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No. 63.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, June 20, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

159/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of students who passed the Grade Five Scholarship Examination in each year from 2022 up to now separately;
  - (ii) of the number of students from low-income families out of the aforesaid number of students;
  - (iii) whether steps will be taken to conduct the Scholarship Examination without causing prejudice to children and parents; and
  - (iv) if so, of the relevant course of action for that?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to put a stop to the Grade Five Scholarship Examination in future;
  - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done; and
  - (iii) of the reasons for putting an end to the said Examination?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

192/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (2)

- (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;

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(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.

224/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the policy statement ‘A Thriving Nation, A Beautiful Life’ includes a commitment to establish smart courts;

(ii) as such, of the courts that have been converted into smart courts by now;

(iii) of the steps that have been taken towards transforming the judicial system of Sri Lanka into a smart judicial system; and

(iv) of the amount of money that has been allocated from the Appropriation Act, 2025 for this purpose?

(b) If not, why?

4.

280/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of homeless families in the Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat Division;

(ii) whether a course of action has been proposed to provide housing to the abovementioned families;

(iii) if so, of the course of action concerned; and

(iv) of the timeframe within which the course of action is expected to be implemented?

(b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

310/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) date on which the Paddy Marketing Board was established;
  - (ii) quantity and the value of paddy purchased by the Board over past 3 years per district, separately;
  - (iii) number of centers established for purchasing paddy per District, separately;
  - (iv) number of paddy storage facilities per district, separately; and
  - (v) percentage of paddy purchased by the government annually out of the total paddy harvest per district, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately —
  - (i) of the amount of money provided by state banks to small and large scale paddy mill owners over past 3 years;
  - (ii) of the quantity of paddy purchased by those mill owners during that period;
  - (iii) of the names of the mill owners, along with the quantity and value of paddy they purchased during the above period; and
  - (iv) whether a system will be established to convert paddy into rice and distribute it at district level?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

442/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of acting principals serving in government schools in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) of the measures that have been taken regarding the acting principals concerned;
  - (iii) whether the present government implements the measures initiated by the previous government to promote acting principals; and
  - (iv) whether permanent appointments will be granted to acting principals?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

7.

457/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of interchanges established on the Southern Expressway;
  - (ii) of the distance between the Gelanigama interchange and the Dodangoda interchange on that Expressway;
  - (iii) whether lands have been acquired by now to construct the Palpola interchange;
  - (iv) if so, of the amount that should be paid as compensation for those lands;
  - (v) whether there is a move to construct the interchange of Pelpola in another location;
  - (vi) if so, of the reasons for it; and
  - (vii) of the government's position regarding this matter?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

620/2025

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) date on which the Cabinet of Ministers issued instructions to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation to explore the feasibility of establishing a new oil refinery in the Trincomalee area by engaging a suitable investor, instead of developing the infrastructure facilities of the Sapugaskanda oil refinery; and
  - (ii) measures that have been taken so far and the measures that are to be taken in the future, separately, towards the construction of a new oil refinery in the Trincomalee area?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

9.

924/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether there is a possibility of obtaining police officers, vehicles and other resources of the Sri Lanka Police for the security of private and commercial activities on paid basis;
  - (ii) if so, of the legal provisions that are applicable to it;
  - (iii) of the relevant procedure to be followed;
  - (iv) whether there is a maximum limit imposed on the provision of police officers and vehicles;
  - (v) of the methodology for charging money for providing the services mentioned in (i) above; and
  - (vi) of the revenue earned by the Sri Lanka Police from providing such services in the year 2024 and in the year 2025 up to date, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the criteria that are taken into consideration in relation to the party requesting to obtain the services mentioned in (a) (i) above; and
  - (ii) whether security analysis reports are called in order to determine whether there is any threat to that party?
- (c) If not, why?

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#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025, which was presented on 03.06.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*2.

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 29<sup>th</sup> April 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,— 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 05<sup>th</sup> May 2025, which were presented on 03.06.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

Companies (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

\*7.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(7)

\*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 (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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