena, Weligama in a surreptitious manner and thereby committed an act of misconduct in terms of Section 3(d) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;
2. whereas, on or about 30-12-2023, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon in his capacity as the Senior Deputy Inspector-General of Police of the Western Province and Acting Inspector-General of Police, illegally caused an armed team of Police officers belonging to the Colombo Crime Division consisting of eight members namely Chief Inspector Anslem De Silva, Inspector Mahesh Ruwan Dunusinghe, Inspector Jagath Nishantha, Sub Inspector Roshan

Madhuranga, Police Sergeant 69480 Prasantha Kumara, Police Sergeant 57241 Maningamuwa Gedera Upul Chaminda Kumara, Police Constable 2204 Supun Priyashan, Police Constable Driver 89728 Duleep Gihan Piyatissa to be sent to Pelena, Weligama in a surreptitious manner and thereby committed a gross abuse of power of his office in terms of Section 3(e) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;

3. whereas, on or about 30-12-2023, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon in his capacity as the Senior Deputy Inspector-General of Police of the Western Province and Acting Inspector-General of Police, illegally caused the said armed team of Police officers belonging to the Colombo Crime Division consisting of eight members to use the Vehicle No: WP PK 7225 belonging to the Police, to go to Pelena, Weligama in a surreptitious manner to facilitate their engagement in an illegal activity or crime, namely to open fire at W 15 Hotel at Pelena, Weligama in a surreptitious manner and thereby committed an act of misconduct in terms of Section 3(d) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;
4. whereas, on or about 30-12-2023, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon in his capacity as the Senior Deputy Inspector-General of Police of the Western Province and Acting Inspector-General of Police, illegally caused the said armed team of Police officers belonging to the Colombo Crime Division consisting of eight members to use the Vehicle No: WP PK 7225 belonging to the Police, to go to Pelena, Weligama in a surreptitious manner to facilitate their engagement in an illegal activity or crime, namely, to open fire at W 15 Hotel at Pelena, Weligama in a surreptitious manner and thereby committed a gross abuse of power of his office in terms of Section 3(e) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;
5. whereas, on or about 30-12-2023, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon in his capacity as the Senior Deputy Inspector-General of Police of the Western Province and Acting Inspector-General of Police, illegally caused the said armed team of Police officers belonging to the Colombo Crime Division consisting of eight members to engage in an illegal activity or crime, namely, to open fire at W 15 Hotel at Pelena, Weligama in a surreptitious manner and thereby committed an act of misconduct in terms of Section 3(d) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;
6. whereas, on or about 30-12-2023, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon in his capacity as the Senior Deputy Inspector-General of Police of the Western Province and Acting Inspector-General of Police, illegally caused the said armed team of Police officers belonging to the Colombo Crime Division consisting of eight members to engage in an illegal activity or crime, namely, to open fire at W 15 Hotel at Pelena, Weligama in a surreptitious manner and thereby committed a gross abuse of power of his office in terms of Section 3(e) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;
7. whereas, on or about 30-12-2023, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon in his capacity as the Senior Deputy Inspector-General of Police of the Western

Province and Acting Inspector-General of Police, knowing very well that the said armed team of Police officers belonging to the Colombo Crime Division consisting of eight members had engaged in an illegal activity or crime, namely, opening fire at W 15 Hotel at Pelena, Weligama in a surreptitious manner has failed to take any action in that regard and thereby committed an act of misconduct in terms of Section 3(d) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;

8. whereas, on or about 30-12-2023, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon in his capacity as the Senior Deputy Inspector-General of Police of the Western Province and Acting Inspector-General of Police, knowing very well that the said armed team of Police officers belonging to the Colombo Crime Division consisting of eight members had engaged in an illegal activity or crime, namely, opening fire at W 15 Hotel at Pelena, Weligama in a surreptitious manner has failed to take any action in that regard and thereby committed a gross abuse of power of his office in terms of Section 3(e) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;
9. whereas, on or about 30-12-2023, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon in his capacity as the Senior Deputy Inspector-General of Police of the Western Province and Acting Inspector-General of Police, knowing very well that two of the said armed team of Police officers belonging to the Colombo Crime Division, namely Police Sergeant 57241 Maningamuwa Gedera Upul Chaminda Kumara and Sub Inspector Roshan Madhuranga had received gun-shot injuries in the course of engaging in the aforesaid illegal activity or crime at Pelena, Weligama, has failed to take any action in that regard and thereby committed an act of misconduct in terms of Section 3(d) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;
10. whereas, on or about 30-12-2023, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon in his capacity as the Senior Deputy Inspector-General of Police of the Western Province and Acting Inspector-General of Police, knowing very well that two armed Police officers belonging to the Colombo Crime Division, namely Police Sergeant 57241 Maningamuwa Gedera Upul Chaminda Kumara and Sub Inspector Roshan Madhuranga, had received gun-shot injuries in the course of engaging in the aforesaid illegal activity or crime at Pelena, Weligama, has failed to take any action in that regard and thereby committed a gross abuse of power of his office in terms of Section 3(e) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;
11. whereas, on or about 30-12-2023, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon in his capacity as the Senior Deputy Inspector-General of Police of the Western Province and Acting Inspector-General of Police, knowing very well that two armed Police officers belonging to the Colombo Crime Division, namely Police Sergeant 57241 Maningamuwa Gedera Upul Chaminda Kumara and Sub Inspector Roshan Madhuranga had received gun-shot injuries in the course of engaging in the aforesaid illegal activity or crime at Pelena,

Weligama, has instructed the other members of the said armed team of Police officers to surreptitiously return to Colombo without the injured being taken to the nearest hospital and thereby committed an act of misconduct in terms of Section 3(d) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;

12. whereas, on or about 30-12-2023, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon in his capacity as the Senior Deputy Inspector-General of Police of the Western Province and as the Acting Inspector-General of Police, knowing very well that two armed Police officers belonging to the Colombo Crime Division, namely Police Sergeant 57241 Maningamuwa Gedera Upul Chaminda Kumara and Sub Inspector Roshan Madhuranga had received gun-shot injuries in the course of engaging in the aforesaid illegal activity or crime at Pelena, Weligama, has instructed the other members of the said armed team of Police officers to surreptitiously return to Colombo without the injured being taken to the nearest hospital and thereby committed a gross abuse of power of his office in terms of Section 3(e) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;
13. whereas, on or about 30-12-2023, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon in his capacity as the Senior Deputy Inspector-General of Police of the Western Province and Acting Inspector-General of Police, conspired with the other members of the said armed team of Police officers belonging to the Colombo Crime Division and facilitated their engagement in an illegal activity or crime, namely, to open fire at W 15 Hotel at Pelena, Weligama by aiding and abetting them and thereby committed an act of misconduct in terms of Section 3(d) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;
14. whereas, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon in his capacity as the Senior Deputy Inspector-General of Police of the Western Province and Acting Inspector-General of Police conspired with the other members of the said armed team of Police officers belonging to the Colombo Crime Division and facilitated their engagement in an illegal activity or crime, namely to open fire at W 15 Hotel at Pelena, Weligama by aiding and abetting them and thereby committed a gross abuse of power of his office in terms of Section 3(e) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;
15. whereas, on or about 30-12-2023, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon in his capacity as the Senior Deputy Inspector-General of Police of the Western Province and Acting Inspector-General of Police, conspired with the other members of the said armed team of Police officers belonging to the Colombo Crime Division and facilitated their engagement in an illegal activity or crime, namely, by aiding and abetting them to go to Pelena, Weligama and thereby committed an act of misconduct in terms of Section 3(d) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;
16. whereas, on or about 30-12-2023, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon in his

capacity as the Senior Deputy Inspector-General of Police of the Western Province and Acting Inspector-General of Police conspired with the other members of the said armed team of Police officers belonging to the Colombo Crime Division and facilitated their engagement in an illegal activity or crime namely, by aiding and abetting them to go to Pelena, Weligama and thereby committed a gross abuse of power of his office in terms of Section 3(e) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;

17. whereas, during the period from 27-02-2025 to 19-03-2025, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon being the Inspector-General of Police went into hiding by disobeying the Orders made by the Hon. Magistrate of Matara in Case No. B R 6314/2023 on 27-02-2025 and the other orders incidental thereto including the issuance of warrants in that case, and thereby committed an act unbecoming and unsuitable to the office of the Inspector-General of Police which amounts to an act of misconduct in terms of Section 3(d) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;
18. whereas, during the period from 27-02-2025 to 19-03-2025, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon being the Inspector-General of Police went into hiding by disobeying the Orders made by the Hon. Magistrate of Matara in Case No. B R 6314/2023 on 27-02-2025 and the other orders incidental thereto including the issuance of warrants in that case, and thereby committed a gross abuse of power of his office in terms of Section 3(e) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;
19. whereas, during the period from 27-02-2025, to 19-03-2025, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon being the Inspector-General of Police evaded arrest and failed to corporate with the Orders made by the Hon. Magistrate of Matara in Case No. B R 6314/2023 on 27-02-2025 and the other orders incidental thereto including the issuance of warrants made from time to time by the Hon. Magistrate of Matara in that Case, and remained in hiding undermining the due process of law; tarnished the image and the reputation of the Police Department, which is the very institution entrusted with the task of upholding the rule of law, justice and law enforcement; caused the erosion of the public confidence in the Police Department and the administration of judicial system as a whole and thereby committed an act unbecoming and unsuitable to the office of the Inspector-General of Police which amounts to an act of misconduct in terms of Section 3(d) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;
20. whereas, on 09-05-2022 the said Deshabandu Tennakoon in his capacity as the Senior Deputy Inspector-General of Police of the Western Province had failed or omitted to act to prevent the commission of offences punishable under Sections 314, 316, 343, and 300 of the Penal Code by certain other persons

namely: Liyanarachchige Nishantha Mendis, Suduwadewage Subash Jayashantha Fernando, Sinhara Amal Pushpakumara de Silva, Vithana Pathiranage Milan Sajith Jayathilaka, Kurugamage Sanath Nishantha Perera, Liyanage Abeyratne Suresh Priyasath alias Dan Priyasath, Wannakuwaduge Samanlal Fernando, Gamlath Jayantha Rohana, Liyanage Geethaka Perera, Jayamanna Kankanamlage Bandula Wijekumara, Pushpalal Kumarasiri, Amithananda Abeywickrema, Kompannage Mini Prashanthi Fonseka alias Welle Ramani, Asanka Nayaka Wijesinghe alias Satha Nalaka alias Arabi Wasantha, Kespalage Don Aruna Priyashantha, Ajantha Liyanage, Goniymalige Supemsiri Aponso, Samarakkodi Jayalath Wasantha Sarojini Jayalath alias Handapangoda, Thelge Ariyadasa Peiris, Keerigama Pamunuwage Narendra Dulip Fernando, Kahandagamage Mahindaratne, Nishantha Chamin Upatissa Jayasinghe, Jhonston Fernando, Kuruppuarachchige Don Sajith Saranga, Ranabahu Mudiyansele Thusitha Sampath Nanayakkara, Horanage Pradeep Shriyantha Fernando, Liyanage Shanaka Antony Fernando, Mahawattage Priyanath Mackenzy Fernando, Babina Hannadige Gayan Pushpakumara Peiris, Kapuwattagedera Prageeth Sujeewa Bandara, Kuruppu Mudiyansele Lalith Udesa Madhubhanu, all being suspects in MC Fort Case No. B 22046/2022 and thereby committed an act of misconduct in terms of Section 3(d) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;

21. whereas, on 09-05-2022 the said Deshabandu Tennakoon in his capacity as the Senior Deputy Inspector-General of Police of the Western Province had failed or omitted to act to prevent the commission of offences punishable under Sections 314, 316, 343, and 300 of the Penal Code by certain other persons namely: Liyanarachchige Nishantha Mendis, Suduwadewage Subash Jayashantha Fernando, Sinhara Amal Pushpakumara de Silva, Vithana Pathiranage Milan Sajith Jayathilaka, Kurugamage Sanath Nishantha Perera, Liyanage Abeyratne Suresh Priyasath alias Dan Priyasath, Wannakuwaduge Samanlal Fernando, Gamlath Jayantha Rohana, Liyanage Geethaka Perera, Jayamanna Kankanamlage Bandula Wijekumara, Pushpalal Kumarasiri, Amithananda Abeywickrema, Kompannage Mini Prashanthi Fonseka alias Welle Ramani, Asanka Nayaka Wijesinghe alias Satha Nalaka alias Arabi Wasantha, Kespalage Don Aruna Priyashantha, Ajantha Liyanage, Goniymalige Supemsiri Aponso, Samarakkodi Jayalath Wasantha Sarojini Jayalath alias Handapangoda, Thelge Ariyadasa Peiris, Keerigama Pamunuwage Narendra Dulip Fernando, Kahandagamage Mahindaratne, Nishantha Chamin Upatissa Jayasinghe, Jhonston Fernando, Kuruppuarachchige Don Sajith Saranga, Ranabahu Mudiyansele Thusitha Sampath Nanayakkara, Horanage Pradeep Shriyantha Fernando, Liyanage Shanaka Antony Fernando, Mahawattage Priyanath Mackenzy Fernando, Babina Hannadige Gayan Pushpakumara Peiris, Kapuwattagedera Prageeth Sujeewa Bandara, Kuruppu Mudiyansele Lalith Udesa Madhubhanu, all

being suspects in MC Fort Case No. B 22046/2022 and thereby committed a gross abuse of power of his office in terms of Section 3(e) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002;

22. whereas, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon, while holding the office as the Inspector-General of Police of the country, which is entrusted with the duty of maintaining law and order of the whole country, has, by committing one or more of the aforesaid acts of misconduct and/or acts of gross abuse of power brought the office of the Inspector-General of Police of the country and the Police Department to disrepute and thereby committed an act unbecoming of the Inspector-General of Police which amounts to an act of misconduct in terms of Section 3(d) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002; and
23. whereas, the said Deshabandu Tennakoon while holding the office as the Inspector-General of Police of the country being charged with extensive powers of varied nature, by committing one or more of the aforesaid acts of misconduct and/or acts of gross abuse of power did fall short of the high standard expected of a person who holds office as the Inspector-General of Police of the country and therefore has become unsuitable to hold office as the Inspector-General of Police of the country which has amounted to an act of misconduct in terms of Section 3(d) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002,

And whereas, in order to fulfill the obligations imposed on the Members of Parliament by the Constitution, to safeguard the independence and integrity of the overall system of administration of justice; to safeguard the trust of the people of this Country have reposed in the Office of the Inspector-General of Police and the Police Department as one of the primary law enforcement agencies which is entrusted with the task of the creation and preservation of a just and free society, this Parliament resolves that a Committee of Inquiry be appointed in terms of Section 5 of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002, to inquire and report its findings in respect of the aforesaid acts of misconduct and/or acts of gross abuse of power.

*4.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 08.01.2025 under Section 33 of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority Act, No. 51 of 1979, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation on 28.02.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 10.03.2025)

*6.

The Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report of the Jaya Container Terminals Limited (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Jaya Container Terminals Limited 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 24.01.2025 under Section 153 of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation on 28.02.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 10.03.2025)

*7.

The Minister of Health and Mass Media,— Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Sri Lanka Press Council (2022),— That the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Sri Lanka Press Council 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 19.02.2025 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Health and Mass Media on 04.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 10.03.2025)

*8.

The Minister of Health and Mass Media,— Annual Report of the Ayurvedic Medical Council (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Ayurvedic Medical Council 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 08.01.2025 under the Ayurvedic Act, No. 31 of 1961, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Health and Mass Media on 04.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 10.03.2025)

*9.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 17.12.2024 under Section 20(2) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism on 12.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 15.03.2025)

*10.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Fund (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Fund 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 17.12.2024 under Section 23(4) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism on 12.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 15.03.2025)

*11.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 05.02.2025 under Section 20(2) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism on 12.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 15.03.2025)

*12.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Fund (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Fund 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 05.02.2025 under Section 23(4) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism on 12.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 15.03.2025)

*13.

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— Annual Report of the National Livestock Development Board (2019),— That the Annual Report of the National Livestock Development Board 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 14.02.2025 under Section 23 of the State Agricultural Corporations Act, No. 11 of 1972, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation on 28.02.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 04.03.2025)

*14.

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— Annual Report of the Colombo Commercial Fertilizers Limited (2021/2022),— That the Annual Report of the Colombo Commercial Fertilizers Limited 2021/2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2022 and presented on 18.12.2024 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation on 28.02.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 04.03.2025)

*15.

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— Annual Report of the National Institute of Post-Harvest Management (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Institute of Post-Harvest Management 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 05.02.2025 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation on 28.02.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 04.03.2025)

*16.

The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the National Paper Company Limited (2015/2016),— That the Annual Report of the National Paper Company Limited 2015/2016 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2016 and presented on 08.01.2025 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industry and Entrepreneurship Development on 04.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 11.03.2025)

*17.

The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Mantai Salt Limited (2020/2021),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Mantai Salt Limited 2020/2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2021 and presented on 18.12.2024 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industry and Entrepreneurship Development on 04.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 11.03.2025)

*18.

The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Handicrafts Board (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Handicrafts Board 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 05.02.2025 under Section 64 of the National Crafts Council and Allied Institutions Act, No. 35 of 1982, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industry and Entrepreneurship Development on 04.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 11.03.2025)

*19.

The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the Industrial Development Board of Ceylon (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Industrial Development Board of Ceylon 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 18.02.2025 under Section 39 of the Industrial Development Act, No. 36 of 1969, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industry and Entrepreneurship Development on 04.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 11.03.2025)

*20.

The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the National Crafts Council (2023),— That the Annual Report of the National Crafts Council 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 21.01.2025 under Section 20 of the National Crafts Council and Allied Institutions Act, No. 35 of 1982, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industry and Entrepreneurship Development on 04.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 11.03.2025)

*21.

The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report of the Central Cultural Fund (2016),— That the Annual Report of the Central Cultural Fund 2016 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 05.02.2025 under Section 9(4) of the Central Cultural Fund Act, No. 57 of 1980, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs on 08.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 12.03.2025)

* *Indicates Government Business.*
