



*(Tenth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 116.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, December 05, 2025 at 9.00 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1309/2025

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) of the total number of Development Officers that have been attached to national schools and provincial council schools in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the years in which the said Development Officers were attached to and of the number of officers attached in each year separately;
- (iii) whether some relief can be given to the said Development Officers in filling the teacher vacancies in government schools; and
- (iv) if so, of such relief?

(b) Will she also inform this House —

- (i) whether the case pending before the Supreme Court against the competitive examination scheduled to be held for the recruitment of teachers to fill the vacancies in government schools has been concluded by now; and
- (ii) if so, of the recommendations / orders that have been issued by the Supreme Court?

(c) If not, why?

2.

1322/2025

Hon. Sugath Wasantha de Silva,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

(a) Will she state the —

- (i) number of students with disabilities studying in each state university, separately;
- (ii) types of disabilities of the aforesaid students; and

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- (iii) number of students with each type of disability mentioned above, separately?
- (b) Will she also state —
  - (i) the methodology adopted for enrolling students with disabilities to state universities;
  - (ii) the measures that will be taken to update and streamline the aforesaid methodology;
  - (iii) whether a quota system is in place in enrolling students with disabilities to state universities;
  - (iv) whether an inclusive study methodology has been implemented for students with disabilities; and
  - (v) if so, the manner in which it is being implemented?
- (c) Will she further state —
  - (i) whether there are opportunities in universities for students with disabilities to follow any subject stream of their choice;
  - (ii) the subject streams that the aforesaid students are currently studying; and
  - (iii) the reasons as to why students with disabilities do not opt to follow various subject streams?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

1349/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the amount allocated to the Paddy Marketing Board for the purchase of paddy from the year 2020 to 2024, separately for each year;
  - (ii) of the amount of paddy expected to be purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board in the year 2025 and of the amount allocated to the Paddy Marketing Board for the said purpose, separately;
  - (iii) whether the government has provided financial and other facilities to private businessmen for purchasing paddy;
  - (iv) whether a proper mechanism has been prepared to release the amount of paddy purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board to the market; and

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- (v) whether steps will be taken to prepare an integrated mechanism with the private sector for the purchase of paddy in the upcoming season?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1506/2025

Hon. Mayilvaganam Jegatheeswaran,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that a large number of officers in the Sri Lanka Administrative Service (SLAS) have been working without transfers for more than ten years;
- (ii) if so, of the measures that have been taken to implement the transfer policy for the said officers;
- (iii) whether he is aware that the lack of proper transfers has resulted in issues such as administrative inefficiency and bias at the district and regional levels; and
- (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken to address those problems?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether a transparent and fixed mechanism is in place to identify the officers whose recommended transfer periods have exceeded the stipulated duration;
- (ii) if not, whether a mechanism will be introduced to ensure fairness and accountability in the transfer process; and
- (iii) of the possibility of adopting reforms such as rotational appointments?

(c) Will he further inform this House —

- (i) whether the transfer policy of the SLAS officers will be amended to meet modern administrative standards; and
- (ii) if not, of the measures that will be taken to streamline the said transfers?

(d) If not, why?

5.

1554/2025

Hon. Imran Maharroof,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) names of the divisional secretariats in the Trincomalee District;

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- (ii) population and the ethnic composition of each of those divisional secretariat divisions separately; and
  - (iii) number of Grama Niladhari divisions belonging to each of those divisional secretariats separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the number of electoral divisions in the Trincomalee District and the names of those divisions;
  - (ii) of the population of each of those divisions separately; and
  - (iii) whether he is aware that two divisional secretariats have been established in each of the electoral divisions of Mutur and Trincomalee and six divisional secretariats have been established in the Seruwila electoral division?
- (c) Will he further inform this House whether —
- (i) he admits that some injustice has been caused in the establishment of divisional secretariats for the areas where the majority are Tamil speaking people in the Trincomalee District; and
  - (ii) steps will be taken to establish separate divisional secretariats for the areas coming under the Trincomalee Town and Gravets Pradeshiya Sabha, Kinniya Pradeshiya Sabha and Thopur Sub-Divisional Secretariat Division in the future when establishing new divisional secretariat divisions?
- (d) If not, why?
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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Colombo Port City Economic Commission (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— Institute of Real Estate Professionals, Sri Lanka,— Bill to provide for the establishment of the Institute of Real Estate Professionals, Sri Lanka which shall be responsible for the maintenance of professional standards and discipline of members of the institute; for the protection and promotion of the interest of the public in relation to the profession of real estate; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

**Notice of Motions**

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament (No. 1),— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1 to 25 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 13th November 2025.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament (No. 2),— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 17, 20 and 25 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Orders 27 of the Parliament.

5.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 06<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

6.

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture.”

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**NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY**

\*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Twentieth Allotted Day) — Committee. (Progress, 03<sup>rd</sup> December).

\*2.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

Strategic Development Projects (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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\*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance,— That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959 and Law, No. 6 of 1978 of the National State Assembly and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2025, be approved.

\*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Essential Public Services Act,— That the Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2464/29 of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and Schedule thereto, by virtue of the powers vested with the President in terms of Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979, which was presented on 03.12.2025, be approved.

\*7.

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.)

\*8.

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.)

\*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulation under the Value Added Tax Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 6 of the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002, as amended by the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, No. 19 of 2019 relating to the value of goods imported and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2461/43 of 07<sup>th</sup> November 2025, which was presented on 27.11.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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\*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2461/44 of 07<sup>th</sup> November 2025, which was presented on 27.11.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Value Added Tax Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 71 of the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002, regarding the Management of the Value Added Tax Refund Fund and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2460/44 of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025, which were presented on 03.12.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*12.

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.)

\*13.

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.)

\*14.

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.)

\*15.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act,— 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 09<sup>th</sup> October 2025, which was presented on 26.11.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*16.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No. 1),— 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 09<sup>th</sup> October 2025).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*17.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No. 2),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 27.11.2025, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2461/40 of 07<sup>th</sup> November 2025).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*18.

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:-

#### 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



\*19.

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

\*20.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 240— Programme 02— † That this Parliament resolves that an additional sum not exceeding Rupees Fifty thousand million (Rs. 50,000,000,000) 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 240</b>	-	Department of National Budget	
<b>Programme 02</b>	-	Development Activities	
		Recurrent Expenditure	Rs. 20,000,000,000
		Capital Expenditure	<u>Rs. 30,000,000,000</u>
		<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>Rs. 50,000,000,000</u></b>

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 6 of 2025 presented on 03<sup>rd</sup> December, 2025

Total of Supplementary Estimate No.1 to 5 Rs. 101,394,600,000

\*21.

The Minister of Health and Mass Media,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health and Mass Media under paragraph (u) of Section 142(2) read with Sections 59 and 63 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2452/39 of 04<sup>th</sup> September 2025, which were presented on 28.11.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*22.

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)

\*23.

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)

\*24.

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)

\*25.

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)

\*26.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*27.

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

\*28.

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.”

29.

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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