



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, November 27, 2025 at 9.00 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

207/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House of the —

- (i) objectives behind the establishment of the Department of Educational Publications;
- (ii) number of the undistributed copies of school textbooks remaining in schools and centers and the number of copies of school textbooks that could have been reused, separately, in each of the years from 2020 to 2025;
- (iii) financial value of those school textbooks;
- (iv) amount spent on printing school textbooks in the year 2021, when the use of school textbooks was at a minimum level; and
- (v) measures that will be taken to distribute school textbooks in time?

(b) If not, why?

2.

228/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) law under which the Three-Judge Anti-Corruption Permanent High Court in Colombo was established;
- (ii) date on which that Court commenced its activities;
- (iii) number of cases pending before and concluded by that court, separately; and
- (iv) number of cases presented before the court since its inception in respect of each year, separately?

(2)

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether he admits that the commencement and the continuation of cases in the Three-Judge Anti-Corruption Permanent High Court have become defunct; and
- (ii) of the steps that have been taken to expedite the hearing and conclusion of cases related to bribery, financial crimes, and financial corruption?

(c) If not, why?

3.

315/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House of Sri Lanka of the —

- (i) total debt as at 31.12.2024 in Sri Lanka Rupees and United States Dollar separately;
- (ii) total debt from 2021 to 2024 in each year separately;
- (iii) breakdown of the total debt as at 31.12.2024 as per domestic debt and foreign debt separately;
- (iv) composition of foreign debt as at 31.12.2024 categorized as Multilateral Debt, Bilateral Debt, International sovereign debt and Commercial debt;
- (v) foreign debt from 2020 to 2024 separately;
- (vi) multilateral debt in total as at 31.12.2024;
- (vii) multilateral debt from 2020 to 2024 separately as per the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Asian Development Bank, Japan Bank for International Cooperation, Allied Irish Bank;
- (viii) total Bilateral debt as at 31.12.2024; and
- (ix) total Bilateral debt from 2020 to 2024 in each year separately?

(b) If not, why?

4.

552/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Digital Economy,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether a digital identity card will be introduced for the citizens of Sri Lanka;

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- (ii) of the advantages of using the digital identity card;
 - (iii) of the methodology that is adopted in preparing the said digital identity card;
 - (iv) of the cost that will have to be incurred on preparing one digital identity card; and
 - (v) of the total cost that will have to be incurred on preparing the said digital identity card for all Sri Lankan citizens who have been registered with the Department for Registration of Persons?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the manner in which funds required for introducing the digital identity card will be sourced;
 - (ii) if foreign loans or assistance is obtained for that, of the name of the country or institution from which such loans/assistance will be obtained;
 - (iii) of the benefits that will be provided to the investors who invest money on the process of preparing the said identity card;
 - (iv) whether it will be ensured that the said investors cannot obtain any personal data of the people; and
 - (v) whether all the agreements that have been entered into in relation to the process of preparing the digital identity card will be tabled?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1262/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of BYD vehicles that have been imported into Sri Lanka to date since the relaxation of the vehicle import laws;
 - (ii) number of vehicles that have been released by Sri Lanka Customs to date, out of those vehicles;
 - (iii) number of such vehicles categorized by their engine capacity separately; and
 - (iv) difference in the duties levied for vehicles with an engine capacity of 100 kilowatts and those with an engine capacity of 150 kilowatts?
- (b) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Seventeenth Allotted Day) — Committee. (Progress, 26th 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)

*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)

*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].

*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.”
