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FOR

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

17/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money invested by the Sri Lanka Tea Board in long-term and short-term investments separately, from the year 2020 up to now;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that proper approval has not been obtained for those investments; and
 - (iii) if so, of the actions that will be taken in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

118/2024

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of official residences available for Members of Parliament as at present;
 - (ii) number of Members of Parliament who have obtained official residences and of the number of those who have not as at present, separately; and
 - (iii) names of the Members of Parliament who have obtained official residences and of the names of those who have not, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

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3.

220/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) quantity of seed paddy in the possession of the government at present;
 - (ii) quantity of seed paddy, Sri Lanka needed in each of the years from 2020 up to date, separately; and
 - (iii) measures taken by the government to maintain an adequate stock of seed paddy as the demand for seed paddy has become high because of various weather and climate changes?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

341/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he accept that —
 - (i) there are 478 small tanks under the Department of Agriculture within the Batticaloa District;
 - (ii) only less than 200 such tanks are maintained while others go without proper maintenance; and
 - (iii) the farmers in the area can be empowered if those tanks are restored and maintained?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to put to proper maintenance of the above-mentioned tanks which are not properly maintained?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

624/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that a detention center has been established in the Mirihana area for the purpose of detaining illegal foreign immigrants that migrate to Sri Lanka;

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- (ii) of the current number of foreign immigrants detained in that center, separately by each individual's country; and
- (iii) of the measures that will be taken to control the illegal immigration of foreign nationals into Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

6.

1113/2025

Hon. Roshan Akmeemana,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of officers currently serving in the Civil Security Department, separately in each district;
- (ii) total annual expenditure incurred by the Civil Security Department; and
- (iii) annual income earned from the special projects implemented by the Department concerned?

(b) If not, why ?

7.

1119/2025

Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of personnel who have been recruited to the Tri Forces for professional duties under direct entry by now for each Force, separately;
- (ii) of the professions into which they have been recruited;
- (iii) of the reasons for recruiting them under that classification;
- (iv) whether there are differences between military personnel recruited under the above classification and other military personnel in deploying to perform duties;
- (v) if so, of those differences; and
- (vi) whether military personnel recruited under the above classification are given the same ranks and promotions as other military personnel?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether the personnel recruited under the said classification will be removed, if the Tri Forces are reorganized;
- (ii) whether a count has been taken regarding it;

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- (iii) if so, of that count;
- (iv) whether a discussion has occurred regarding a programme about the military personnel who would be removed, scheduled to be removed and sent on retirement during such reorganization; and
- (v) if so, of such programme?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

1179/2025

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

- (a) Will he state, in respect of the Kilinochchi District,—
 - (i) whether post offices and sub-post offices are functioning according to the ranking;
 - (ii) the number of post offices and sub-post offices according to the ranking, separately;
 - (iii) the number of post offices and sub-post offices with/without permanent lands and buildings, separately;
 - (iv) timeframe for giving permanent buildings for sub-post offices which do not have permanent buildings; and
 - (v) whether post offices at Kilinochchi, Paranthan, Pachchilaippalli and Pooneryn have modern facilities and computers?
- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) whether he accepts that sub-post offices should be established in Bharathipuram, Punnaineeravi and Pallikkuda;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for not taking any action about the letter No. PPS&MR/HR/09-182 dated 09.09.2016 sent by the Minister's public relations officer to the Postmaster General according to my letter dated 05.09.2016?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1242/2025

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether Maga Naguma is still functioning;
 - (ii) if so, its offices and industrial yards that are functioning; and

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(iii) if defunct, the offices and industrial yards that have been closed down?

(b) Will he also state —

(i) whether he is aware of a Maga Naguma yard in Ganewalpola, Kekirawa in Anuradhapura;

(ii) its present state;

(iii) the reasons for its closure;

(iv) the machinery and vehicles available there, separately;

(v) their present value;

(vi) whether a programme is in place to use them for developing Sri Lanka's roads;

(vii) if the centre is no longer functioning, the basis of its acquisition;

(viii) the institution which will acquire it;

(ix) the time duration that will take for its acquisition; and

(x) the time period that it will be acquired?

(c) If not, why?

10.

1257/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of family units living in Sri Lanka;

(ii) whether he is aware that there are houses each shared by several family units;

(iii) in the case of a house shared by several family units, of the formal procedure that is followed by Grama Niladharis to distinguish between the separate families when preparing the electoral register;

(iv) whether he is aware that practical and administrative problems arise when dealing with the families that share the same house;

(v) if so, whether a solution will be provided for that;

(vi) of that solution; and

(vii) if a solution is not provided, of the reasons for it?

(b) If not, why?

(6)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item No. 2 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 27 of the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Penal Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Essential Public Services Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2454/68 of 21st September 2025 and Schedule thereto, by virtue of the powers vested with the President in terms of Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979, which was presented on 23.09.2025, be approved.

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 20 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2449/60 of 15th August 2025, which were presented on 12.09.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

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*6.

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.*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

328/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Defence at present;
 - (ii) of the role of those advisors;
 - (iii) of the monthly salaries and allowances paid, previous workplace(s), position last held, education qualifications and ages as at 2024 in respect of each of those advisors, separately;
 - (iv) whether those advisors have been provided with a staff; and
 - (v) if so, of the names of the staff members assigned to each advisor, their positions, their monthly salaries and allowances and if they are appointed on secondment basis, their previous places of work, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

543/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) total number of advisors appointed to the Cabinet Ministries; and

(8)

- (ii) name, the date of appointment, educational qualifications, monthly salary and allowances paid, previous places of work and positions held in respect of each of the aforesaid advisors, and the vehicle number, type of vehicle, and the monthly fuel allowance paid for the vehicle of each of the aforesaid advisors if he/she has been provided with vehicles, and the location of the office and the monthly rent paid for the office if he/she has been provided with an office, separately according to each Ministry?

(b) If not, why?

3.

545/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— 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 officers approved for the personal staff of a Deputy Minister; and
- (ii) name, the address, the date of appointment, monthly salary and allowances paid, the bank to which the salary is credited if such salary is not credited to a personal bank account, other allowances paid, and the number and make of the vehicle and the monthly fuel allowance if a vehicle is assigned to her/him, in respect of each of the officers who have been appointed to the personal staff of each Deputy Minister, separately, according to each Ministry?

(b) If not, why?

4.

546/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— 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 officers approved for the personal staff of a Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers; and
- (ii) name, the address, the date of appointment, monthly salary and allowances paid, the bank to which the salary is credited if such salary is not credited to a personal bank account, other allowances paid, the number and make of the vehicle and the monthly fuel allowance if a vehicle is assigned to him/her, in respect of each of the officers who have been appointed to the personal staff of each Minister of Cabinet of Ministers, separately, according to each Ministry?

(b) If not, why?

5.

1298/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, 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 Sri Lankan migrant workers who have migrated for employment since 2020 to date, the amount of foreign exchange remitted by them and the amount of that foreign exchange as a percentage of Sri Lanka's Gross National Product, separately for each year;
- (ii) countries which have a high demand for Sri Lankan workers for foreign employment;
- (iii) government's program to meet such demand;
- (iv) number of Sri Lankan migrant workers who have been sent for employment in the countries referred to in (ii) above since 2020 to date, separately for each year;
- (v) countries that have a labour market which accrue greater benefits to Sri Lankan migrant workers; and
- (vi) steps that will be taken to send highly skilled Sri Lankan workers to the countries concerned?

(b) If not, why?
