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Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

204/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which airfares to Israel were reduced;
 - (ii) of the amount of the fare reduction;
 - (iii) of the number of Sri Lankans currently working in Israel;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that a major fraud has occurred in the above- mentioned reduction of airfares; and
 - (v) of the action that will be taken in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

227/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the ‘Public Assets Recovery Agency,’ which the policy statement ‘A Thriving Nation – A Beautiful Life,’ promised to establish has been established by now;
 - (ii) of the amount of stolen assets that have been recovered to the government by the Agency concerned;
 - (iii) of the number of employees currently working at this Agency; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money that has been allocated for the Agency from the Appropriation Bill or the Vote on Account presented for the year 2025?
- (b) If not, why?

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298/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) quantity of salt required for annual consumption in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) manner in which the said quantity of salt is procured;
 - (iii) names of the government institutions and private institutions that produce salt, separately;
 - (iv) areas where salt is produced the most;
 - (v) warehouse locations where the salt harvest is stored; and
 - (vi) capacity of the warehouses and of the duration for which the said capacity will be sufficient, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether salt has been imported to Sri Lanka from 2024.01.01 to date;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of occasions on which salt was imported and the quantity of salt imported on each occasion, separately; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for importing salt?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

314/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) current value of assets owned by the Samurdhi Bank;
 - (ii) number of Samurdhi Banks and Samurdhi General Societies in Sri Lanka, separately; and
 - (iii) current value of assets owned by all Samurdhi General Societies?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether Samurdhi Banks fall under the scrutiny of Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if not, of the reasons for their exclusion; and
 - (iii) of the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Samurdhi Bank?

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- (c) Will he further inform this House of the —
 - (i) profit/loss of Samurdhi Bank for the last 10 years separately;
 - (ii) balance sheet value of Samurdhi Bank for the last 10 years separately;
 - (iii) shareholders of the Samurdhi Bank; and
 - (iv) interest paid to the depositors and lending rate to the borrowers as adjusted by the Samurdhi Bank, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

824/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the quantity of crude oil and refined oil imported by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from the year 2022 to 2024, separately in each year;
 - (ii) whether the prescribed procurement procedure was followed in importing the said oil;
 - (iii) if not, of the reasons for it;
 - (iv) of the quantity of crude oil and refined oil purchased as emergency purchases during that period, separately in each year; and
 - (v) of the financial difference between the purchases made through emergency purchases and the purchases made through the normal procurement procedure?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

902/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) date on which the animal census was conducted in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) amount of money that was spent on the said census;
 - (iii) objectives of the said animal census;
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to fulfill those objectives;
 - (v) progress pertaining to the said census as at present; and

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- (vi) number of toque macaques, monkeys, giant squirrels and peacocks separately as per the said census?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of Grama Niladhari Divisions in which the animal census referred to above was conducted;
 - (ii) Grama Niladhari Divisions in which the animal census was not conducted; and
 - (iii) reasons for not conducting the animal census in the Grama Niladhari Divisions concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

983/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of employees working at all the offices of the Employees' Trust Fund Board, including its Head Office and the Regional Offices;
 - (ii) whether he acknowledges that the salaries and other facilities required by the employees working at the Board should be provided without a default;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the employees of the Board recently engaged in a protest against a salary cut; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that have been taken regarding the said salary cut?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1123/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,—To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of soldiers/ officers who have deserted the Sri Lanka Air Force;
 - (ii) number of those among them who have been arrested by the Sri Lanka Police and who have surrendered, separately;
 - (iii) action to be taken concerning them; and
 - (iv) time taken to remove them from the Sri Lanka Air Force?

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- (b) Will he also inform the House —
- (i) whether he is aware that arrangements are being made to purchase a C-130 aircraft to the Sri Lanka Air Force;
 - (ii) of the number of C-130 aircraft currently in the possession of the Sri Lanka Air Force;
 - (iii) of the times when maintenance activities were last conducted on the aircraft concerned;
 - (iv) of the objective of purchasing a new C-130 aircraft;
 - (v) whether the new C-130 aircraft is a donation or a purchase; and
 - (vi) how the intended objective has been satisfied so far?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1159/2025

Hon. Ajith Gihan,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources,— (1)

- (a) Will he accept that —
- (i) shrimp farming is carried out in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) however, shrimp are imported to Sri Lanka from other countries and re-exported; and
 - (iii) this has caused an adverse impact on the shrimp farming industry in Sri Lanka and on the people engaged in that industry?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether a course of action will be adopted to encourage shrimp farming in Sri Lanka instead of re-exporting shrimp?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

1279/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the Tea Smallholdings Development Authority and the Sri Lanka Tea Board granted assistance for running tea nurseries within the Galle District in 2022 and 2023;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of tea nurseries so assisted by the Tea Smallholdings Development Authority and the Sri Lanka Tea Board, the names of the recipients of such assistance, amount of such assistance, and the registration number of each such tea nursery in each DS Division, separately; and

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(iii) of the names of those out of the recipients referred to above who maintain tea nurseries at present and those who do not, separately?

(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,— 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.)

*2.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*4.

Penal Code (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned debate on question (24th September 2025) [1].

*5.

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.*

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Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”
