



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

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FOR

Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

10/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House of the —

- (i) number of national schools in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) names of those schools;
- (iii) schools out of the schools referred to above, to which principals who have completed specified qualifications have been appointed and of those schools to which such principals have not been appointed, separately; and
- (iv) measures that will be taken in the circumstances to solve the problem of lack of qualified principals despite the increase in the number of national schools?

(b) If not, why?

2.

71/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that the —

- (i) roads called the Bakki-ella Road, the Villukulam Road and the Ambilanturai Road belonging to the Porativupattu Divisional Secretariat Division of the Batticaloa District are main link roads; and
- (ii) roads referred to above have not been reconstructed so far although many new roads have been constructed in the recent past?

(b) Will he inform the House of the measures that will be taken to reconstruct the roads concerned?

(c) If not why?

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3.

93/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he admits that there is a dire shortage of rice in the market at present;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for the occurrence of such a shortage;
 - (iii) whether stocks of rice sufficient for consumption are currently available in the country;
 - (iv) whether he admits that the main rice mill owners are maintaining a rice monopoly; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken to release rice stocks to the market in a way that it will provide relief to the paddy farmer as well as to the rice consumer?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

212/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of existing vacancies in the Sri Lanka Police at present for each position, separately;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the promotion process in the Sri Lanka Police is processing slowly;
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken to expedite the promotion process; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to increase the salaries and improve the welfare facilities of Police officers?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

518/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the retired public sector employees who retired after 01.01.2016 are entitled to the Agrahara Insurance cover, but those who retired before 31.12.2015 are not entitled to the same cover;

(3)

- (ii) whether steps will be taken to remove that injustice;
- (iii) whether he is aware that the recommendations of the B.C. Perera Salary Commission appointed in 1997 have been implemented only in respect of a limited group of teachers and principals; and
- (iv) whether steps will be taken to implement those recommendations so that they are applicable to the majority of teachers and principals?

(b) If not, why?

6.

541/2025

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) most essential medicines including Anastrozole administered to cancer patients are not available at the National Cancer Institute in Maharagama; and
- (ii) every day, patients who come to the Institute from various areas of Sri Lanka are gravely inconvenienced and have to go back without medicines as a result?

(b) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that have been taken to resolve this issue expeditiously?

(c) Is he also aware that —

- (i) although a day-and-night patient care services have been maintained at the Malwathuhipitiya Regional Hospital in Gampaha District, it has become difficult to run such services further because of transferring its medical staff without substitutes; and
- (ii) the patients who arrive there in order to get services from the Hospital concerned are greatly inconvenienced as a result?

(d) Will he also inform this House of the steps that have been taken to resolve this issue expeditiously?

(e) If not why?

7.

572/2025

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

(a) Will he accept that —

- (i) illegal constructions and cultivations are found in the elephant management reserve that is located adjacent to the boundaries of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Hambantota, Tissamaharama, Lunugamvehera, Sooriyawewa and Ambalantota; and
- (ii) it is a grave constraint to the life of wild elephants?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of those illegal constructions and cultivations;
 - (ii) of the short-term and long-term measures that will be taken regarding the illegal constructions and cultivations referred to above, separately;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the loss of lives and damage to cultivation in the farming lands outside the elephant management reserve concerned due to elephants rampaging into the farming lands have reached a peak; and
 - (iv) if so, of the number of people and wild elephants that have been killed so far in such encounters, separately?
- (c) If not why?

8.

579/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of sexual crimes and other criminal acts against women reported, out of those sexual crimes and other criminal acts committed against women while serving in ministries, departments and other statutory institutions of the government in each of the years since 2015 up to now, separately;
 - (ii) actions that have been taken in relation to them so far; and
 - (iii) manner in which measures are being taken to restrain acts of violence against women within government institutions?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

581/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of government hospitals in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) number of such hospitals in each category according to the categorization of government hospitals, separately; and
 - (iii) number of hospitals in each such category in operation in the Matara District, separately;
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of primary medical centres functioning within the Matara District;

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- (ii) whether 18 Emergency Treatment Units have been purchased for such centres under World Bank loans or by any other means;
 - (iii) if so, of the year in which they were purchased;
 - (iv) of the name of the Minister in charge of the line Ministry of Health at that time;
 - (v) if the units concerned are still not operated as Emergency Treatment Units, of the obstacle that prevents it; and
 - (vi) of the further measures that will be taken to run the units concerned as Emergency Treatment Units?
- (c) If not why?

10.

603/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which the construction of the swimming pool at the President's College, Minuwangoda was commenced;
 - (ii) of the estimated cost and the amount spent so far on the construction of the swimming pool concerned, separately;
 - (iii) whether the amount which remains unspent has been deposited in an account related to the said project; and
 - (iv) if so, of the name and the account number of the said account, separately?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of the —
- (i) name of the contractor/contractor company that constructs the above-mentioned swimming pool;
 - (ii) basis on which the said contractor/contractor company was selected;
 - (iii) extent of the construction work that has been completed so far;
 - (iv) time that is required for the full completion of the construction work; and
 - (v) reasons for the delay in completing the construction?
- (c) If not, why?
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(6)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1),— 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.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, May 08th, 2025.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme,— That the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme, which was tabled in Parliament on 14th March 2025 be considered by Parliament.

* *Indicates Government Business.*
