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FOR

Friday, July 25, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

15/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) contribution made by the tea smallholders to the total tea production in Sri Lanka as a percentage from 2015 to the present, separately in respect of each year;
 - (ii) total number of tea smallholders as at today;
 - (iii) number of government institutions dealing with tea smallholders;
 - (iv) names of those institutions; and
 - (v) functions performed by each of the aforesaid institutions to uplift the living standards of tea smallholders, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

115/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— 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 officers accused by various Commissions appointed to look into the Easter Attack for not performing their duty and responsibility;
 - (ii) of the names of such officers and the positions currently held by them; and
 - (iii) if any of them are still holding responsibilities under the present government, of the action that will be taken regarding such officers?
- (b) If not why?

(2)

3.

184/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the road leading to Kokkatticholai from Ambilanthurai belonging to the Manmune South-West Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District has not been reconstructed;
 - (ii) although relevant authorities have been informed of it, no step has been taken so far towards reconstructing this road; and
 - (iii) many people in the area, including schoolchildren and government employees, use this road for commuting and transport?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to reconstruct the road leading from Ambilanthurai to Kokkatticholai?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

199/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform the House of the —
 - (i) names of companies to which licences have been granted to explore for gas and fuel deposits around the Gulf of Mannar;
 - (ii) conditions imposed in granting such licences; and
 - (iii) present progress of such explorations?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

217/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) amount of money of the Employees Provident Fund, invested in the share market from the year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) companies on which the said amount of money has been invested; and
 - (iii) profit earned/loss incurred from each of those investments, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

6.

225/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) whether she admits that Sri Lanka needs a new Constitution;
- (ii) whether a pledge has been made through the policy document named ‘A Thriving Nation- A Beautiful Life’ that the executive presidency will be abolished and a new Constitution will be introduced expeditiously;
- (iii) if so, of the timeline for introducing a new Constitution;
- (iv) whether she admits that the process of drafting the new Constitution should be an all-party initiative involving all political parties represented in Parliament; and
- (v) of the reason for not prioritizing the process of introducing a new Constitution at the national level?

(b) If not, why?

7.

508/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of duty-free vehicle permits issued to government employees since the suspension of importation of vehicles to Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the decision that has been taken regarding the importation of vehicles under the aforesaid permits;
- (iii) whether the importation of vehicles under the aforesaid permits has been suspended;
- (iv) if so, how long the period of suspension will be in effect; and
- (v) of the procedure which will be followed if permission is granted for importing vehicles under those permits?

(b) If not, why?

(4)

8.

622/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of disaster incidents reported in Sri Lanka, the number of individuals affected by the disasters, and the amount of compensation paid to the individuals so affected in each year from the year 2015 up to now, separately;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on disaster management from the year 2015 up to now;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that many countries around the world pay special attention to disaster management; and
 - (iv) of the measures that have been taken by Sri Lanka regarding disaster management?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1018/2025

Hon. Padmasiri Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a national cricket stadium in Hingurakgoda in Polonnaruwa;
 - (ii) whether he admits that a function was held at that stadium in 2024 and that a large sum of money was unnecessarily spent on it;
 - (iii) if so, whether an investigation has been initiated in that regard; and
 - (iv) if not, of the actions that will be taken in that regard?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a national stadium in Polonnaruwa;
 - (ii) of the total expenditure spent on the construction of the said sports complex;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that many parts of that sports complex have collapsed due to construction weaknesses; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
 - (c) If not, why?
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(5)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Privileges,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. Eranga Gunasekara, M.P. on 08th April, 2025 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 118 of the Parliament.

Votes of Condolence

- (i) The late Hon. Rajavarthiam Sampanthan, ex-Member of Parliament.
- (ii) The late Hon. A. Pilapitiya, ex-Member of Parliament.
- (iii) The late Hon. W.B. Ekanayake, ex-Member of Parliament.
- (iv) The late Hon. Lucky Jayawardana, ex-Member of Parliament.
- (v) The late Hon. (Mrs.) Malani Fonseka, ex-Member of Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*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.

Bills of Exchange (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Gambling Regulatory Authority Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Samurdhi (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

National Audit (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Rubber Control (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Mediation (Civil and Commercial Disputes) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*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.*
