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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2457/05 of 09th October 2025, which was presented on 26.11.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 26.11.2025, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2457/06 of 09th October 2025).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Tuesday, December 09, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1397/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware of the occasional conflicts between fishermen and tourists on the beach in the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat Division, in Ampara District specifically those arising from the use of boats for fishing;

(2)

- (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to construct a fishing pier and a fishing village in the Kudakalliya area to facilitate the said fishermen;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to develop the lagoons covering the areas of Arugam Bay, Rottai, R.M. Nagar and Komari; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to provide suitable fishing boats and fishing gear including fishing nets for the fishermen engaged in the fishing industry in the sea and lagoons?
- (b) If not, why?

1436/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Oshani Umanga,— To ask the Minister of Labour,— (1)

- (a) Is he is aware that—
- (i) the Employees' Provident Fund members have been facilitated with the opportunity to receive an amount equivalent to 30% of the existing balance in their Employees' Provident Fund since 2015;
 - (ii) it is possible to obtain an amount equivalent to 30% for the second time, 10 years after obtaining the amount equivalent to 30% for the first time; and
 - (iii) the members of the fund have to undergo various difficulties in obtaining the relevant amount for the second time?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures that have been taken to minimize the above-mentioned difficulties?
- (c) If not, why?

1451/2025

Hon. K. Ilankumaran,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (2)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the reasons for the significant delay in issuing passports to Sri Lankans living abroad;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that they have been unable to fly for urgent needs due to the said delay;
 - (iii) whether compensation or priority will be given to applicants who have been aggrieved due to the said delay;
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken to expedite and facilitate the process related to the issuance of the said passports;
 - (v) whether attention will be paid to digital or biometric methods to reduce the delay;

(3)

- (vi) the nature of the cooperation between the Department of Immigration and Emigration and Foreign Embassies in providing expedited services; and
 - (vii) whether mobile services or on-site services will be introduced in countries where large numbers of Sri Lankans live in?
- (b) Will he also state —
- (i) whether special units will be established in Sri Lankan Embassies to handle urgent legal matters; and
 - (ii) the future measures that will be taken to provide optimal services to Sri Lankans living abroad?
- (c) If not, why?

1463/2025

Hon. (Ms.) Ambika Samivel,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately, of the types of cut flowers and plants imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of flowers imported annually from each type of said flowers;
 - (iii) of the annual cost of importing these types of flowers;
 - (iv) whether the types of flowers that are imported can be grown in Sri Lanka; and
 - (v) if so, of the programme that has been prepared for that purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

1493/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Herath, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (2)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the extent of land belonging to the Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Department of Forest Conservation in the Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division, as per Gazette Notification No. 566/5 dated 11.07.1989, separately;
 - (ii) whether the lands under possession, lands where people reside, and government lands held on grants within the relevant area were included, when the said Gazette Notification was issued;
 - (iii) whether the said lands have been surveyed and identified; and
 - (iv) whether the Hakwatunawa Reservoir and its reserve have been surveyed and demarcated?

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(b) Will he also state —

- (i) whether roads, electricity, and water facilities have been provided to the above wildlife region even after the gazetting;
- (ii) the number of government schools, Grama Niladhari offices, clinic centres, and temples in the said region;
- (iii) the steps that have been taken by the officers of the Forest Conservation Office in Herathgama, to institute legal action under the State Lands (Recovery of Possession) Act; and
- (iv) whether the lands currently possessed or occupied by individuals will be handed over to them?

(c) If not, why?

1497/2025

Hon. B. Ariyawansa,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) date on which the Sinharaja Forest was declared a World Heritage Site;
- (ii) extent of land area belonging to this forest; and
- (iii) measures that have been currently implemented, as well as those that will be implemented in the future, separately to conserve both the internal and external ecosystems of the Sinharaja Forest, which contributes immensely to the sustainability of the ecosystem in Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

1540/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the official residence of the OIC of the Police Station, and the land area, which is about 02 roods in extent located in Garagoda, Yatiyanthota, which had belonged to the Sri Lanka Railways Department since around 1902 and was later taken over to the Sri Lanka Police, has been transferred to another party and an unauthorized construction has been carried out thereon;
- (ii) of the legal basis for the transfer of the said property to another private party;
- (iii) of the transferee/s concerned, if the above property has been transferred legally;
- (iv) whether the said building and the land relating thereto have been officially transferred in the past for carrying out political activities; and

(5)

- (v) whether a formal investigation will be conducted into the alteration of the said old building and the unauthorized construction carried out there and of the legal action that will be taken in this regard?

(b) If not, why?

1556/2025

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that it has been informed by the Ceylon Electricity Board that when supplying electricity to apartments and shopping complexes, the persons/institutions owning the apartments and the shops concerned are required to purchase new electricity transformers, and as a result, they are facing great inconveniences;
- (ii) whether he accepts that entrepreneurs and the residents of the apartments have to bear a huge cost due to this notification issued by the Ceylon Electricity Board to the effect that the transformers of the Ceylon Electricity Board are not used and the electricity applicants should purchase transformers; and
- (iii) of the measures that will be taken to supply electricity to apartments and shopping complexes without delay using the transformers of the Ceylon Electricity Board?

(b) If not, why?

1560/2025

Hon. Kanthasamy Prabu,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Batticaloa District —

- (i) whether the '1990 - Suwa Seriya' ambulance service is operating efficiently;
- (ii) of the number of ambulances that are currently in service;
- (iii) of the number of ambulances that are not operating at present due to staff shortage or technical issues; and
- (iv) of the steps that have been taken to provide 24-hour service in each Divisional Secretariat Division?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that complaints have been received from the public regarding the delay in the arrival of ambulances in rural areas of the Batticaloa District;
- (ii) if so, of the reasons for that; and
- (iii) whether a new methodology has been introduced to monitor and improve the speed of response?

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- (c) Will he further inform this House —
- (i) whether there is a shortage of trained Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) in the Batticaloa District;
 - (ii) if so, of the steps that will be taken to fill those vacancies; and
 - (iii) whether it has been planned to expand this service by providing additional ambulances or facilities?
- (d) If not, why?

1647/2025

Hon. Lasith Bhashana Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the current administration of the Co-operative Hospital Gampaha has been implicated in incidents of financial misappropriation, irregularities of corruption, and the misuse of property;
 - (ii) whether he accepts that no action has been taken to date, despite the co-operative members having reported these acts of misconduct and corruption to the relevant authorities;;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to conduct a formal investigation into these incidents of financial misappropriation, irregularities of corruption, and the misuse of vehicles;
 - (iv) of the time frame required to complete that; and
 - (v) of the actions that will be taken against the officials who are found guilty, following such investigation?
- (b) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, December 09, 2025)

1585/2025

Hon. Sujeewa Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of official vehicles allocated by the then government to the Minister of Housing and Construction appointed from September 2015 in the Eighth Parliament;
 - (ii) registration number, type and model of the said official vehicles separately; and
 - (iii) duration for which those official vehicles were allocated?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) monthly fuel entitlement for each of the said official vehicle separately; and
 - (ii) amount of fuel spent monthly in litres and expenditure incurred on that for each of those official vehicles separately during the period when the said Minister held the office of the Housing and Construction?
- (c) If not, why?

1618/2025

Hon. Sujeewa Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of official vehicles allocated by the then government to the State Minister of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products appointed from 12 August 2020 in the Ninth Parliament;
 - (ii) registration number, type and model of the said official vehicles separately; and
 - (iii) duration for which those official vehicles were allocated?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) monthly fuel entitlement for each of the said official vehicle separately; and
 - (ii) amount of fuel spent monthly in litres and expenditure incurred on that for each of those official vehicles separately during the period when the said State Minister held the office of the State Minister of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products?
- (c) If not, why?

1627/2025

Hon. Sujeewa Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of official vehicles allocated by the then government to the Minister of Sports appointed from 04 September 2015 in the Eighth Parliament;
 - (ii) registration number, type and model of the said official vehicles separately; and
 - (iii) duration for which those official vehicles were allocated?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) monthly fuel entitlement for each of the said official vehicle separately; and

(8)

- (ii) amount of fuel spent monthly in litres and expenditure incurred on that for each of those official vehicles separately during the period when the said Minister held the office of the Minister of Sports?
- (c) If not, why?

1630/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he state the —
 - (i) number of prisoners sentenced to death, whose appeals against the sentence have been exhausted and who have not been granted Presidential Pardon in terms of Article 34 of the Constitution; and
 - (ii) name and age of each of those prisoners separately?
- (b) Will he admit that —
 - (i) the President has not ordered any execution since 1976;
 - (ii) in certain cases, the President commutes the death penalty to life imprisonment in terms of Article 34(1) of the Constitution; and
 - (iii) the said process is carried out in an informal and ‘objective’ manner without being ‘subjective’?
- (c) Will he also state —
 - (i) the steps that will be taken to carry out the said process in a ‘subjective’ manner; and
 - (ii) whether steps be taken to formulate ‘regulations’ in accordance with the provisions of the Prisons Ordinance to formalize the provisions regarding the date of commencement of imprisonment and the subsequent serving of the sentence of imprisonment after the death penalty is converted into a life sentence?
- (d) If not, why?

1674/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he state the —
 - (i) names of the present directors of Sri Lankan Airlines;
 - (ii) names of the other companies of which each of the said directors hold the post of director in addition to holding the said post of Sri Lankan Airlines;
 - (iii) amount of the salary and allowances received by each of the said directors from their date of appointment to date, separately;
 - (iv) number of air tickets obtained by each of the said directors with the sponsorship of Sri Lankan Airlines and the normal selling price of each of those air tickets, separately;

(9)

- (v) name of the present Chairman of Sri Lankan Airlines; and
- (vi) number of air tickets he has obtained with the sponsorship of Sri Lankan Airlines, the dates on which they were obtained and the total value thereof?

(b) If not, why?

1675/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) Sri Lanka's contribution to the international response to combat global warming; and
- (ii) the programme that the government expects to implement in the coming year in terms of the 'COP-30' agreement?

(b) If not, why?

1676/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) forthcoming arrangement that is in place in Sri Lanka to implement the Climate Prosperity Plan; and
- (ii) measures that will be undertaken by the government to ensure access to the Carbon Market?

(b) If not, why?

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1564/2025

Hon. Stepni Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the number of factories —

- (i) set up within the Industrial Development Board's industrial zone in Ekala;
- (ii) currently in operation; and
- (iii) that have remained closed for more than three years without being in operation?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the steps taken by the Industrial Development Board with regard to the factories mentioned in (a) (iii) above;

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- (ii) whether there is a possibility of bringing those factories back under the Industrial Development Board and allocating those sites to investors who wish to start new industries; and
- (iii) if so, of the measures taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

1576/2025

Hon. Kitnan Selvaraj,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Government of India provided “City Rider” buses to the Malayaga people in the year 2016;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of buses referred to above;
 - (iii) of the purpose of providing those buses;
 - (iv) of the names of the organizations that provided those buses and the Ministers who received them;
 - (v) separately, of the number of buses provided to the Badulla and Nuwara Eliya districts, out of the said busses;
 - (vi) of the current condition of those buses; and
 - (vii) of the parties who are currently using those buses and the purposes they are being used?
- (b) If not, why?

1631/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that there are two hotel complexes built by the Central Bank in the middle of the Somawathiya National Park;
 - (ii) if so, of the authority currently in charge of the said hotels;
 - (iii) of the total amount invested to date in the construction of the said hotels;
 - (iv) whether these hotels are currently being used; and
 - (v) if not, of the reasons for that?
- (b) If not, why?

1635/2025

Hon. Ruwan Wijeweera,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the Act under which the National Cadet Corps was established in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the objectives for the establishment of it;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of cadet officers currently serving under the National Cadet Corps and the number of officers released by the Ministry of Education for active service;
 - (iv) separately, of the number of schools carrying out cadet activities and the total number of cadet units up to date;
 - (v) whether the activities of the National Cadet Corps are being modernized according to the current needs to achieve the desired objectives; and
 - (vi) if so, of such manner?
- (b) If not, why?

1639/2025

Hon. M. Nizam Kariapper, PC,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of —
 - (i) persons arrested and detained under detention orders issued by the President under the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act, No. 48 of 1979, during the period from 21st April 2019 to 21st April 2022, in connection with the Easter Sunday terrorist attacks;
 - (ii) persons who have been charged before a court of law up to date, out of the said number of persons;
 - (iii) said detainees who have been released without the filling of a charge sheet; and
 - (iv) persons who were held under detention and/or court orders for up to three (03) months, for upto one (01) year, for upto one and a half (1 ½) years and for more than eighteen (18) months, from those who were released, separately?
 - (b) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Microfinance and Credit Regulatory Authority Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Thursday, December 11, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

20/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (2)

- (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?

117/2024

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) names of the Members of Parliament who represent Parliament at present;
 - (ii) amounts paid as salaries and allowances at present to Members of Parliament; and
 - (iii) names of the Members of Parliament who forgo their salaries and allowances?
- (b) If not, why?

1650/2025

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Ministry has initiated a programme to identify children suffering from diseases such as autism in advance and to provide them with therapeutic treatment;
 - (ii) if so, of the year in which the said programme was initiated;
 - (iii) of the number of hospitals at which pediatric specialists are serving;
 - (iv) out of the said hospitals, of the names of those that operate clinics to provide care for patients with diseases such as autism; and
 - (v) whether provisions have been allocated to provide the necessary infrastructure and other facilities to those hospitals?
- (b) If not, why?

1662/2025

Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) only one divisional secretariat has been established for each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Hanguranketha, Walapane and Kotmale in the Nuwara Eliya District; and
 - (ii) as far as the number of people living in the said areas is concerned, it has become problematic to provide the services needed by those people through only one Divisional Secretariat in each area?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he accepts that two Divisional Secretariats should be established for each of the areas mentioned in (a)(i) above; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

1664/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the extent of land belonging to the Land Reform Commission separately in each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kalutara District;

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- (ii) separately for each Divisional Secretariat Division, of the extent of land provided under leasehold, direct public allocation freehold, and the extent of land provided to public under land permits;
- (iii) is there a possibility of providing freehold deeds for the lands under permits;
- (iv) separately for each Divisional Secretariat Division, of the extent of abandoned lands out of the lands previously provided to the public;
- (v) whether there is a possibility of re-acquiring those lands and providing them to those who do not have lands; and
- (vi) separately for each Divisional Secretariat Division, of the extents of lands belonging to the commission that have been illegally acquired by individuals or institutions?

(b) If not, why?

1696/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Thushari Jayasingha, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the sectors in which the existing laws pertaining to the use of explosives for commercial purposes are expected to be amended;
- (ii) of the procedures adopted for the storage and issuance of explosives;
- (iii) of the designations of the officers who implement these procedures;
- (iv) if Assistant Officers in charge of Districts have been appointed for this purpose, of the role of the said officers;
- (v) whether the post of Controller of Explosives remain vacant at present;
- (vi) whether action will be taken to fill this vacancy; and
- (vii) of the reasons for not preparing second-tier officers for the above post?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) separately, of the number of licences for explosives that have been issued on a commercial basis and the number of active licensees at present;
- (ii) of the procedure adopted in issuing these licences;
- (iii) whether these licences are regulated;
- (iv) of the private facilities used for the storage of explosives;

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- (v) of the steps that have been taken for their security; and
 - (vi) of the quantity of explosives issued to a licensee at one time?
- (c) If not, why?

1715/2025

Hon. R.G. Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 —
- (i) of the ratio of the national account in each quarter;
 - (ii) of the annual inflation and the national economic growth rate, separately; and
 - (iii) whether the national inflation rate reconciles with the annual growth rate of the national revenue; and
 - (iv) if not, why?
- (b) If not, why?

1718/2025

Hon. (Dr.) S. Sri Bavanandarajah,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) total number of applications submitted in the Jaffna District for solar power grid connections since 2020;
 - (ii) number of applications that have been connected, approved, and are pending for grid connection; and
 - (iii) reasons for delays and the measures being taken to expedite the pending connections?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether there are allegations of illegal activities by certain CEB officials in relation to selected individuals;
 - (ii) of the actions taken to ensure fairness and transparency; and
 - (iii) of the steps provide to establish an independent grievance handling mechanism?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the —
- (i) progress made toward achieving the 2030 renewable energy target;
 - (ii) number of approved renewable energy projects in the Northern Province; and

(16)

- (iii) measures taken to strengthen coordination among CEB, ADB, and local authorities to facilities solar panel grid connections?

(d) If not, why?

1719/2025

Hon. Thanura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the procedure followed in issuing a firearm to a civilian on licenses;
- (ii) whether the issuance of such firearms on licenses has been stopped by now;
- (iii) if so, of the reasons for that;
- (iv) of the date on which it is expected to issue the above licenses, along with the relevant procedure and criteria;
- (v) of the procedure for obtaining security clearances to issue firearms on licenses; and
- (vi) of the steps that have been taken to avoid delays that occur in this process?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the steps that have been taken to amend the Firearms Ordinance in a timely manner;
- (ii) of the date on which the Firearms License Fees have been last revised;
- (iii) of the date on which the cabinet approval has been obtained for the said purpose, if any;
- (iv) whether there has been any amendment to the fines payable for the failure to pay license fees; and
- (v) whether there has been any amendment in the fees relating to the deterioration and transfer of licenses or to the repair of firearms?

(c) If not, why?

1741/2025

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) of the number of students admitted to state universities for the years 2024 and 2025, separately;
- (ii) of the number of those admitted students who are children of public servants;

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- (iii) whether Mahapola scholarship, bursaries, or hostel facilities are provided for those students; and
 - (iv) if not, of the reasons thereof?
- (b) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, December 11, 2025)

1566/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the —
 - (i) Sentencing Policy and Guidelines that should be followed by judges when sentencing accused persons convicted in criminal cases exist within the legal system of Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) report of the committee appointed to prepare the Sentencing Policy and Guidelines for criminal cases will be presented to the House?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the forthcoming measures that will be taken to formulate Sentencing Policy and Guidelines for judges, assisting them in imposing fair sentences, which is crucial for the administration of criminal justice in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

1567/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the official residence of the District Judge (formerly known as Chandrasekara Walawwa) located on ‘De Silva Road’, Panadura has been severely damaged due to unuse and lack of maintenance;
 - (ii) of the steps that will be taken to restore the said premises to usable condition;
 - (iii) of the details of the building that has been abandoned after being partially constructed within the said premises; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money that has been spent so far on the construction of the said building?

(18)

- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) measures that will be taken to address the requirements for official residences for the Magistrates, District Judges and the High Court Judge serving in Panadura;
 - (ii) extent of the state lands situated near the Panadura seashore that were previously used for the official residences of judges; and
 - (iii) steps that will be taken to effectively utilize the said lands?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, December 12, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

206/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the percentage of employment in the agricultural sector in Sri Lanka from 2015 up to now, separately in respect of each year;
 - (ii) if the employment in the agricultural sector has come down during that period, of the reasons for it;
 - (iii) whether a programme has been formulated to attract youth to the agricultural sector; and
 - (iv) if so, of such details?
- (b) If not, why?

219/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the extent of paddy fields that were destroyed due to adverse weather conditions that prevailed in Sri Lanka in November 2024, in acres in each district, separately;
 - (ii) of the reduction in the expected paddy harvest because of this;
 - (iii) of the extent of paddy fields that have been replanted out of those destroyed, in acres;
 - (iv) whether compensation has been provided for the destroyed paddy fields; and
 - (v) if so, of the details thereof?
- (b) If not, why?

229/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) whether it is promised in the policy statement ‘A Thriving Nation, A Beautiful Life’ that the cases withdrawn by the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption as well as those by the Attorney-General will be reviewed and suitable cases be re-filed;
 - (ii) of the number of cases withdrawn by the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption from 2019 to 2024; and
 - (iii) of the number of cases that have been re-filed after review, out of those cases?
- (b) If not, why?

263/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) date on which the Department of Government Information was established;
 - (ii) names of the institutions coming under the purview of the Department concerned;
 - (iii) number of employees currently employed in the Department;
 - (iv) present role of the Department;
 - (v) name of the Director General of the Department; and
 - (vi) educational qualifications of the Director General concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

313/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of private electricity generating companies operating in Sri Lanka from the year 2015 to date for each year separately;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of these companies along with the generating capacity of each company separately;

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- (iii) of the number of electricity units that each of the above company provided to Ceylon Electricity Board and amount paid to each of the company from year 2015 to date separately;
 - (iv) of the measures to be taken by the Ceylon Electricity Board to increase the electricity generation capacity; and
 - (v) whether the electricity generation methods are renewable or thermal?
- (b) If not, why?

340/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he accept that the —
- (i) bridge connecting Periya Porativ and Palukamam areas within the Porativupattu Divisional Secretariat Division of Batticaloa District requires to be reconstructed; and
 - (ii) people face significant difficulties in using this bridge for transportation?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to reconstruct the aforementioned bridge?
- (c) If not, why?

622/2025

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of disaster incidents reported in Sri Lanka, the number of individuals affected by the disasters, and the amount of compensation paid to the individuals so affected in each year from the year 2015 up to now, separately;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on disaster management from the year 2015 up to now;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that many countries around the world pay special attention to disaster management; and
 - (iv) of the measures that have been taken by Sri Lanka regarding disaster management?
- (b) If not, why?

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Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the quantity of potatoes imported into Sri Lanka annually;
 - (ii) of the duty levied on imported potatoes;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that potato harvesting is currently taking place in Nuwara Eliya, Welimada, Uva Paranagama and Haputale areas; and
 - (iv) therefore, whether measures will be taken to suspend the importation of potatoes into Sri Lanka during the potato harvest season?
- (b) If not, why?

827/2025

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (2)

- (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?

1575/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,—To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that drinking water is supplied to Bandarawela town and its surrounding areas once in seven days;

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- (ii) whether he is aware that similar water problems also exist in the Diyatalawa, Haputale, Mirahawatte, Kurukunde, and Dayaraba areas;
 - (iii) whether the present government has initiated a project to solve the water problem in the Bandarawela, Diyatalawa, Haputale, Hali-Ela and Welimada areas;
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which the said project was initiated;
 - (v) of the number of phases planned for the said project;
 - (vi) of the areas covered by the first phase;
 - (vii) of the estimated cost for the first phase; and
 - (viii) of the expected date by which the said project will provide 24-hour water supply to the areas surrounding Bandarawela?
- (b) If not, why?
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