



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, August 07, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

722/2025

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 extent of the arable government lands in the Moneragala District;
 - (ii) of the extent of the lands owned by the Land Reform Commission in the Moneragala District;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the issuance of deeds for the lands concerned has been suspended at present;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that title deeds/ land permits have not yet been issued to persons who have been possessing the lands belonging to the Land Reform Commission for long periods of about 25-30 years; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to issue title deeds/ land permits to the persons concerned?

(b) If not, why?

2.

918/2025

Hon. M. Nizam Kariapper, PC,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the details of all approved projects to be implemented in Eastern Province of Sri Lanka under the assistance of the Government of India, pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the President of Sri Lanka and the Prime Minister of India during Indian Prime Minister's visit to Sri Lanka;

(2)

- (ii) of the process followed in identifying and approving each of the above projects separately;
- (iii) whether relevant stakeholders were consulted during the process of identifying the aforesaid projects; and
- (iv) if so, of the names and other relevant details of individuals/entities consulted?

(b) If not, why?

3.

970/2025

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 there are graduates among the officers placed in PL 1, PL 2 and PL 3 salary scales according to the Public Administration circular 06/2006;
- (ii) if so, of the number of such graduates;
- (iii) whether the aforementioned underemployed graduates will be provided with suitable places of work;
- (iv) if so, of the methodology that will be adopted to implement this;
- (v) of the solution that will be provided to the graduates over 40 years of age who are among the underemployed;
- (vi) whether there is a system in place to promote underemployed graduates based on their qualifications without conducting an examination; and
- (vii) if not, whether such a system will be introduced?

(b) If not, why?

4.

976/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a fisherman named E.L. Irfan, a resident of Sinna Palamunai area, who had ventured for deep sea fishing from the Kappaladi fishing pier in Addalachenai on 12.07.2024, was washed ashore on the Tamil Nadu coast and was brought back to Sri Lanka on 20.11.2024 after 130 days; and

(3)

- (ii) a fisherman named K.S. Nishfar, a resident of Addalachchenai 06 area died during the incident?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources has paid compensation to the deceased fisherman K.S. Nishfar;
 - (ii) whether compensation has been paid to the fisherman E.L. Irfan and for his damaged boat; and
 - (iii) if so, of the amounts paid as compensation to the above-mentioned fishermen, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1023/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the year in which the Regulation of Fertilizer Act was presented to the Parliament of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the maximum penalty that can be imposed on a fake fertilizer manufacturer under that Act;
 - (iii) whether the standard of the fertilizers available in the market is examined; and
 - (iv) whether there is any course of action in Sri Lanka to produce organic and chemical fertilizers or to encourage such production?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1065/2025

Hon. Ashoka Gunasena,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a land issue in Humbuluwa village in Alawwa in Dambadeniya;
 - (ii) whether the Humbuluwa village plan No. 455 prepared according to the survey of the year 1911 is in force;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the lands belonging to the above village since the year 1910 have been mentioned by the Department of Land Title Settlement as private hereditary lands;
 - (iv) whether the grant bearing No. 2621 has been registered;
 - (v) if so, of the date on which the said grant was registered and the relevant area of land, separately;

(4)

- (vi) of the date on which Humbuluwa Temple came under Section 4(1) of the Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Act No. 34 of 2013;
- (vii) of the reasons for the depriving of the right to claim the freehold lands traditionally possessed by the people of Humbuluwa village after the year 2017;
- (viii) of the reasons for not informing the villagers in that regard;
- (ix) whether he accepts that the 'people's sovereignty' as provided in the Constitution of Sri Lanka has been violated due to this; and
- (x) of the measures that will be taken regarding the above-mentioned issue?

(b) If not, why?

7.

1067/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he accepts that the current combined allowance provided to Public Health Midwives is not adequate;
- (ii) whether there is a course of action to increase the said allowance;
- (iii) if so, of the steps that have been taken in that regard; and,
- (iv) whether limitations for increasing that allowance have been identified?

(b) If not, why?

8.

1069/2025

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) whether the qualification of having obtained a bachelor's degree with a class, which was a requirement for recruitment to the posts of Senior Lecturer and Senior Educator of the National Institute of Education, has been removed in the process of updating the said recruitment scheme;
- (ii) similarly, whether the previous requirement of having the qualification of experience in teaching has also been removed;
- (iii) whether the previous requirement of having the qualification of 'experience obtained from a recognized institution' has been amended to include 'experience obtained from a recognized private institution' in the process of updating the recruitment scheme for the above-mentioned posts; and

(5)

(iv) of the objectives of amending the recruitment qualifications as is mentioned above?

(b) If not, why ?

9.

1072/2025

Hon. Ajantha Gammeddage,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the extent of land granted to private plantation companies out of the state-owned lands in the Matara District;
- (ii) of the name of each of the companies to which such lands were made available, the extent of lands given to each such company, and the crops grown on each of the lands, separately;
- (iii) of the extent of land in which cultivation has been carried out of the lands given to the plantation companies referred to above;
- (iv) of the names of the plantation companies which have not carried out cultivation activities on the lands given to them out of the plantation companies referred to above;
- (v) whether plans have been made to take those lands back to the government; and
- (vi) whether revenues accruable to the government have been recovered properly from the plantation companies concerned?

(b) If not, why?

10.

1080/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Nishantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Will he state, separately —

- (i) of the number of specialist doctors' services available in Sri Lanka, of their names, and the number of specialist doctors in each of such services;
- (ii) of the number of secondary, tertiary and specialized-care hospitals according to the 2020 classification in which specialist doctors' services are not available due to the shortage of specialist doctors and the number of such vacancies prevailing in them;
- (iii) of the number of those who retired, vacated, obtained overseas leave, died and resigned from each category of the specialist doctors' services from 2020 to 2024;
- (iv) of the number of those who were selected for each specialist doctors' service from 2020 to 2024;

(6)

- (v) if the required number of specialist doctors were selected through a competitive examination based on shortages / retirements, how many were selected in each of the past 5 years; and
- (vi) of the number of specialist doctors over the age of 60 year and in the age band of 55-60?
- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) of the number of graded hospitals which should have specialist doctors' services;
 - (ii) if the Post-Graduate Institute and the relevant College do not pass specialist doctors in necessary numbers, of the reasons for it; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to rectify it?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Presidents' Entitlements (Repeal),— Bill to repeal the Presidents' Entitlements Act, No. 4 of 1986.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1),— 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 12.00 noon Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 19th, 2025.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

(7)

*2.

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

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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

*6.

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.)

*7.

Rubber Control (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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 Section 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.)

*9.

National Audit (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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

*11.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*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.*
