



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 102.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 9.00 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

20/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of liquor shops existing in Sri Lanka, at present;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that a court decision has been issued to the effect that when liquor shops are established, they must be at least 100 meters away from places such as temples, churches, mosques, kovils and schools; and
 - (iii) of the number of liquor shops that have been established as at present in compliance with the aforesaid decision and in violation of the decision, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

119/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) date on which the then government decided to reduce the tax imposed on sugar;
 - (ii) factors that influenced for such decision;
 - (iii) companies that have imported sugar into Sri Lanka after the tax that had been imposed on sugar was reduced;
 - (iv) tax revenue that was lost due to the decision mentioned in (i) above; and
 - (v) action that has been taken so far regarding the concerned fraud on the tax imposed on sugar?
- (b) If not, why?

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3.

345/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that the —
 - (i) drinking water facilities have not yet been provided to areas such as Panai Aruppan, Pan Senai, Vadakkal Madu, Pawatkodi Senai, Unnichchai and Nediymadhu, in Vavunathivu Divisional Secretariat Division within the Manmunai West of the Batticaloa District; and
 - (ii) residents of the Unnichchai area have not been provided with drinking water, although drinking water has been taken from Unnichchai to various areas?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) if so, whether the steps will be taken to provide drinking water facilities to the areas mentioned in (i) above; and
 - (ii) of the dates when the drinking water facilities will be made available to the aforesaid areas?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

562/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total extent of land belonging to Department of Sri Lanka Railways;
 - (ii) whether these lands have been leased out to private institutions and individuals;
 - (iii) if so, of the extent of such land; and
 - (iv) of the amount of income earned by Department of Sri Lanka Railways from leasing out such lands in each of the years from 2020 up to now, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) extent of land that has been encroached upon by unauthorized settlers out of the lands belonging to Department of Sri Lanka Railways;
 - (ii) measures that will be taken to evict the unauthorized occupants; and

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- (iii) steps that will be taken to utilize the lands owned by the Department of Sri Lanka Railways productively, under the direct ownership and supervision of that?

(c) If not, why?

5.

626/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) date on which the Cabinet of Ministers decided to implement a concessional loan scheme for small and medium scale rice mill owners;
- (ii) objectives of implementing the said loan scheme;
- (iii) criteria that are considered in granting loans under the said loan scheme;
- (iv) names of each of the rice mill owners who have obtained loans under the said loan scheme so far and of the loan amounts obtained by them separately; and
- (v) methodology that will be adopted in monitoring whether the loans obtained by the said rice mill owners are being utilized properly?

(b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Seventh Allotted Day) — Committee.

*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.)

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*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)

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*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.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Rules under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Rules made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development on 04th October 2025 under Section 32 read with Section 25 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding Excise License Fees, which were presented on 08.11.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

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 22 read with Section 26 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2430/14 of 01st April 2025, which was presented on 08.11.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

The Minister of Health and Mass Media,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 01.12.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health, Media and Women's Empowerment on 09.07.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.09.2025)

*26.

The Minister of Health and Mass Media,— Annual Report of the Independent Television Network Ltd (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Independent Television Network Ltd 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 05.03.2024 under Section 14 of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health, Media and Women's Empowerment on 09.07.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.09.2025)

*27.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*28.

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

*29.

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.*

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on the “Appropriation” Bill — See separate Paper “Supplement to the Orders of the Day”.

[1].

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