



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

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FOR

Thursday, May 08, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

133/2024

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) number of civil cases that are pending before courts within the judicial system of Sri Lanka for over five years and for over ten years, separately; and
 - (ii) measures that will be taken to prevent the delay in ending cases?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

153/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of wind power stations that have been established in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) year of commencement of the construction of each of the aforesaid wind power stations, separately;
 - (iii) installed capacity of each of the said wind power stations, separately;
 - (iv) amount of energy added to the national grid by each of the said wind power stations in each year from 2022 to 2024, separately; and
 - (v) measures taken to promote wind power generation in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

156/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the L.T.T.E, some other organization, an individual or individuals held a Martyrs Day (Mahaviru) celebration in memory of the L.T.T.E cadres who died during the war in the north and east in November 2024;
 - (ii) if so, of the parties that held such celebrations;
 - (iii) whether state patronage had been accorded for it;
 - (iv) whether the government had been aware of such celebrations before they were conducted;
 - (v) whether an organization which has been banned not only in Sri Lanka but also internationally has the ability to hold such celebrations in Sri Lanka;
 - (vi) of the steps that had been taken to prevent the holding of such celebrations; and
 - (vii) whether the government takes the responsibility over the holding of celebrations of a banned organization?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

192/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) of the amount of financial and non-financial assistance received by the Ministry of Health and the institutes under it from the year 2015 until now, separately for each year;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the above assistance has not been accounted correctly according to the report of the National Audit Office; and
 - (iii) if so, of the actions that will be taken regarding the matter?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

259/2024

Hon. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (3)

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of foreign official visits made by the Former President Ranil Wickremesinghe during the period from 2022 to 2024;
 - (ii) country of visit, objective, benefits accrued to Sri Lanka, those persons who were part of the visit on government expense other than the former President, and the purpose of making each of them part of it, separately in respect of each visit overseas; and
 - (iii) total expenditure borne for these visits overseas?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

306/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) total value of the GDP of Sri Lanka in Sri Lankan Rupees (SLR) and United States Dollars (USD) along with the growth rate for the past 20 years, separately;
 - (ii) expected GDP growth and the growth rate projection for the next 5 years, separately;
 - (iii) total value of exports in SLR and USD along with its percentage of GDP for the past 20 years, separately;
 - (iv) top twenty export commodities of Sri Lanka;
 - (v) total earnings from services in USD for the past 10 years, separately; and
 - (vi) top ten service sectors generated USD for Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) amount of the USD earned are kept overseas;
 - (ii) official period for which USD can be retained overseas; and
 - (iii) action initiated against individuals or entities retaining money overseas violating of exchange control regulations?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

7.

335/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a community water project called 'Kurakkanhenegedara Drinking Water Project' has been started in Katupotha in the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) of the amount spent on the initial activities of the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) of the present progress of the aforesaid project;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the aforesaid project was implemented so that the hospital located in that area and people belonging to more than 700 family units in the areas of Kurakkanhenegedara, Sapumalpuraya, Dangolla and Katupotha are covered by the project;
 - (v) of the reasons for the aforesaid project to come to a standstill by now;
 - (vi) whether steps will be taken to fulfill the drinking water requirement of the people in the above-mentioned areas by expeditiously implementing the aforesaid project; and
 - (vii) if so, of the date on which the aforesaid project will resume?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

560/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the procedure through which the present Commander of the Army and the Commander of the Air Force of Sri Lanka were appointed, separately;
 - (ii) whether there were no other more senior and qualified officers than the present Commander of the Army and the Commander of the Air Force to be appointed to the post of Commander of the Army and the post of Commander of the Air Force;
 - (iii) of the reasons for appointing the present Commander of the Army and the Commander of the Air Force, separately, ignoring the other more senior and qualified officers, if any;
 - (iv) of the other criteria that are considered in the appointment of Commanders of forces, other than the seniority criterion; and
 - (v) if so, of the aforesaid criteria?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

9.

617/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of patients who received treatments at outpatient departments of government hospitals in each of the years from 2015 up until now, separately;
 - (ii) of the amounts spent on developing outpatient departments of government hospitals in each of the years during the period referred to above, separately;
 - (iii) whether he accepts that the outpatient departments make a significant contribution towards achieving a high level in terms of health indicators in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken for developing that aspect further?
- (b) If not why?

10.

873/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the value of the currency that were printed/minted since the year 2015 up to the date of the Presidential Election of Sri Lanka held in the year 2024, separately in respect of each year in rupees;
 - (ii) of the value of the currency that were printed/minted corresponding to the tenure of each Minister of Finance during the period referred to above, separately in rupees;
 - (iii) of the value of the currency that were printed/minted corresponding to the term of each President during the same period, separately in rupees
 - (iv) whether currency were printed/minted without control during any span of time within the period concerned; and
 - (v) of the potential adverse effects of printing money without control?
 - (b) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Foreign Loans (Repeal),— Bill to repeal the Foreign Loans Act, No. 29 of 1957.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Personal Data Protection (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Personal Data Protection Act, No. 9 of 2022.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

3.

The Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— National Transport Commission (Amendment),— Bill to amend the National Transport Commission Act, No. 37 of 1991.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to repeal the Online Safety Act, No. 9 of 2024.”

5.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Mabotuwana Sri Piyarathana Nayaka Thero Suwasevana Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under the Schedule “A” of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 09.04.2025, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2421/05 of 27th January 2025)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(7)

*3.

Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme,—
Adjourned debate on question (10th April 2025) Motion made and question proposed,—
“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.*
