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FOR

Tuesday, July 08, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

496/2025

Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of Sri Lankan television channels that are broadcast in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) number of government television channels and the number of private television channels that are among them, separately;
 - (iii) names of the government and the private television channels, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he accepts that a code of ethics should exist for the media;
 - (ii) of the manner in which the aforesaid code of ethics is being enforced in respect of the Sri Lankan television channels;
 - (iii) of the manner in which focus has been made on the programmes that are being broadcast on television channels at present ;
 - (iv) whether an investigative course of action is going to be implemented in respect of the programs concerned; and
 - (v) if so, of the manner in which such course of action is going to be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

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516/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the statement made by the President to the effect that the investigations in relation to seven crimes, which had been suspended, were resumed after the appointment of the current President;
 - (ii) of the current progress of the investigation into the disappearance of the two political activists 'Lalith Weeraraj and Kugan Muruganandan', who disappeared in Jaffna in 2011;
 - (iii) whether the investigations have been completed by now in relation to any of the other disappearances that occurred after the end of the civil war in the North-Eastern regions of Sri Lanka and which were not solved up until now;
 - (iv) whether the political interferences caused the delay in the investigations into the said disappearances; and
 - (v) if so, of the measures taken in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

725/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— 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 currently studying at each of the faculties of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, separately;
 - (ii) whether she is aware that ragging is currently being carried out severely in the abovementioned university; and
 - (iii) if so, of the steps that will be taken to control this situation?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

793/2025

Hon. Sujeewa Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) names of the grama niladhari divisions that are covered by the drinking water supply project initiated in parallel with the Deduru Oya Reservoir Project in Kurunegala;

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- (ii) number of grama niladhari divisions within which the work pertaining to the project have been completed and the number of those within which the work has not been completed out of the aforesaid grama niladhari divisions, separately;
 - (iii) obstacles existing in completing the work within the grama niladhari divisions in which the work has not been completed; and
 - (iv) estimated time that will be required to complete the work in grama niladhari divisions in which the work has not been completed?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

845/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

(a) Will he state of the —

- (i) number of limited-liability multi-purpose cooperative societies, cooperative bank societies, and branches of the said Banks in the Anuradhapura District registered with the Department of Cooperative Development of the North Central Province, separately; and
- (ii) methodology that has been followed in establishing the cooperative societies and cooperative bank societies concerned?

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) whether he is aware that there are two Societies named Saubhagya Cooperative Bank Ltd (SCD) of the North Central Province and Anuradhapura District Rural Capital Development Cooperative Society Ltd (RCD);
- (ii) if so, separately, of the date of commencement, registration number, and address of each of the Societies;
- (iii) of the current owners of the addresses referred to above;
- (iv) whether the primary, secondary, and tertiary composition and methodology have been followed in establishing the Societies concerned;
- (v) if not, of the methodology that has been followed;
- (vi) whether the approval of the Cooperative Employees Commission of the North Central Province has been obtained when recruiting employees to the Societies concerned; and
- (vii) if not, of the methodology that has been followed in recruiting them?

(c) If not, why?

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6.

849/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) when a private land is plotted and sold, a certain extent of that land should be handed over to the respective Pradeshiya Sabha for the purpose of being used as a common land;
- (ii) the respective Pradeshiya Sabha should in turn allocate such common plots of land for the common needs of the residents; and
- (iii) plots of common lands so allotted cannot be allocated for private use under any circumstances?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of such common plots of lands owned by the Minuwangoda Pradeshiya Sabha and the extent of each of those lands separately;
- (ii) whether he is aware that common plots of lands owned by Minuwangoda Pradeshiya Sabha are being used by some individuals for private purposes at present;
- (iii) whether he will present a list of names of such individuals;
- (iv) of the legal actions that have been taken against them;
- (v) whether a brother of a local politician has made unauthorized constructions and reclamations on the common plot of land belonging to the 'Amba Sevana Watta' estate in the Nilpanagoda Grama Niladhari Division; and
- (vi) if so, whether legal action has been taken against that person?

(c) If not, why?

7.

865/2025

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) during the process of tea manufacture, Refuse Tea/ Reclaimable Tea is also produced within tea factories in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) such Refuse tea is permitted to be removed from the factory premises under a license issued by the Sri Lanka Tea Board;
- (iii) but, this removal process is not carried out in 100% compliance with legal provisions;

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- (iv) such Refuse Tea is rebranded as tea produced in CTC Tea factories and is sold in the Colombo Tea Auction;
 - (v) such Refuse Tea is exported through illegal channels; and
 - (vi) this situation poses a threat to the manufacture of quality-assured tea and tarnish the reputation of 'Ceylon Tea'?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the future steps to be taken regarding Refuse Tea;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to prohibit the export of Refuse tea; and
 - (iii) if not, whether steps will be taken to carry out the export of Refuse Tea under the supervision of the Sri Lanka Tea Board?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

872/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the extent of land targeted for re-cultivation of tea from 2014 to 2018 and the actual extent of land that has been re-cultivated with tea, in hectares, separately for each year?
 - (ii) whether subsidies were paid in the form of first, second, and third installments for the lands re-cultivated with tea; and
 - (iii) if so, of the manner in which those installments were paid?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

876/2025

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) of the number of people who applied for 'Urumaya' freehold deeds in the Manmunai North Divisional Secretariat Division from 01.01.2019 to 31.03.2025 and their names;
 - (ii) whether 'Urumaya' freehold deeds have been granted to those persons during the period referred to above under a special programme of the then government;

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- (iii) if so, of the number of such persons and their names;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that some of the persons who applied for 'Urumaya' freehold deeds have not been granted the deeds concerned;
 - (v) if so, of the number of such persons and their names; and
 - (vi) of the reasons for not granting 'Urumaya' freehold deeds to them yet?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

915/2025

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the estimated cost, the date of commencement of the project, the amount spent so far, the number of beneficiary families, the number of families that have been provided with water up to now, and the name of the contractor/contracting firm in relation to each community water project initiated in the Galle District from 2010 to 2024 in each Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle district, separately;
 - (ii) of the projects that have not yet provided water facilities up to now out of the aforesaid water projects;
 - (iii) of the reasons for the failure of the particular projects;
 - (iv) of the names of the officials who were responsible for the procurement process of each of the aforesaid projects, separately; and
 - (v) if any acts of corruption and irregularities have occurred during the procurement process, whether action will be taken against the officers that are responsible for such acts?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— National Audit (Amendment),— Bill to amend the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— 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. 2437/04 of 19th May 2025, which were presented on 17.06.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Companies (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Gambling Regulatory Authority Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Bills of Exchange (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Samurdhi (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.”

* *Indicates Government Business.*
