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FOR

Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

517/2025

Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (3)

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) of the number of schools that have been designated as National Schools under the programme to establish 1000 National Schools in each of the Divisional Secretariat Division, separately;
- (ii) of the amount of money that was allocated separately for the construction of name board and main entrance gate of each of the said National Schools;
- (iii) whether the schools concerned are currently administered by the line Ministry or by the respective Provincial Council;
- (iv) accordingly, of the total number of National Schools that have been established up to now;
- (v) of the names of those schools; and
- (vi) whether the physical resources of the said National Schools will be developed and the schools will be brought under the purview of the line Ministry?

(b) If not, why?

2.

630/2025

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) date on which the previous government suspended the importation of vehicles into Sri Lanka;
- (ii) number of vehicles that have been imported for public servants since that date;

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- (iii) amount of money spent on the importation of the said vehicles;
 - (iv) number of vehicles that have been allocated to public servants so far out of the imported vehicles mentioned above;
 - (v) names of the individuals to whom the said vehicles have been allocated, along with the respective institutions they serve/served and their designations, separately;
 - (vi) number of vehicles that have not yet been handed over to public servants out of the imported vehicles referred to above; and
 - (vii) reasons for not handing over the vehicles to public servants?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

794/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of reservoirs, large-scale tanks, and small-scale tanks in Sri Lanka, separately;
 - (ii) number of such tanks and reservoirs in the Kurunegala District, separately;
 - (iii) number of tanks and reservoirs that have been restored, out of them in each year during the last ten (10) years, separately; and
 - (iv) projects that were implemented to restore the said tanks?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether an irrigation project known as ‘SARP’ is underway in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of irrigation projects that have been restored under the above project;
 - (iii) whether the ‘SARP’ project was implemented in the Kurunegala District;
 - (iv) of the manner in which provisions were obtained for the said project;
 - (v) of the total amount of provisions obtained accordingly;
 - (vi) of the allocation made for the Kurunegala District, out of them;
 - (vii) of the parts of a tank that have been restored under the project concerned; and
 - (viii) whether the project is currently underway?
- (c) If not, why?

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4.

805/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that an attack took place on the security personnel of the Sri Dalada Maligawa, where the Sacred Tooth Relic, which is the utmost treasure for Buddhists, is enshrined, on or around February 08, 1989;
- (ii) if so, separately, of the details of the weapons seized, and the bodily injuries and other physical damages caused during the said incident;
- (iii) whether it has been discovered through police investigations that the persons involved in the attack were affiliated with the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) or its armed wing, the Deshapremi Janatha Vyaparaya (Patriotic People's Movement);
- (iv) whether the persons involved in the attack have been arrested;
- (v) of the legal actions that have been taken against them;
- (vi) whether it has been discovered through investigations that the objective of the said attack was to seize or destroy the Sacred Tooth Relic; and
- (vii) whether he will present the police reports and investigation reports relating to that incident?

(b) If not, why?

5.

857/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the quantity of rock phosphate exported by Lanka Phosphate Limited in each of the years 2023 and 2024 separately;
- (ii) whether he is aware that Eppawala rock phosphate has been exported in violation of the determination issued by the Court in the Bulankulama case which ruled that the said rock phosphate should not be exported without value addition and in violation of the Cabinet decision dated 02.11.2012 regarding the same;
- (iii) whether a formal procurement procedure has been followed in selecting the buyers/companies for the export of rock phosphate;

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- (iv) if not, of the reasons for that;
 - (v) of the names of the companies that have been selected without following a formal procurement procedure;
 - (vi) whether the companies concerned have exported rock phosphate, surpassing the permitted limit of the same;
 - (vii) if so, of the quantities of rock phosphate that each of the companies has exported in excess of the permitted limit, separately;
 - (viii) whether he is aware that rock phosphate with a percentage of 38%, which is much higher than the stipulated 28% limit, has been exported; and
 - (ix) if so, of the amount of the loss that has been caused by that?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

866/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of tourism zones in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the names of the areas of tourist attraction in the Matara District;
 - (iii) of the areas that have been declared as a tourist destination by a gazette notification, out of them;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that there are many places of tourist attraction in the Kotapola and Pitabeddara Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (v) if so, whether a tourist zone will be designated to cover the above two Divisional Secretariat Divisions; and
 - (vi) of the steps that have been taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

869/2025

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) extent of land of the Southern Province that was transferred to the Land Reform Commission at the time the Commission was established, separately in relation to each Divisional Secretariat Division;

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- (ii) number of lands which are less than 50 acres in extent of which the ownership has been transferred to private individuals, the extent of each of the lands concerned and the name of the person to whom each of the lands has been transferred, and whether those lands have been transferred for business purposes or agricultural purposes, separately in relation to each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iii) names and the extents of the lands that have neither been transferred nor disposed of so far, separately in relation to each of the said Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iv) lands that are currently subjected to legal proceedings, out of the said lands; and
 - (v) lands that have been requested for new projects?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

874/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that people have settled in the state lands for which ‘grant documents’ or ‘land permits’ were given during the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2025 out of the state lands situated in the Divisional Secretariat Division of Manmunai North in the Batticaloa District; and
 - (ii) if so, of total number of such people, their names and other relevant information?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

956/2025

Hon. Ajith Gihan,—To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the coastal belt in the Puttalam District is severely affected by sea erosion, resulting in the losing of land, property, and even religious statues to the sea; and
 - (ii) although the Department of Coast Conservation and the Department of Coastal Resources Management intervened and worked to prevent the sea erosion, adequate financial provisions have not been allocated by the previous regimes to address the issue?

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- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures taken to prevent sea erosion on the coastal belt of the Puttalam District?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

997/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Land Reform Commission has granted lands to individuals for the establishment of factories in the Galle District;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of factories established on those lands upto now, in each Divisional Secretariat Division, separately; and
 - (iii) of the methodology followed in granting the lands referred to above?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

Hon. Waruna Liyanage,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Kodhagoda Gunarathana Nahimi Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Companies (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Gambling Regulatory Authority Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Samurdhi (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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 and Section 45(5) 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.)

*7.

Bills of Exchange (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

National Audit (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Rubber Control (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*12.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

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.*
