



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 61.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

515/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that propaganda of a nature which defame the government has been published on social media regarding the commemoration of the dead persons of the Northern Province of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the legal provisions currently in force against the making of organized racist, religious and hateful statements on social media;
- (iii) of the Acts most frequently used in the past out of those referred to above;
- (iv) whether a course of action has been developed to prevent the defame caused to the government by the failure to promptly give the correct factual explanation of the government after misinformation has been disseminated by the media; and
- (v) of the measures that will be taken to rectify this situation and to avoid any recurrences of such in the future?

(b) If not, why?

2.

613/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,—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 projects that were launched in government schools in the Central Province under the project named ‘Nearest School - Best School’;

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- (ii) number of those out of the aforesaid projects that have been completed and the number of those that have not been completed, separately; and
- (iii) measures that will be taken to expeditiously complete the projects that have not been completed yet?

(b) If not, why?

3.

633/2025

Hon. Mujibur Rahman,—To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of cases that have been filed by the Attorney General's Department against politicians and public officials during the period from 2020 to 2024 in relation to fraud, corruption and homicides committed during the period from 2015 to 2019;
- (ii) of the number of cases that have been concluded with proceedings by now from among the cases referred to above;
- (iii) of those cases;
- (iv) out of the cases referred to in (i) above, of the cases that have been withdrawn by the Attorney General; and
- (v) of those cases?

(b) If not, why?

4.

636/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether locomotives, coaches and other equipment belonging to Sri Lanka Railways have been leased out for transporting limestone from Palaviya in Puttalam to the Aruwakkaru Limestone Quarry;
- (ii) if so, of the name of the company to which abovementioned equipment have been leased out;
- (iii) of the income that has been earned by Sri Lanka Railways by leasing out the said equipment from year 2015 up to now separately in respect of each year; and
- (iv) whether action will be taken to review the abovementioned lease agreement in relation to the current requirements?

(b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

715/2025

Hon. Danushka Ranganath,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) time period of acquiring lands for the Kukuleganga Power Station Construction Project was commenced; and
 - (ii) extent of land that was acquired for the project concerned?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the access road to the power station concerned;
 - (ii) of the points at which the access road concerned starts and ends;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the bus bearing route number 437 plies along the access road and the road itself has transformed to a public transport road;
 - (iv) of the length of the part of that road belonging to the Kukuleganga Power Station;
 - (v) whether he is aware that due to lack of proper maintenance, nearly half of the part concerned of that road is in an unsafe condition;
 - (vi) whether steps will be taken to maintain that part of the road properly; and
 - (vii) if not, whether the road concerned will be vested in the Road Development Authority?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

724/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he accepts that an excellent service is provided by the ‘Suwa Seriya’ ambulance service; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that will be taken to further strengthen and expand the said ambulance service?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

7.

792/2025

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

(a) Will he accept that —

- (i) the bus owners holding route permits issued by the National Transport Commission who sold their unroadworthy buses during the period when import of vehicles into Sri Lanka had been suspended, had to wait until the import of buses recommenced in order to purchase a new bus;
- (ii) during the abovementioned period, the bus owners concerned had surrendered their route permits to the said Commission;
- (iii) when new buses are put into operation after the import of buses has recommenced, the Provincial Road Passenger Transport Authority charges an outstanding fee for issuing ‘chart sheets’ even for the period during which the buses were not in operation;
- (iv) it was not possible for the bus owners to put new buses into operation, as they were unable to purchase buses during the period when import of buses were suspended; and
- (v) it is therefore unfair to charge an outstanding fee for the period during which buses were not operated when issuing ‘chart sheets’ for the new buses?

(b) If so, will he inform this House of the solution that will be given in this regard?

(c) If not, why?

8.

848/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,—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 there is a shopping complex known as the ‘New Shopping Complex’ belonging to the Minuwangoda Urban Council situated in Minuwangoda town;
- (ii) of the number of trade stalls (shops) available in the said Shopping Complex; and
- (iii) separately, of the name and address of each person who has obtained the said stalls on lease basis and of the monthly or annual rent charged on each of the stalls concerned?

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(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether the persons who have obtained the stalls in the abovementioned Shopping Complex on lease basis have the legal right to sell, sub-lease, or transfer the ownership of the said stalls to another person;
- (ii) whether the original lessees, who have obtained the said stalls by entering into lease agreements with the Minuwangoda Urban Council, are the ones currently conducting business in the stalls;
- (iii) if not, whether he will submit a list of names of the persons who are currently conducting business activities in the said stalls; and
- (iv) whether legal action has been taken against those persons?

(c) If not, why?

9.

864/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,—To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the tea smallholders' contribution to the total tea production in Sri Lanka as a percentage;
- (ii) whether he accepts that the tea factories perform an important role during the production process from raw tea leaves to the finished good;
- (iii) of the number of registered tea factories in Sri Lanka located in each District, separately;
- (iv) whether he accepts that the abovementioned factories are actually located physically on the respective lands;
- (v) if so, whether the aforesaid fact has been ascertained through an on-site inspection;
- (vi) if not, of the reasons for it; and
- (vii) whether any of the abovementioned tea factories have/ any factory has departed from producing finished tea for any reason?

(b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*10.

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.*
