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FOR

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

16/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) volume of tea produced in Sri Lanka and the income earned by Sri Lanka from tea exports in each of the years from 2015 up to now, separately;
 - (ii) position Sri Lanka commanded in each year during the aforementioned period in the international tea market in terms of tea exports, separately; and
 - (iii) measures that will be taken to increase the tea production in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

116/2024

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) whether she is aware that there was an extensive discussion in the society regarding a Central Bank bond scam that occurred during the previous ‘Good-Governance’ regime;
 - (ii) of the names and the positions of the individuals against whom allegations were leveled by the report of the Presidential Commission appointed to investigate the aforesaid matter;
 - (iii) of the impact that aforesaid bond scam created on the economy of Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) of the future actions that will be taken regarding aforesaid bond scam?
- (b) If not, why?

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3.

185/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,—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 drainage systems in the area from Thureineelawanei to Kurukkalmadam located in the Manmunei South, Eruvilpattu Divisional Secretariat Division of Batticaloa district, that need be constructed anew and repaired; and
- (ii) if so, whether necessary steps will be taken to address this issue?

(b) If not, why?

4.

218/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of M-class locomotives owned by the Sri Lanka Railways;
- (ii) total value of the locomotives concerned;
- (iii) number of locomotives that have been deployed in running operations out of the ones referred to above and of the number of those that have been removed from service, separately;
- (iv) number of M-class locomotives that have been sent for repairs; and
- (v) measures that will be taken to repair them expeditiously?

(b) If not, why?

5.

623/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of corporations/companies currently engaged in the petroleum business in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the names of those;
- (iii) whether he is aware of the statement made by the Chairman of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation to the effect that petroleum prices cannot be reduced due to agreements entered into by the previous government with the aforesaid companies and that if the prices are reduced, compensations would have to be paid to the companies concerned;

(3)

- (iv) whether he will inform the truth/falsity of this statement; and
- (v) if so, of the steps that will be taken to revise the agreements referred to above?

(b) If not, why?

6.

1075/2025

Hon. Thurairasa Ravikaran,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of scheduled bus journeys with online seat reservation facility that have been cancelled by the Sri Lanka Transport Board during the year 2025 without any alternative arrangement;
- (ii) of the total amount of money collected as fares for the bus journeys so cancelled but have not been refunded still;
- (iii) whether a course of action will be implemented to inform the passengers in advance in cases where above mentioned bus journeys are cancelled and to refund the money collected for it without delay; and
- (iv) whether steps will be taken to review the online seat reservation policy to ensure that this activity is conducted transparently for the benefit of passengers ?

(b) If not, why?

7.

1081/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Nilanthi Kottahachchi, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of complaints received as of now by the Police Stations in the Western Province regarding the continued financial frauds committed for a long time by the company 'Park Properties (Private) Limited', which is engaged in the business of buying and selling land and has its business head office at No. 362 D, Kaduwela Road, Malabe;
- (ii) current progress of the investigations conducted by the Mirihana Special Crime Investigation Division of the Sri Lanka Police regarding the company concerned; and
- (iii) number of cases filed in various courts throughout the island in relation to the above complaints?

(b) If not, why?

(4)

8.

1083/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he accept that —

- (i) approval for extracting of stones and earth carried out in the Vanni area is obtained directly from the institutions functioning under the central government without obtaining permission from any institution functioning under the administration of the Provincial Council;
- (ii) the Department of Archaeology, Geological Survey and Mines Bureau, Central Environmental Authority, Department of Forest Conservation, Department of Wildlife Conservation and the relevant divisional secretariat are involved in that process;
- (iii) approval of the relevant local government institution is obtained only in cases where the roads used for transporting the mined mineral resources are under the administration of the respective local government institution; and
- (iv) accordingly, the resources belonging to the Northern Province are being taken away to other provinces without the approval of that Provincial Council and the local government institutions?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether resources belonging to the Northern Province are allowed to be taken away to other provinces without the approval of that Provincial Council and local government institutions; and
- (ii) the alternative arrangement that will be put in place to prevent this situation?

(c) If not, why?

9.

1091/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether he is aware that the examinations of the Government Management Service were held in 2019 and 2024;
- (ii) the cut-off marks of each of those examinations, separately;
- (iii) the base date for taking the count on the number of vacancies for the examination held in 2019;
- (iv) the associated number of vacancies;

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- (v) the cut-off mark of the Government Management Service (Limited) Examination held in 2019;
 - (vi) whether the applicants who have obtained more than 100 marks at that examination have been recruited by now;
 - (vii) the number of rounds in which they were recruited; and
 - (viii) the manner in which the applicants remaining after the first round were recruited?
- (b) Will he also state —
- (i) the cut-off mark of the Government Management Service (Limited) Examination held in 2024;
 - (ii) the number of applicants who have passed the examination concerned;
 - (iii) out of the applicants who have passed the examination concerned, the number of those who have been recruited by now; and
 - (iv) whether the applicants who have obtained more than 100 marks at 2024 examination will also be recruited, given that the applicants who obtained more than 100 marks at the 2019 examination have been recruited?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

1102/2025

Hon. Suranga Rathnayaka,—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 unemployed graduates in Sri Lanka as at 01.01.2025;
 - (ii) number of jobs that have been granted to graduates by the present Government;
 - (iii) number of the jobs referred to above, separately according to each field or sector; and
 - (iv) future plan to be adopted in granting employment to unemployed graduates?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
- (i) of the number of government teacher vacancies existing at present;
 - (ii) whether an expedited course of action has been made to fill the vacancies; and
 - (iii) if so, of the course of action concerned above?
- (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— National Building Research Institute,— Bill to provide for the establishment of the National Building Research Institute and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Penal Code (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Penal Code (Chapter 19).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Gambling Regulatory Authority Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

Samurdhi (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Rubber Control (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*6.

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.)

*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(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.)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 05.08.2025, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2434/02 of 28th April 2025)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, as amended, relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2434/04 of 28th April 2025, which was presented on 05.08.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulation under the Finance Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 19 read with Section 51 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 relating to Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2434/05 of 28th April 2025, which was presented on 05.08.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— Regulations under the Construction Industry Development Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing under Section 58 read with Section 52(2) and Sections 35(1), (2) and (4) of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2430/13 of 01st April 2025, which were presented on 05.08.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

National Audit (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*15.

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.*
