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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, August 05, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

307/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of national and provincial schools each district separately;
 - (ii) total number of teachers and principals serving in these schools;
 - (iii) total monthly and annual expenditure on salaries and emoluments for these teachers and principals separately; and
 - (iv) average monthly salary of a government teacher?
- (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a shortage of teachers in government schools;
 - (ii) if so, of the timeline for filling these vacancies;
 - (iii) of the number of schools with less than 100 students; and
 - (iv) of the names of such schools, categorized by district?
- (c) Will she further inform this House, separately of the —
 - (i) number of students admitted to Grade 1 in government schools over the past five years; and
 - (ii) projected number of Grade 1 admissions for the next five years?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

334/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) salary entitlement for the positions of the Chairman and the Managing Director of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as at 2023, separately;

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- (ii) salary entitlement for those positions as at today, separately;
 - (iii) other allowances, apart from the salary, that are entitled to the positions concerned, separately; and
 - (iv) such other allowances as at 2023 and as at today, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether salaries for above positions are provided separately by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Ltd.;
 - (ii) if so, of the salary that is provided by each institution, separately;
 - (iii) of the amounts paid to the Chairman, the Managing Director and other Directors for participating in Director Board Meetings, separately; and
 - (iv) of the salaries and monthly allowances paid to each of the other Directors, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

569/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) whether she is aware that money has been provided to various individuals by the President's Fund for completing a PhD or other higher education programmes at foreign universities under the strict condition that they must return to Sri Lanka and serve this country;
 - (ii) whether money has been provided accordingly by the President's Fund to the children, relatives and friends of the former Presidents, Ministers and Members of Parliament after 2005;
 - (iii) if so, of the number of individuals to whom money has been provided in this manner, their names and the names of the respective politicians to whom they are related, separately;
 - (iv) out of the above-named individuals, of the number of those who have returned to Sri Lanka after completing their PhDs and the number of those who have not returned to Sri Lanka, separately;
 - (v) of the action that has been taken regarding the individuals who have not returned to Sri Lanka;

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- (vi) whether legal action has been taken against them; and
- (vii) whether the money spent by the government on their behalf has been recovered from them?

(b) If not, why?

4.

806/2025

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 of the —

- (i) number of government schools in the Matale District;
- (ii) number of those that conduct classes in Technology, Mathematics and Science streams for G.C.E.(A/L), among the schools referred to above;
- (iii) names of those schools; and
- (iv) steps that will be taken to promote taking up the Technology, Mathematics and Science streams at G.C.E.(A/L) in the Matale District?

(b) If not, why?

5.

856/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of vehicles in the possession of the Western Provincial Council;
- (ii) of the officers who use the vehicles concerned;
- (iii) whether the aforesaid vehicles are used by people's representatives; and
- (iv) if so, of the name and position of each of those people's representatives, separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the —

- (i) names of the provincial governors of Sri Lanka, separately in respect of each province;
- (ii) amount of money allocated for the development activities of each of the provinces in the year 2025, separately;

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- (iii) projects proposed to be implemented in each of the provinces, separately;
 - (iv) projects among them for which funds have already been allocated; and
 - (v) amount of funds allocated for each of those projects, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

858/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,—To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) institutions which function under the Public Security section of the Ministry of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs;
 - (ii) number of investigations that have been conducted by the institutions concerned after the present government came to power;
 - (iii) matters regarding which the investigations concerned have been conducted;
 - (iv) number of persons arrested so far pursuant to the investigations concerned, in respect of each such investigation separately;
 - (v) number of cases that have been filed pursuant to the investigations concerned; and
 - (vi) number of arms and ammunitions that have been taken into custody in respect of each such investigation, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

863/2025

Hon. Sujeewa Dissanayake,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
- (i) classification of Pirivenas in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) number of subjects taught in the Pirivenas;
 - (iii) subjects so taught; and
 - (iv) number of students currently studying in the above-mentioned Pirivenas?

(5)

- (b) Will she also inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount of money that has been allocated for Pirivena Education in the budget 2025; and
 - (ii) whether the curriculum of Pirivena education will be revised under the new education reforms?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

867/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of hospitals belonging to the Central Government and to the Provincial Council in each Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matara District, the grade to which each of those hospitals belongs according to the Government Hospital Grading System, and the number of individuals receiving services from each of those hospitals, separately;
 - (ii) whether he accepts that the Deniyaya Base Hospital, in the Kotapola Divisional Secretariat Division is a hospital that is more than 100 years old;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the hospital referred to above is currently faced with the risk of landslides and is in a very vulnerable state; and
 - (iv) if so, of steps that have been taken in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

878/2025

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) whether he is aware that people have settled in the lands for which ‘Land Grants’ 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 Manmunaipattu in the Batticaloa District; and
 - (ii) if so, of total number of such people and their names and other relevant information?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

957/2025

Hon. Ajith Gihan,—To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware of that—
 - (i) narcotics, intoxicants and other substances were illegally brought into the country from the coastal belt of the Puttalam District during recent past; and
 - (ii) the illegal activities referred to above are still being carried out?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken to prevent the situation referred to above ?
- (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 5.30 p.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

2.

Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka,— Privileges,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. (Dr.) Ramanathan Archchuna, M.P. on 09th May, 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.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

The Speaker,— Resolution to remove the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. T.M.W. Deshabandu Tennakoon from the office of the Inspector-General of Police in terms of Section 17 of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002,— Whereas the Parliament on the 08th of April, 2025 passed the Resolution No. P.29/2025 appeared in the Order Paper of Parliament dated 08.04.2025 and a Committee of Inquiry (hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”) was appointed under Section 5(2) and Section 6(b) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002, to inquire and report its findings in respect of the allegations in the said Resolution;

(7)

whereas in terms of Section 8(1)(b) of the said Act, the Committee had made its findings and communicated such findings to the Speaker on 21.07.2025;

whereas the Report of the Committee containing its findings has been tabled before the House by the Speaker on 22.07.2025;

whereas the Committee, having conducted its inquiry, has found the Inspector-General of Police guilty of the Charges No: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, and 23, out of the total 23 charges levelled against him in the Charge Sheet annexed to the said tabled Report;

This Parliament resolves, under Article 41C(3) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read with Section 18 of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No 5 of 2002, that the Inspector General of Police, Mr. T. M. W. Deshabandu Tennakoon, based on the findings of guilt recorded by the Committee of Inquiry and the said Report tabled before this House, be removed from office of the Inspector-General of Police.

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

Bills of Exchange (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Gambling Regulatory Authority Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Public Debt Management Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 35 read with Sections 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of the Public Debt Management Act, No. 33 of 2024 and the proviso to Article 44(3) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, on the Recommendation of the Public Debt Coordination Committee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2443/14 of 30th June 2025, which were presented on 22.07.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Foreign Exchange Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 22 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2441/14 of 18th June 2025, which was presented on 23.07.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Samurdhi (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

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(1A) of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2440/27 of 13th June 2025, which were presented on 22.07.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

Rubber Control (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— Regulations under the Sports Law,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports under Section 41 read with Sections 31 of the Sports Law, No. 25 of 1973 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2437/24 of 21st May 2025, which were presented on 25.07.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

National Audit (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*18.

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.*
