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FOR

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

279/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the time elapsed since the commencement of sending the electricity bills through the SMS facility?
 - (ii) whether all electricity consumers have got registered for the SMS service by now;
 - (iii) if not, of the number of electricity consumers who have not registered yet; and
 - (iv) of the measures that have been taken to provide electricity bills to electricity consumers who are unable to register for that service and who do not have mobile phones?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

307/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—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 and provincial schools each district separately;
 - (ii) total number of teachers and principals serving in these schools;
 - (iii) total monthly and annual expenditure on salaries and emoluments for these teachers and principals separately; and
 - (iv) average monthly salary of a government teacher?
- (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a shortage of teachers in government schools;

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- (ii) if so, of the timeline for filling these vacancies;
- (iii) of the number of schools with less than 100 students; and
- (iv) of the names of such schools, categorized by district?
- (c) Will she further inform this House, separately of the —
 - (i) number of students admitted to Grade 1 in government schools over the past five years; and
 - (ii) projected number of Grade 1 admissions for the next five years?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

452/2025

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (3)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether he accepts that the overflow of the Gin River causes a major impact on the lives and properties of the people of the Galle District;
 - (ii) whether reports have been prepared regarding the projects that have been proposed to be implemented after year 2000 to control the overflow of the Gin River or for any other purpose;
 - (iii) if so, what those reports are;
 - (iv) of the names of the institutions that have prepared those reports;
 - (v) of the amount spent on the preparation of those project reports/ feasibility study reports; and
 - (vi) of the sources from which funds were obtained for that purpose?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether projects have been implemented to control the overflow of the Gin River; and
 - (ii) if so, of the year in which each of those projects was initiated, the year in which it was completed, the amount allocated, the amount spent, the institution by which it was implemented and the solutions that have been given, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

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4.

456/2025

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the target number of foreign tourists expected to visit Sri Lanka in the year 2025;
 - (ii) of the countries from which foreign tourists are expected to come from;
 - (iii) whether adequate accommodation/ room facilities are available to such tourists;
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken towards the advancement of the Sri Lanka's tourist hotel sector, which collapsed for reasons such as Covid-19 Pandemic, Easter Day Attack in Sri Lanka and mass protests (Aragalaya);
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken to uplift Sri Lanka's tourism industry; and
 - (vi) of the number of tourist zones existing in each of the provinces in Sri Lanka, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

569/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

- (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;
 - (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;

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- (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?

6.

586/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) date and venue of the last Mahapola Educational and Trade Fair, which had been initiated to raise funds for the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund was held, and the amount of money that was spent on conducting it; and
- (ii) value of the capital assets of the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund existing at present?

(b) If not, why?

7.

802/2025

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

(a) Is he aware that the —

- (i) various problems have cropped up in the acquisition of lands for the construction of the Central Expressway; and
- (ii) compensation has not been paid to a large number of landowners for the lands acquired up until now?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a methodology has been prepared for the payment of the compensation payable to them;
- (ii) if not, of the reasons for that;
- (iii) whether he is aware that the payment of the said compensation has been delayed for a long time; and
- (iv) if so, of the time it will take to pay the said compensation?

(c) If not, why?

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8.

837/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of regional workshops owned by the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (ii) of the areas where the workshops concerned have been established;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that a proposal had been made to start a tyre manufacturing factory within the Medawachchiya Regional Workshop of Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (iv) if so, of the amount that had been allocated for that; and
 - (v) of its progress as at 28th February 2025?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

847/2025

Hon. Nishantha Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Land Reform Commission has alienated lands to employees of the Commission under special privileges;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of employees that have been granted with lands in such manner;
 - (iii) whether he will present a full report pertaining to it;
 - (iv) of the legal basis of alienating lands to employees of the Land Reform Commission under special privileges;
 - (v) whether there is a possibility to sell or transfer the lands so alienated to other parties;
 - (vi) of the number of lands sold or transferred to other parties out of those lands received under special privileges; and
 - (vii) of the measures to be taken concerning the sale or transfer of such lands to other parties?
- (b) If not, why?

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875/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that requests have been submitted to the Manmunai North Divisional Secretariat by landless persons during the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2025 with the aim of acquiring lands;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such persons and their names and the relevant details;
 - (iii) whether such persons have been issued with Deeds of Grant or Land Permits; and
 - (iv) if so, of the number of such persons along with their names and relevant details?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the majority of the persons who have settled down in government lands in the Manmunai North Divisional Secretariat Division have not been issued with Deeds of Grant or Land Permits so far;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such persons and their names and other relevant details; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for not issuing Deeds of Grant or Land Permits to the aforementioned persons so far?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Gambling Regulatory Authority,— Bill to provide for the establishment of the Gambling Regulatory Authority; for the repeal of the Betting on Horse-Racing Ordinance (Chapter 44), Gaming Ordinance (Chapter 46) and the Casino Business (Regulation) Act, No. 17 of 2010; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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2.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Bills of Exchange (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Bills of Exchange Ordinance (Chapter 82).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

3.

The Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— Samurdhi (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Samurdhi Act, No. 1 of 2013.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— Regulations under the Convention Against Doping in Sports Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports under Section 34 read with Section 3 of the Convention Against Doping in Sports Act, No. 33 of 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2430/24 of 03rd April 2025, which were presented on 03.06.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Orders under the Reciprocal Recognition, Registration and Enforcement of Foreign Judgements Act,— That the Orders made by the Minister of Justice and National Integration under Sections 2(1) and 1(2) of the Reciprocal Recognition, Registration and Enforcement of Foreign Judgements Act, No. 49 of 2024 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2429/51 of 28th March 2025, which were presented on 03.06.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2429/39 of 27th March 2025, which was presented on 03.06.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2434/12 of 29th April 2025, which were presented on 03.06.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

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 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2435/02 of 05th May 2025, which were presented on 03.06.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

National Minimum Wage of Workers (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*11.

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.”