



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

162/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount earned as tax income by the government by selling petroleum oils from 21.09.2023 to 20.09.2024;
 - (ii) of the profit earned / loss incurred by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation during the period referred to above;
 - (iii) whether frauds have occurred in selling fuel during the period concerned;
 - (iv) if so, of the amount that was defrauded per litre in respect of each fuel, separately;
 - (v) of the total amount of money so defrauded; and
 - (vi) whether the amount so defrauded from each litre is deducted from the price of fuels and its benefit is given to consumers as a relief at present?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

183/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a government pharmacy (Osu Sala) is not available within the Manmune South Eruvil Pattu Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District;
 - (ii) the relevant parties, when informed of the above fact, stated that a building with adequate space to establish a government pharmacy is not available; and

(2)

- (iii) there is nevertheless a building that had been constructed for the very purpose of establishing a government pharmacy at the Kaluvanchikudy Base Hospital?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to establish a government pharmacy in the building constructed at the Kaluvanchikudy Base Hospital premises?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

196/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of Indian investment projects that have been implemented in the energy sector of Sri Lanka from 2015 up to now, the name of each such investment project, the value of the investment and their resultant contribution to the energy sector of Sri Lanka, in relation to each year, separately; and
 - (ii) stand of the government in relation to the Indian investments in the energy sector of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

216/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,—To ask the Minister of Labour,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of active accounts in the Employees Provident Fund from 2015 to the present, separately for each year;
 - (ii) annual interest rate paid to the contributor in each year during that period, separately;
 - (iii) factors considered in determining the annual interest rate; and
 - (iv) measures taken to further strengthen the Employees Provident Fund?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

223/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the progress of land acquisition process for the export processing zone, in which construction work has been commenced by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka in the Milleniya area, Bandaragama in the Kalutara district ;

(3)

- (ii) of the amount of compensation that has been paid so far for the lands acquired;
 - (iii) of the amount spent by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka to develop the road system, provide pipe-borne water and supply electricity to the above-mentioned export processing zone, separately;
 - (iv) of the progress of the development of the road system of the zone concerned; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to complete the remaining development work of the aforementioned export development zone considering this as a project of national importance?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

311/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of Sri Lankans employed overseas, separately as of 31.12.2024 and at present;
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately from 2015 to date of the —
 - (i) total foreign remittances received through foreign employment in US Dollars and Sri Lankan Rupees;
 - (ii) countries from which these remittances originated;
 - (iii) number of migrant workers deported due to default working contracts;
 - (iv) steps taken regarding these workers;
 - (v) revenue earned from the insurance scheme for Sri Lankans leaving for overseas employments; and
 - (vi) amount of money spent from this scheme on Sri Lankan migrant workers?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

338/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the mosque which had existed in the Mahara Prison premises for a long time has not been functioning since 2019;

(4)

- (ii) of the reasons for that; and
- (iii) whether it is possible to provide the permission and facilities necessary to resume the functions of the mosque concerned?

(b) If not, why?

8.

443/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether interviews have been conducted recently for the recruitment for the Post of Sub-Inspector of Police;
- (ii) if so, of the number of candidates who have passed the aforementioned interviews;
- (iii) of the number of those that will be recruited for the Post of Sub-Inspector of Police;
- (iv) whether the recruitment process for the post concerned has been currently suspended; and
- (v) if not, of the date on which the recruitments will be made for the Post of Sub-Inspector of Police?

(b) If not, why?

9.

621/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of airlines that provide aviation services to Sri Lanka;
- (ii) names of those airlines;
- (iii) current outstanding amounts of money owed by each of the airlines referred to above to the Airports and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited and to the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka separately; and
- (iv) steps to be taken to recover the said outstanding amounts?

(b) If not, why?

(5)

10.

1017/2025

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

(a) Will he state of the —

- (i) average annual sugar demand in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) quantity of sugar that was produced in Sri Lanka in the years 2023, 2024 and from the beginning of the year 2025 up to now, separately; and
- (iii) quantity of sugar that is expected to be produced in Sri Lanka and to be imported into Sri Lanka by the end of 2025, separately?

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) of the types of taxes and the percentages of taxes imposed on locally produced sugar, separately;
- (ii) whether he is aware that the Pelwatte and Sevanagala sugar factories of the Lanka Sugar Company (Private) Limited are currently incurring losses from sugar production;
- (iii) of the number of direct and indirect jobs created in relation to the sugar industry in Sri Lanka, separately;
- (iv) whether he is aware that the jobs referred to above are currently under severe risk; and
- (v) of the measures that will be taken to increase sugar production in Sri Lanka and to reduce the quantity of sugar imported to Sri Lanka?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.. At 5.00 p.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

2.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Land Development Ordinance (Chapter 464).”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

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

*3.

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

*4.

Companies (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Gambling Regulatory Authority Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Tobacco Tax Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 2 of the Tobacco Tax Act, No. 8 of 1999, as amended, relating to imposition of Tobacco Tax on Beedi and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2430/16 of 01st April 2025, which was presented on 11.07.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Bills of Exchange (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Regulations under the Judicature Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice and National Integration under Section 61 read with Section 45 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2439/34 of 04th June 2025, which were presented on 11.07.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Samurdhi (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Regulations under the Tea (Tax and Control of Export) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Tea Board under Section 15 read with Sections 7(1) and 8(2) of the Tea (Tax and Control of Export) Act, No. 16 of 1959 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2343/63 of 05th August 2023, which were presented on 11.07.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— Regulations under the Anti – Dumping and Countervailing Duties Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development under Section 84 read with Sections 64, 65, 66, 69 and 70 of Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Act, No. 2 of 2018 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2429/32 of 27th March 2025, which were presented on 08.07.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

National Audit (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*15.

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.”