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No. 104.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 9.00 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

827/2025

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the volume of gas that was imported by Litro Gas Lanka Limited from 2022 to 2024, separately for each year;
 - (ii) whether the proper procurement procedure was followed in importing the said volume of gas;
 - (iii) if not, of the reasons for that;
 - (iv) of the volume of gas that was purchased as emergency purchases during the said period, separately for each year in metric tons; and
 - (v) of the financial difference between an emergency purchase and a purchase that is made following the normal procurement procedure?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

880/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of persons who applied for ‘Urumaya’ freehold deeds in the Manmunaipattu DS Division from 01.01.2019 to 31.03.2025 and their names;
 - (ii) whether ‘Urumaya’ freehold deeds have been granted to the persons referred to above during the above period under a special programme of the then government;

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- (iii) if so, of the number of such persons and their names;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that some of the persons who applied for 'Urumaya' freehold deeds have not been granted the deeds concerned;
 - (v) if so, of the number of such persons and their names; and
 - (vi) of the reasons for not granting 'Urumaya' freehold deeds to them?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1063/2025

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) quantity of rice imported to Sri Lanka since the present government came into power up to now;
 - (ii) varieties of rice imported;
 - (iii) amount of tax levied on a kilogram of imported rice;
 - (iv) total revenue earned from this tax; and
 - (v) price ceiling of a kilogram of imported rice?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether it is expected to import rice in the future;
 - (ii) of the impact of rice imports on local paddy farmers; and
 - (iii) of the national course of action that is expected to be implemented in future to minimize rice importation?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1244/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,—To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the wildlife zones existing in each district of Sri Lanka at present, separately;
 - (ii) of the extent of land belonging to each such zone, separately;

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- (iii) whether the tanks, reservoirs and lakes available for wildlife within the wildlife zones have been identified;
 - (iv) if so, of the number of them as per each wildlife zone, separately; and
 - (v) of the number of tanks, reservoirs and lakes that have been renovated or constructed within the said wildlife zones, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the elephant corridors that have been scientifically identified by the Department of Wildlife Conservation;
 - (ii) whether steps have been taken to gazette them;
 - (iii) if so, of the number of elephant corridors that have been gazetted so far; and
 - (iv) if the identified elephant corridors have not yet been gazetted, of the reasons for it?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1431/2025

Hon. Ajith Gihan,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the same commodity is sold at different prices in the market; and
 - (ii) substandard food and consumer goods are sold in shops?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether there is a programme to prevent the issuance of food and goods that are unfit for consumption, to the market; and
 - (ii) if so, of the such programme ?
- (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka,— Privileges,— The matters referred to the Hon. Speaker by the Hon. (Dr.) Ramanathan Archchuna, M.P. by the letter dated 10th November, 2025, be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges as per the order given by the Hon. Speaker on 13th November, 2025 in Parliament and in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 118 of the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Ninth Allotted Day) — Committee. (Progress, 17th November).

*2.

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.)

*3.

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)

*4.

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)

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*5.

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)

*6.

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)

*7.

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)

*8.

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)

*9.

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)

*10.

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)

*11.

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)

*12.

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)

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*13.

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)

*14.

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)

*15.

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)

*16.

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)

*17.

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)

*18.

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)

*19.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

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.)

*22.

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.)

*23.

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.)

*24.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

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

*26.

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.”
