



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 100.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1350/2025

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

(a) Will he admit that —

- (i) the roads in the Trincomalee District, maintained by the Road Development Authority, are in such condition that they need to be widened;
- (ii) the Kinniya-Colombo main road should be prioritized for widening due to population of the Kinniya area and the number of local and foreign tourists visiting the area; and
- (iii) there are schools located near this road, that there is heavy traffic congestion on the road, and that there are not enough facilities for pedestrians?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the width of the Kinniya-Colombo main road;
- (ii) whether the said road is a one-way road;
- (iii) if not, whether it is a two-way road;
- (iv) whether steps have been taken to widen the said road;
- (v) if so, of the length and width of the proposed road; and
- (vi) of the estimated cost for the proposed road?

(c) If not, why?

(2)

2.

1352/2025

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether he is aware that illegal fishing activities are being carried out in the Mullaitivu and Mannar districts using prohibited fishing methods and unauthorized fishing vessels;
- (ii) if so, the measures that have been taken to curb those activities; and
- (iii) the measures that will be taken in the future to strengthen the surveillance and the operational activities in that regard?

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) the impact of the aforesaid illegal fishing activities on the quality of fish production in the Mullaitivu and Mannar districts;
- (ii) whether a survey has been conducted regarding the impact of aforesaid illegal fishing activities on the economy of the fishermen in aforesaid districts;
- (iii) the measures that have been taken to secure the livelihoods and the income of the ordinary fishermen affected by aforesaid illegal fishing activities?
- (iv) the reasons for not adequately enforcing the law to curb these illegal fishing activities; and
- (v) whether a proper coordination is being maintained between the Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources, the Sri Lanka Navy and the Sri Lanka Police to combat these illegal fishing activities?

(c) If not, why?

3.

1354/2025

Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of pensioners in Sri Lanka at present; and
- (ii) amount allocated for the payment of pensions from the year 2020 to date separately for each year?

(3)

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether he accepts that when considered as a family unit, the pension of a pensioner is considered a shared benefit rather than an individual benefit; and
- (ii) accordingly, of the procedure followed in relation to the pension of a pensioner after his/her death?

(c) If not, why?

4.

1395/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) there is a severe scarcity of drinking water in the Pottuvil and Lahugala Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the Ampara District; and
- (ii) the then governments implemented the ‘Heda Oya’ Water Supply Project in 2018, 2019 and 2020, spending Rs. 150 million, Rs. 25 million and Rs. 50 million respectively, with the aim of providing a solution to the said scarcity of drinking water?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the present status of the said project that was implemented as a solution to the scarcity of drinking water; and
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to restart the said project, as its implementation would meet the drinking water demand of the residents in the Divisional Secretariat Divisions mentioned in (a) (i) above?

(c) If not, why?

5.

1434/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Oshani Umanga,— To ask the Minister of Labour,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the Department of Labour has taken steps to notify employers regarding the non-payment of contributions to the Employees’ Provident Fund since October 2024;
- (ii) of the time period for which notices of surcharges for non-payment of contributions to the Employees’ Provident Fund have been issued;

(4)

- (iii) if the collection of surcharges has been delayed for an extended period, of the reasons for such delay; and
 - (iv) whether steps have been taken to provide relief to enterprises affected by the 2019 Easter attack, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the 2022 economic crisis when imposing surcharges?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS
Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,—That in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 75(5) of the Parliament, 15th Saturday, 17th Monday, 18th Tuesday, 19th Wednesday, 20th Thursday, 21st Friday, 22nd Saturday, 24th Monday, 25th Tuesday, 26th Wednesday, 27th Thursday, 28th Friday, 29th Saturday, November 2025 and 01st Monday, 02nd Tuesday, 03rd Wednesday and 05th Friday, December 2025 be allotted days for the consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2026).

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1),— That in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sittings of Parliament on allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2026) on 17th Monday, 24th Monday, November 2025 and 01st Monday, December 2025 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.00 p.m. provisions of paragraphs (5) and (6) of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sittings of Parliament on allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2026) on 15th Saturday, from 18th Tuesday to 20th Thursday, 22nd Saturday, 25th Tuesday to 27th Thursday and 29th Saturday, November 2025 and 02nd Tuesday and 03rd Wednesday, December 2025 shall be 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.00 p.m. provisions of paragraphs (5) and (6) of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

(5)

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sittings of Parliament on allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2026) on 21st Friday and 28th Friday, November 2025 shall be 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.00 p.m. provisions of paragraphs (5) and (6) of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

5.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 4),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of the sitting of Parliament on Friday, 05th December, 2025 allotted for consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2026) shall be 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.. At 6.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill— (Fifth Allotted Day)— Adjourned debate on question (07th November 2025) [1].

*2.

Social Security Contribution Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Betting and Gaming Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development regarding the Guidelines on the Grant of Exemptions or Incentives to Businesses of Strategic Importance under Section 71 read with Section 52 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2454/62 of 20th September 2025, which were presented on 22.10.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(6)

*5.

The Minister of Energy,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Electricity Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Energy regarding the Terms and Conditions of Voluntary Retirement Scheme under Section 50 read with paragraph (f) of Section 18(3) of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 36 of 2024 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2451/11 of 26th August 2025, which were presented on 23.10.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Annual Report of the University of Ruhuna (2022),— That the Annual Report of the University of Ruhuna 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 17.12.2024 under Section 110 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education on 07.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 17.03.2025)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Annual Report of the Eastern University of Sri Lanka (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Eastern University of Sri Lanka 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 07.01.2025 under Section 12 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education on 07.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 17.03.2025)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Annual Report of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 18.02.2025 under Section 110 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education on 06.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.09.2025)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture of the University of Peradeniya (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture of the University of Peradeniya 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 07.01.2025 under Section 110 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education on 07.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 17.03.2025)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Annual Report of the University of Peradeniya (2023),— That the Annual Report of the University of Peradeniya 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 22.02.2025 under Section 110 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 and Section II of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education on 06.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.09.2025)

*11.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 23.07.2024 under Section 19 of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment Act, No. 21 of 1985, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 08.07.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 06.08.2025)

*12.

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— Annual Report of the Paddy Marketing Board (2017),— That the Annual Report of the Paddy Marketing Board 2017 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2017 and presented on 20.01.2022 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Agriculture on 22.02.2022 and presented its report to Parliament on 24.02.2022)

*13.

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— Annual Report of the Paddy Marketing Board (2018),— That the Annual Report of the Paddy Marketing Board 2018 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2018 and presented on 20.01.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Agriculture on 20.06.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 05.07.2023)

*14.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation (2019),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 07.01.2025 under Section 23 of the State Agricultural Corporations Act, No. 11 of 1972, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation and Community Infrastructure on 05.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 10.03.2025)

*15.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation (2020),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 07.01.2025 under Section 23 of the State Agricultural Corporations Act, No. 11 of 1972, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation and Community Infrastructure on 05.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 10.03.2025)

*16.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Ltd (2022/2023),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Ltd 2022/2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2023 and presented on 20.02.2025 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation and Community Infrastructure on 05.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 10.03.2025)

*17.

The Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— Annual Report of the National Institute of Cooperative Development (2023),— That the Annual Report of the National Institute of Cooperative Development 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 09.05.2025 under Section 29 of Part VI of the National Institute of Cooperative Development (Incorporation) Act, No. 1 of 2001, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability on 11.07.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 06.08.2025)

*18.

The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— Annual Report of the National Youth Services Council (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Youth Services Council 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 18.12.2024 under Section 31 of the National Youth Services Act, No. 69 of 1979, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports on 13.06.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 17.06.2025)

*19.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 01.12.2023 under Section 10(8) of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute Act, No. 46 of 1985, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 20.05.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.07.2025)

*20.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 05.03.2025 under Section 10(8) of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute Act, No. 46 of 1985, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 20.05.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.07.2025)

*21.

The Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 23.07.2024 under Section 32 of the National Child Protection Authority Act, No. 50 of 1998, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health, Media and Women's Empowerment on 18.06.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 08.07.2025)

*22.

The Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority (2023),— That the Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 09.04.2025 under Section 32 of the National Child Protection Authority Act, No. 50 of 1998, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health, Media and Women's Empowerment on 18.06.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 08.07.2025)

*23.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

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

*25.

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.*

[1].

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