



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 70.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

615/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of patients currently undergoing treatment at the Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama;
 - (ii) amount of money that had been received by the donation account of the said hospital as at the beginning of the year 2025;
 - (iii) amount of money that has been used and has not been used from the account referred to above from the year 2020 to date, separately; and
 - (iv) measures taken to utilize those monies received as donations by the Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama in a productive manner;
- (b) If not, why?

2.

638/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the quantity of fish purchased by the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation from fishermen from the year 2015 up to now separately in each year;
 - (ii) of the said quantities of fish as a percentage of the total fish harvest in Sri Lanka in each of the years, separately;
 - (iii) whether he admits that the intervention of the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation is not at all sufficient in purchasing fish and in maintaining the price of fish in the market at a stable level; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken to rectify this situation?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

652/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the project to create an artificial coastal belt in Mount Lavinia was initiated;
 - (ii) of the objectives of the project concerned;
 - (iii) of the amount of money that has been spent on the project so far;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the project has been stopped partway as of now; and,
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken regarding the future activities of the project?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

717/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the measures that have been taken to protect natural streams;
 - (ii) of the extent of land related to the stream reservations that should be available alongside the natural streams;
 - (iii) whether the law is enforced against the persons who have forcibly acquired stream reservations; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that stream reservations have been given as freehold lands;
 - (ii) of the extent of stream reservations in Kalutara District that have been given on freehold basis; and
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to reacquire the stream reservations referred to above?
- (c) If not, why?

(3)

5.

721/2025

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which the Kumbukkan Oya project was commenced;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that steps had been taken by the previous Yahapalana (Good Governance) regime to develop the Nakkala Anicut under that Project;
 - (iii) of the amount of money that had been allocated for that purpose;
 - (iv) of the number of farming families who would benefit from the development of the Anicut concerned;
 - (v) whether steps have been taken to provide alternative lands to the respective landowners for the lands submerged by the reservoir due to the development activities concerned;
 - (vi) whether he is aware that the development activities have stalled currently; and
 - (vii) if so, of the measures that will be taken to recommence the said development activities?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

807/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the functions assigned to the Government Analyst's Department;
 - (ii) of the number of vacancies available in aforesaid department at present;
 - (iii) whether he accepts that many court cases are delayed due to non-receipt of analyst's reports in time;
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken to issue analyst's reports on time?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

7.

954/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— 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 the appointments given to graduates of foreign universities as Development Officers, during the previous government's recruitment of Development officers have subsequently been revoked;
 - (ii) of the specific reasons for such revocation;
 - (iii) of the solution that will be given to the graduates of foreign universities aggrieved by it;
 - (iv) whether graduates of foreign universities will be recruited to the public sector in future without subjecting them to any injustice or discrimination;
 - (v) if not, of the reasons for it; and
 - (vi) of the solution that will be given to the persons whose appointments to the post of Development Officer were revoked, including those who had not exceeded the age limit of 45 years at the time of recruitment in 2020 but are above that age limit at present?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

975/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Is she aware that —
 - (i) action had been taken to establish separate education zones for the Uhana and Pottuvil areas in the Ampara District, and that the Governor of the Eastern Province had also given his recommendations for the same; and
 - (ii) however, the Ministry of Education has not granted its approval for the same?
- (b) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) if so, whether steps will be taken to establish separate education zones for the Uhana and Pottuvil areas; and
 - (ii) of the steps that have been taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

994/2025

Hon. Sunil Rathnasiri,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that there are petroleum storage tanks in a number of cities including Polonnaruwa, Matale and Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) of the total number of such tanks available in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) of the Ministry to which the tanks concerned belong;
 - (iv) of the average capacity of the tanks; and
 - (v) whether there is any preparation for putting the tanks to use at present?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

995/2025

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

- (a) Will he accept that —
 - (i) the living conditions of the farmers engaged in producing crops should be uplifted;
 - (ii) farmers have to put in a lot of effort and invest a large amount of money for it;
 - (iii) nevertheless, farmers are distressed as they do not get a price commensurate with the effort and expenditure for their produce;
 - (iv) consumers have also had to pay high prices when buying agricultural products;
 - (v) the wholesale and retail traders who are in between farmer and consumer earn excessive profits; and
 - (vi) this system, which makes both farmer and consumer suffer, should be changed?
 - (b) If so, will he inform this House whether a course of action which safeguards the interests of farmers, traders and consumers be formulated in this regard?
 - (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

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 5.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

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

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

Bills of Exchange (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

National Audit (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Rubber Control (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*11.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

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.*
