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FOR

Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

676/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he acknowledges the fact that the contribution of Technical Officers is very important to the Sri Lanka Railways in providing an optimal service;
 - (ii) of the number of Technical Officers currently serving in the Sri Lanka Railways;
 - (iii) of the number of vacancies for Technical Officers currently existing in the said Department; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to fill the aforesaid vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

735/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that there was a power outage in Sri Lanka on 09.02.2025; and
 - (ii) if so, separately of the short term and long-term steps that have been taken to strengthen the stability of the power supply network following the power outage?
- (b) If not why?

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3.

808/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of journalists who have been assassinated, abducted, or assaulted so far since 2010;
 - (ii) names of those journalists; and
 - (iii) progress of the investigations that are being conducted to exercise justice in respect of the said journalists?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

832/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindrane Kiriella, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of minors found to have been sent to foreign employment since the year 2020 up to now;
 - (ii) methods that have been adopted in sending them for foreign employment; and
 - (iii) measures that will be taken to prevent minors from being sent to foreign employment?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

859/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of state lands that have been granted on lease basis in each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Anuradhapura District, separately;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the state land of approximately 100 acres in extent located in Kodinnewa village in Grama Niladhari Division No. 153 of Horowpothana Divisional Secretariat Division, has been illegally cleared and cultivated;
 - (iii) if so, of the individuals who have cleared and cultivated the land referred to above;

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- (iv) whether the individuals concerned have a legal right to do so;
- (v) whether they have obtained the fertilizer subsidy; and
- (vi) if so, of the value of the fertilizer subsidy?

(b) If not, why?

6.

868/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) primary objective of implementing the Vehicle Emission Testing Programme in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) date on which the said programme was initiated;
- (iii) annual revenue that are generated by it, separately in respect of each vehicle category; and
- (iv) name of the institution that collects the revenue?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the role of the Vehicular Emission Test Trust Fund;
- (ii) of the name of the individual who initiated the said Fund;
- (iii) whether the Government receives any revenue from the said Fund; and
- (iv) if so, of the amount of the said revenue?

(c) If not, why?

7.

877/2025

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 persons are residing on state lands in the Manmunai North Divisional Secretariat Division of the Batticaloa district without a 'Deed of Grant' or a 'Land Permit' awarded by the government;
- (ii) if so, of the number of such individuals, their names and relevant details;

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- (iii) whether the respective Divisional Secretary has filed action at the court of law against them during the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2025 to legally evict those individuals from the state lands referred to above;
 - (iv) if so, of the number of such individuals, their names and their relevant details;
 - (v) of the number of evicted individuals from the state lands during the above period on court orders along with their names and relevant details, out of those, the number of individuals who were prosecuted;
 - (vi) whether there are persons against whom the Divisional Secretary has not filed action although he should have;
 - (vii) if so, of the number of such persons, and their names and other relevant details; and
 - (viii) of the reasons for filing action against only a few of them while not filing action against most?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

955/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately of the —
- (i) number of flyovers constructed across highways, flyovers constructed across railways and road tunnels constructed in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) amount that has been spent on the construction of those referred to above?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the number of flyovers that have been constructed in the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) of the locations where the above flyovers have been constructed;
 - (iii) whether it has been proposed to construct a flyover across the Maho Junction on the Northern Railway Line;
 - (iv) whether a ceremony had been organized to commence the construction of the flyover concerned during the period from 2004 to 2014;

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- (v) if so, of the expenditure that the ceremony incurred; and
- (vi) whether steps will be taken in future to construct the said flyover?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

971/2025

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of Ayurveda Medical Colleges in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the reasons as to why the students are not enrolled into the Sri Lanka Ayurveda Siddha Medical College in Jaffna, which was established in 1925, incorporated in 1941 and gazetted in 1949;
 - (iii) the current status of it;
 - (iv) the reasons for appointing university graduates who do not have any knowledge of traditional medicine to the Department of Ayurveda;
 - (v) whether he is aware that the hereditary doctors accuse that these graduates do not understand their problems;
 - (vi) the measures that have been taken in this regard;
 - (vii) whether approval is granted to the Medical Colleges of indigenous medicine for the advancement of traditional education in medicine and Ayurveda education in Northern Province; and
 - (viii) the legal/administrative measures that will be taken in this regard?
- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) whether an institution will be established to provide identity cards, medical certificates and degrees to hereditary doctors;
 - (ii) whether a recruitment scheme and a salary scale will be introduced for them;
 - (iii) the reason as to why they do not get the assistance of the government; and
 - (iv) whether he acknowledges that the fee of up to Rs. 5000/- has to be paid for their registration/ renewal of the identity card/ clinical permit is a burden to them?
- (c) If not, why?

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977/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that 3081 registered substitute workers serve in the Department of Posts;
 - (ii) of their respective duration of service;
 - (iii) whether steps been taken to appoint them to fill the vacancies existing in the Department of Posts;
 - (iv) whether steps have been taken to fill the vacancies existing for registered substitute workers in the Department of Posts; and
 - (v) if so, of those steps?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

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*4.

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.)

*5.

National Audit (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Presidents' Entitlements (Repeal) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*9.

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.*
