



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 103.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Monday, November 17, 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,— (2)

- (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,— (2)

- (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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3.

464/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka has imported fish from 2021 to date;
 - (ii) if so, of type, quantity, value and country of origin in each year from 2021 to date separately; and
 - (iii) whether such imports were for local consumption or for re-export?
- (b) Will he also inform this House for each year from 2021 to date separately—
 - (i) if for local consumption, of the value of duty earned;
 - (ii) if for re-export, of the value added and foreign exchange earned;
 - (iii) of the quantity, value and countries of origin of dried fish, sprats and Maldives fish imported;
 - (iv) of the quantity of dried fish, sprats and Maldives fish produced in Sri Lanka;
 - (v) of the quantity and value of canned fish imported to Sri Lanka; and
 - (vi) of the quantity of canned fish produced in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

662/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) year in which the scheme was introduced for granting motor vehicle permits to high-ranking government officials on a concessional basis upon their retirement;
 - (ii) number of vehicle permits issued in each year since then, separately; and
 - (iii) designations eligible for obtaining the said permits?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the permits mentioned above are still being issued;
 - (ii) if not, of the year in which the issuance of permits was suspended;
 - (iii) of the reasons for suspending the issuance of the said permits;

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- (iv) of the date on which the process of issuing the said permits will be resumed;
 - (v) whether permits will be issued to pensioners who did not receive permits due to the suspension in the issuance of them; and
 - (vi) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1256/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of state-owned official residences occupied by the Ministers of the Cabinet of Ministers and State Ministers during the period of the previous government, excluding the official residences of the Members of Parliament in Madiwela Housing Complex;
 - (ii) of the present condition of the said state-owned official residences;
 - (iii) whether the said state-owned official residences have been provided to other institutions or businesses on a lease or rent basis; and
 - (iv) of the number of Ministers and Deputy Ministers of the present government to whom such official residences have been duly allocated?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Privileges,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. (Dr.) Nishantha Samaraweera, M.P. on 13th November, 2025 in Parliament to the effect that the privileges of the Committee on Public Enterprises and Parliament have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 118 of the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Eighth Allotted Day) — Committee. (Progress, 15th November).

*2.

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)

*3.

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)

*4.

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)

*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 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)

*7.

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)

*8.

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)

*9.

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)

*10.

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)

*11.

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)

*12.

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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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)

*15.

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)

*16.

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)

*17.

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)

*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 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)

*20.

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)

*21.

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)

*22.

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

*23.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

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.)

*25.

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.)

*26.

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.)

*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.”
