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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, May 23, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

72/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Is she aware that —
  - (i) Bt/ Kayankuda Kannahi Vidyalaya in Batticaloa West Education Zone and Bt/ Korakkallimadu Sri Ramana Maharishi Vidyalaya in Kalkuda Education Zone belong to the IC category;
  - (ii) students from Bt/ Kayankuda Kannahi Vidyalaya won the first place at the national-level in Elle and students from Bt/ Korakkallimadu Sri Ramana Maharishi Vidyalaya won the first place at the national level in Kabaddi; and
  - (iii) however, physical training instructors have not been appointed to the schools concerned up to now?
- (b) If so, will she inform this House whether steps will be taken to appoint physical training instructors to these schools?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

94/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether the crop damage caused by animals to domestic food crops has been assessed;
  - (ii) if so, separately, of the damage caused to each crop, i.e. paddy, vegetables, and fruits; and
  - (iii) of the animals that cause the most disastrous damage to food crops?
- (b) If not, why?

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157/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) total area of lands in which crops were damaged due to adverse weather that affected Sri Lanka in November 2024;
  - (ii) total area of lands that cultivated each crop damaged, i.e. paddy fields, maize fields, and lands cultivated with other crops etc, separately; and
  - (iii) estimated financial loss caused by the damage to crops?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
  - (i) total amount of compensation paid for the damaged crops ;
  - (ii) total amount of compensation paid for each damaged paddy field, maize cultivation and lands cultivated with other crops, separately;
  - (iii) total area of lands that cultivated crops for which compensation has not yet been paid; and
  - (iv) reasons for not paying the compensation for the lands referred to above?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

195/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of investment projects carried out by China in Sri Lanka from 2015 up to now, along with the name of each such investment project, the value of the investment, and the number of direct and indirect jobs generated, for each year separately; and
  - (ii) steps that will be taken to attract more Chinese investments to Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

213/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,—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 government schools functioning in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) number of schools that teach Technology as a subject among the said schools; and

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- (iii) measures that are being taken to teach Technology in other schools as it is a highly important subject?

(b) If not, why?

6.

222/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the development bank promised to be established for granting loans without collaterals to young entrepreneurs, which is stated in the manifesto “Rich Country, Beautiful Life”, has not been established so far; and

- (ii) of the reasons for the delay in delivering on the promise concerned?

(b) If not why?

7.

278/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) whether plans have been formulated to make it compulsory for teaching Sinhala language in Tamil medium schools and Tamil language in Sinhala medium schools;

- (ii) if so, of the timeframe for its implementation;

- (iii) whether teachers are available for the aforesaid purpose; and

- (iv) if not, of the steps that will be taken to fill the relevant teacher vacancies?

(b) If not, why?

8.

294/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the rivers and streams that poses the constant threat of flooding;

- (ii) of the local and foreign projects that have been implemented so far to control flooding of those water bodies;

- (iii) separately, of the amount of local funds and foreign funds utilized for the said projects;

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- (iv) of the institutions that have provided funds for the projects concerned;
  - (v) whether there are any projects among these projects that have failed due to various obstacles; and
  - (vi) if so, of the names of those projects?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

441/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) amount of paddy that was purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board in each year over the past ten (10) years, separately;
  - (ii) profit earned / loss that the Paddy Marketing Board incurred in each year during the aforesaid period separately;
  - (iii) amount of money spent by the Paddy Marketing Board on the renovation of buildings the period concerned; and
  - (iv) amount of money that is expected to be spent on the renovation of buildings in the future?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

618/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a loan scheme named “SARUSARA” which gives loans to small-scale farmers at a concessionary interest rate has been introduced;
  - (ii) if so, of the objectives of introducing the loan scheme concerned;
  - (iii) of the number of farmers who have obtained loans under the loan scheme so far;
  - (iv) of the criteria considered in granting loans under the loan scheme concerned; and
  - (v) of the measures that are adopted for empowering farmers financially?
- (b) If not, why?
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(5)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Presentation of Bills**

The Minister of Energy,— Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 36 of 2024.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*2.

Foreign Loans (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

National Transport Commission (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

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 (10<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025, be considered by Parliament.”

*\* Indicates Government Business.*

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