



*(Tenth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 115.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, December 03, 2025 at 9.00 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1087/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she admit that —

- (i) private educational institutions, alongside school education, play a considerable contribution in educational development;
- (ii) the lack of a legal mechanism to regulate those institutions has led to numerous issues; and
- (iii) insufficient attention is given to the quality of education provided by private educational institutions, the educational standards of teachers, the quality of infrastructure facilities, and the availability of basic health facilities?

(b) Will she state —

- (i) if so, the actions that will be taken in that regard; and
- (ii) the time frame within which such actions will be implemented?

(c) If not, why?

2.

1183/2025

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

(a) Will she inform this House of the —

- (i) number of government schools on Eluvativu Island in the Jaffna District;
- (ii) year in which the students of Sarawanabawa Vidyalaya on Eluvativu Island last sat for the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination at the same examination centre established at that school;

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- (iii) name of the examination centre in which the students of the above-mentioned school are sitting for the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination at present; and
- (iv) obstacles to holding the G.C.E (Ordinary Level) examination on the Eluvativu Island?

(b) If not, why?

3.

1219/2025

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of dairy farmers in Sri Lanka and the daily milk production in litres;
- (ii) the number of dairy farmers in the Anuradhapura District and the daily milk production of the said district in litres;
- (iii) the amount of money that is currently being paid per litre of milk;
- (iv) whether the said amount has been revised recently;
- (v) if so, the reasons for that; and
- (vi) the steps that will be taken to uplift the livelihood of dairy farmers?

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) whether the government expects to purchase paddy during the 2025/2026 Maha season;
- (ii) whether loans will be provided to private businessmen for the purchase of paddy;
- (iii) whether loans will also be provided to the businessmen who have been blacklisted by the Paddy Marketing Board;
- (iv) whether a fair price will be given for a kilo of paddy; and
- (v) if so, the price separately for each variety of paddy?

(c) If not, why?

4.

1317/2025

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) total area of land, in acres, provided under the programme of providing lands for middle class people living in the four Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the Vavuniya district to date;

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- (ii) area of the said land, in acres, separately for each Grama Niladhari Division;
  - (iii) area of land provided to the second parties out of the lands mentioned in (i) above, in acres; and
  - (iv) names of the second parties to whom each of those lands have been provided, the Grama Niladhari Division to which the said land belongs and the basis on which the said land was provided, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the government housing schemes have previously been implemented on the above lands, which were given to second parties;
  - (ii) whether the lands on which the said houses have been constructed were properly given to the relevant beneficiaries; and
  - (iii) if so, of the reasons for not providing the relevant documents so far?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1475/2025

Hon. Roshan Akmeemana,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) extent of forest reserves gazetted or identified under the Forest Conservation Department in the Trincomalee District and the extent of forests proposed to be converted into forest reserves in hectares;
  - (ii) extent of lands that have been settled or used for cultivation for a long time but have subsequently been taken under the Department of Forest Conservation separately for each Divisional Secretariat Division in the said district;
  - (iii) extent of lands recommended to return from the said lands separately for each Divisional Secretariat Division; and
  - (iv) programme that has been prepared to control the elephant-human conflict in the Trincomalee District?
- (b) If not, why?
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(4)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Presentation of Bills**

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Universities (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

**Notice of Motions**

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Privileges (No. 1),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law, M.P. on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 in Parliament to the effect that her privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 118 of the Parliament.

3.

Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka,— Privileges (No. 2),— The matters referred to the Hon. Speaker by the Hon. (Dr.) Ramanathan Archchuna, M.P. by the letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2025, be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges as per the order given by the Hon. Speaker on 01<sup>st</sup> December, 2025 in Parliament and in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 118 of the Parliament.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Nineteenth Allotted Day) — Committee. (Progress, 01<sup>st</sup> December).

\*2.

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)

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\*3.

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)

\*4.

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)

\*5.

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)

\*6.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*7.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

Strategic Development Projects (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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\*9.

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 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025, which were presented on 22.10.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

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 04<sup>th</sup> 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.)

\*11.

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 01<sup>st</sup> April 2025, which was presented on 08.11.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1),— 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 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025, which were presented on 13.11.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*13.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 243— Programme 01— † That this Parliament resolves that an additional sum not exceeding Rupees Thirty-one thousand five hundred million (Rs. 31,500,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or any other fund or finances possessed by the Government, or any loan obtained by the Government at the discretion of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, for the services of the financial year commencing on 01<sup>st</sup> January, 2025, and ending on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2025, and that the said sum may be expended in the manner specified in the schedule hereto:-

(7)

### SCHEDULE

<b>Head 243</b>	-	Department of Development Finance	
<b>Programme 01</b>	-	Operational Activities	
		Recurrent Expenditure	<u>Rs. 31,500,000,000</u>
		<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>Rs. 31,500,000,000</u></b>

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 4 of 2025 presented on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2025  
Total of Supplementary Estimate No.1 to 3 Rs. 51,394,600,000

\*14.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 249— Programme 01— † That this Parliament resolves that an additional sum not exceeding Rupees Eighteen thousand five hundred million (Rs. 18,500,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or any other fund or finances possessed by the Government, or any loan obtained by the Government at the discretion of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, for the services of the financial year commencing on 01<sup>st</sup> January, 2025, and ending on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2025, and that the said sum may be expended in the manner specified in the schedule hereto:-

### SCHEDULE

<b>Head 249</b>	-	Department of Treasury Operations	
<b>Programme 01</b>	-	Operational Activities	
		Capital Expenditure	<u>Rs. 18,500,000,000</u>
		<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>Rs. 18,500,000,000</u></b>

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 5 of 2025 presented on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2025  
Total of Supplementary Estimate No.1 to 4 Rs. 82,894,600,000

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2),— 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. 2459/46 of 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025, which were presented on 21.11.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*16.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*17.

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

\*18.

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 (10<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025, be considered by Parliament.”

19.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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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.”

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