



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, November 26, 2025 at 9.00 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

21/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of Sri Lankan workers who went abroad for employment from the year 2018 up to now, separately in each year;
- (ii) names of the countries to which they went;
- (iii) total amount of foreign exchange received from migrant workers during that period in respect of each year, separately; and
- (iv) courses of action that have already been taken and will be taken in the future for their welfare, separately?

(b) If not, why?

2.

116/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (3)

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) whether she is aware that there was an extensive discussion in the society regarding a Central Bank bond scam that occurred during the previous ‘Good-Governance’ regime;
- (ii) of the names and the positions of the individuals against whom allegations were leveled by the report of the Presidential Commission appointed to investigate the aforesaid matter;
- (iii) of the impact that aforesaid bond scam created on the economy of Sri Lanka; and
- (iv) of the future actions that will be taken regarding aforesaid bond scam?

(b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

347/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Vantharumoolai railway station is located in the Eravur Pattu Divisional Secretariat Division of the Batticaloa District;
 - (ii) only the slow trains stop at that railway station while no express train does; and
 - (iii) if steps are taken to schedule express trains to stop there, not only students studying at the Eastern University, but also residents of the villages of Vantharumoolai, Palachcholai, Kommanthurai, Orumulachcholai, Kaluwankeni, Mavadivembu, Sittandy, and Chenkaladi, will benefit from that?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to schedule express trains to make a stop at the said railway station?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

563/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that an anicut named ‘Senakapura Yaya’ has been constructed at Meewellawa, Thirappane in the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) of the amount spent on the construction of the aforementioned anicut;
 - (iii) of the number of farming families benefiting from the said anicut;
 - (iv) of the extent of paddy land irrigated by the said anicut;
 - (v) whether he is aware that farmers are facing difficulties as paddy fields are getting filled with sand due to the anicut; and
 - (vi) if so, of the measures that will be taken to resolve the said problem?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

625/2025

Hon. Kins Nelson,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of labourers currently employed at national schools and provincial council schools, the approved cadre of labourers and the number of vacancies prevailing for labourers at those schools, separately;
 - (ii) reasons for the prevalence of vacancies for labourers at provincial council schools while there is a surplus of them at national schools; and
 - (iii) measures taken to properly place labourers in the government school system?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Microfinance and Credit Regulatory Authority,— Bill to provide for the establishment of the Microfinance and Credit Regulatory Authority of Sri Lanka; to regulate the moneylending business and the microfinance business; to provide protection for the customers of the moneylending business and the microfinance business; to repeal the Microfinance Act, No. 6 of 2016; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Sixteenth Allotted Day) — Committee. (Progress, 25th November).

*2.

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)

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*3.

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)

*4.

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)

*5.

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)

*6.

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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*7.

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)

*8.

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)

*9.

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)

*10.

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)

*11.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2458/43 of 15th October 2025, which were presented on 13.11.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

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

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*19.

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.”

20.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *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.”

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1628/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether there is a delay in issuing number plates by the government when registering new vehicles;
- (ii) if so, of the reasons for the delay referred to above;
- (iii) of the number of vehicles for which the issuance of number plates by the government has been delayed as of 01.10.2025; and
- (iv) of the steps that will be taken to prevent the delay referred to above?

(b) If not, why?

2.

1629/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) a proper procedure should be established to safeguard the artefacts housed in the Colombo National Museum; and

(8)

- (ii) special measures should be taken to ensure the security of artefacts of exceptional value kept in the National Museum?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the amount of money —
 - (i) spent in 2025 for enhancing the security of the Colombo National Museum; and
 - (ii) expected to be spent in 2026 for enhancing its security?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1654/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are two projects under the Ministry as the ‘Green Dumbara Knuckles Project’ and the ‘Dumbara Green Empowerment Project’;
 - (ii) whether any financial assistance has been received from the ‘Green Climate Fund’ (GCF) and the ‘International Union for Conservation of Nature’ (IUCN) for the conservation of the watershed and river basins in the Knuckles Range;
 - (iii) if so, of the amount of the assistance and the projects for which the assistance was provided;
 - (iv) whether the financial assistance provided by the above institutions has been provided to Mahaweli Consultancy Bureau (Private) Limited;
 - (v) if so, of the amount of that assistance and the date on which it was provided;
 - (vi) of the activities carried out with the said money; and
 - (vii) of the current progress of the said activities?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) in addition to the above company, of the amount of money spent so far by the projects mentioned in (a)(i); and
 - (ii) of the activities for which the said money was spent and their current progress separately?
 - (c) If not, why?
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