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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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;
 - (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?

2.

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

(2)

(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?

3.

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;

(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?

4.

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;

(3)

- (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?

5.

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?

(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?

(4)

6.

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?

7.

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 Department of Sri Lanka Railways 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
 - (v) of the legal action that will be taken after a formal investigation conducted regarding the alteration of the said old building and the unauthorized construction carried out there?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

8.

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?

9.

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?

(6)

- (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?

10.

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 fraud 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?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Microfinance and Credit Regulatory Authority Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(7)

*3.

Universities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Colombo Port City Economic Commission (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Institute of Real Estate Professionals, Sri Lanka Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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

*7.

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.”

8.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, January 06, 2026)

1.

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

(8)

- (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?

2.

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?
- (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?

3.

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?
- (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?

4.

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?

5.

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
 - (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?

6.

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

(11)

(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?

7.

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;
- (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?

8.

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?

9.

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, January 07, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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;
 - (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?

2.

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;

(13)

- (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?

3.

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?

4.

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;

(14)

(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?

5.

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?

Thursday, January 08, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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

(15)

(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?

2.

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?

3.

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?

4.

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

(16)

(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?

5.

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;

(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?

6.

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;

(17)

- (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;
 - (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?

7.

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;
 - (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?

8.

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
 - (iii) measures taken to strengthen coordination among CEB, ADB, and local authorities to facilities solar panel grid connections?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

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

(19)

- (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?
- 10.

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;
 - (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?

Friday, January 09, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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;

(20)

- (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?

2.

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?

3.

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?

(21)

4.

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?

5.

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?

6.

472/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) names of the members of the Board of Directors of the Mahapola Trust Fund;

(22)

- (ii) appointing authority of the Board of Directors; and
- (iii) total value of the Fund as at to date?
- (b) Will he also inform this House from its inception to date, separately, of the —
 - (i) funds received annually by the Fund and its sources of funding;
 - (ii) annual recurrent expenditure of the Fund;
 - (iii) payments made by the Fund annually for the purpose of granting scholarships and non-recurrent purposes, in respect of such purpose;
 - (iv) number of scholarships awarded to undergraduates annually; and
 - (v) total number of students who have received scholarships?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

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?

8.

726/2025

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

(23)

(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?

9.

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?

10.

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;

(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;

(24)

(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?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

P. 3/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Providing opportunities for sportsmen and sportswomen who represent a national sports team or claim a national level record to read for any degree course related to the field of sports,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare the necessary legal and higher educational structure for sportsmen and sportswomen who represent any national sports team in Sri Lanka or claim a national level record to pursue any degree course related to the field of sports, not based on their basic educational qualification or the Z-score.

2.

P. 4/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Converting all Colleges of Education in Sri Lanka into University Faculties,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary action be taken by the Government to enforce the Cabinet decision regarding which the proposal was presented and approval obtained by the then Minister on 13th February 2020 as the then Minister of Education to convert the currently functioning nineteen Colleges of Education into University Faculties to be suitable for awarding a four-year degree course with a three-year theoretical course and one-year school-based training, whereas it is necessary to make all the teachers in the school system into trained graduate teachers in order to upgrade the education in Sri Lanka to the advanced international level, and whereas the majority of teachers are currently awarded a higher diploma at the end of a three-year theoretical and practical course.

3.

P. 5/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Developing the bee honey industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be implemented by the government to develop the local bee honey industry as bee honey is of very high medicinal value and in great demand in the local and international market.

4.

P. 6/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to extend the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura since it is considered as one of the railway lines that generate a higher income for the Sri Lanka Railways Department, whereas people living in a number of districts, including Ratnapura, Badulla and Hambanthota will be benefitted from extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura.

5.

P. 8/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Combining the knowledge on Sri Lankan food culture with the teaching process,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be implemented by the government to make the food culture of Sri Lanka known among local and foreign people and elevate the Sri Lankan identity by endowing the future generations with the Sri Lanka food culture pedagogy through pedagogical methodologies as food art of Sri Lanka is comprised of a number aspects including the art of flavors and mixation, art of cooking food, art of coloring and the art of food carving.

6.

P. 9 /2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Making the society aware of the value of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that a national level programme be formulated and implemented by the government in regard to the manner in which children should be protected in the face of social challenges for the future betterment of the society and the country, having explained the value of children in a simple manner through sociological and psychological methodologies to the persons such as parents, teachers, sports coaches, school van drivers that always associate with school children.

7.

P.10/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Developing sports in estate sector,— That this Parliament resolves that a Sports development program should be launched in order to get the youth contribution of the estate sector for the sports development of the country, as they have displayed their skills locally and internationally, and they do not have any sports facilities in their estate schools as well as the estate areas where they live.

8.

P.16/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulating a programme to streamline the appointments made to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the government prepare a programme to make all appointments to the foreign service, which is tasked with uplifting Sri Lanka's image before the international community, based on the results of competitive examinations and on merit in order to prevent political appointments made to the foreign service, which have led to the deterioration in the quality of the service leading to failure to achieve its desired objectives.

9.

P.17/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulating a proper procurement methodology for purchasing goods and services to depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board,—This Parliament resolves that the government do formulate a proper procurement methodology for purchasing goods and services to depots of Sri Lanka Transport Board with a view to preventing corruption as the absence of such a methodology is the main cause of the corruption rampant in the Sri Lanka Transport Board.

10.

P.18/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—Formulating a program to make school students aware of the University of Vocational Technology,— That this Parliament resolves that a program be developed by the government to make schoolchildren aware of the courses of the University of Vocational Technology, which targets at the job market and vocational technology, deviating from the traditional university framework in Sri Lanka.

11.

P.20/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Preparing the subjects falling under the provincial councils in a scientific methodology,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare an appropriate programme to allocate the subjects coming under the purview of the provincial councils according to a proper methodology based on a scientific basis to avoid the situation that has arisen since the subjects coming under the purview of the provincial councils have been currently allocated in a way that has no scientific basis, and that various problems have arisen because of this.

12.

P.21/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri, — Developing a proper methodology to strengthen the Sri Lanka Transport Board, — That this Parliament resolves that the Government should develop a proper methodology to prevent fraud and corruption that occur during the procurement of goods and services by the Sri Lanka Transport Board, since strengthening the public transport service in Sri Lanka is an essential matter.

13.

P.22/2024

Hon Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme to increase milk production,— That this Parliament resolves that a program to increase the milk production in Sri Lanka should be implemented by the government to avoid the substantial amount of foreign exchange outflow on the annual importation of milk.

14.

P. 26/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Making Sports Bodies in Sri Lanka free from politicization,— That this Parliament resolves that the elected politicians should be prohibited from contesting and holding leading positions in sports bodies, as it is evident that these organizations have become heavily politicised in Sri Lanka.

15.

P. 30/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Banning the naming of political parties according to ethnicities or religions,— That this Parliament resolves that naming of political parties based on ethnicities or religions be banned and such a change be effected in the names of presently functioning political parties bearing names denoting ethnicities or religions, taking into consideration the situation that has arisen in Sri Lanka at present.

16.

P. 31/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of 1% return for employees in relation to inflation,— That this Parliament resolves that the Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund which are administered by government institutions shall ensure that the employees receive returns at least 1% higher than the annual inflation rate.

17.

P. 32/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Provision of free travelling facilities to senior citizens,— That this Parliament resolves that all senior citizens be provided with free transport facilities in public transport services.

18.

P. 33/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Setting up of a unit with legal powers to solve the problems faced by the migrant employees,— That this Parliament resolves that a unit with legal powers be set up to look into problems faced by migrant employees including assault, abduction, rape, sexual abuse, homicide, financial fraud and facilitate the safe return of affected workers to Sri Lanka and look into their safety.

19.

P. 34/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Formulation of a National Programme to introduce New Inventors to the World,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to introduce new inventors and citizens who are endowed with various skills to the world and to improve their skills and creations.

20.

P. 35/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Tax concession to industrialists who utilize indigenous raw materials,— That this Parliament resolves that a two year tax concession be granted to local industrialists who utilize more than 75% indigenous raw materials in the production of goods for the international market.

21.

P. 36/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enabling the Right to Vote,— That this Parliament resolves that every individual above the age of eighteen shall be allowed to vote as there is a greater number of registered voters that have been deprived of voting and if an individual does not vote after the name appears on the register they should be fined which help to create a more participatory democratic process.

22.

P. 39/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,— Taking actions to prevent public dissatisfaction with all local government institutions at the grassroots level,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary steps to give more attention to all local government institutions at the grassroots level, which are the public representative bodies closest to the people, as there is often a very dissatisfied feeling among people towards these institutions.

23.

P. 41/2025

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Preparation of a program to amend the constitution including the composition of Sri Lanka Cricket,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take measures to amend the constitution including the composition of Sri Lanka Cricket as there has been a great deal of discussion in society regarding the Sri Lanka Cricket at present, and the Sri Lanka Cricket has become an institution where irregularities are common due to the power of a certain group of societies in its elections and such situation needs to be prevented.

24.

P. 43/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Formulating a course of action to prevent the misuse of the positions of professors and doctors,— That this Parliament resolves that the government do take necessary action to formulate a course of action through the University Grants Commission for preventing the situation, where many persons in our society misuse the titles such as Professor and Doctor.

25.

P. 44/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Implementing the recommendations given in the Audit Report 2023 pertaining to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper course of action be formulated by the government to implement the recommendations given in the National Audit Report pertaining to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, which is like the heart of the Sri Lankan economy, as important recommendations have been given in the Report concerned.

26.

P. 45/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—Using the money of local government institutions for public services in a proper manner,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper course of action be formulated by the government to prevent the state of affairs, whereas facts have been unveiled to the effect that many local government institutions deposit their money in fixed deposits with the objective of earning a profit instead of using such money for purposes such as providing public and health services as well as common amenities and improving public thoroughfares.

27.

P. 48/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—Bringing Industries related to Petroleum, Fuel and Water under the regulation of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that, whereas industries related to electricity, petroleum, fuel and water should be regulated, industries related to petroleum and water have not been subjected to regulation for more than 21 years because the Acts relevant to the supervision of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and the National Water Supply and Drainage Board have not been amended and therefore, necessary legal procedures be implemented to change this state of affairs.

28.

P. 49/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— Formulation of a programme to regulate the process of issuing licenses for filling stations,— That this Parliament resolves that, as the process of issuing filling station licenses in Sri Lanka is highly irregular, a regulatory programme be formulated to streamline the process of issuing filling station licenses.

29.

P. 50/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,—Formulating a methodology to prevent the damage caused by the pinus plantations to sources of water and the environment,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be formulated to remove pinus plantations and to substitute useful indigenous plants considering the damage caused to sources of water and the environment by pinus plantations, which have been grown especially in mountainous areas including the Uva Province.

30.

P. 51/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of a Faculty of National Languages, — That this Parliament resolves that a Faculty of National Languages should be established in order to teach Sinhala, Tamil and English to teachers.

31.

P. 52/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulating a program to exercise justice to the individuals who have become the victims of microfinance loans,— That this Parliament resolves that a program should be formulated to ensure justice to the individuals who have obtained microfinance loans due to the fact that the majority of them have now become victims of the loans concerned.

32.

P. 53/2025

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Formulation of a program to develop and regulate the Teledrama industry, — That this Parliament resolves that a regulatory body be established to develop and regulate the teledrama industry, which is a major industry that provides entertainment to the people of the country.

33.

P. 54/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,— Taking action against those who committed large-scale misappropriation of public funds in local government institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that investigations should be conducted expeditiously into the large-scale misappropriations of public funds that have taken place in all the local government institutions situated throughout Sri Lanka and action should be taken to have punishments meted out to all authorities who were involved in such acts in accordance with the existing laws.

34.

P. 55/2025

Hon. Upul Kithsiri,—Preservation of places of historical value in Sri Lanka, including Maduwanwela Walawwa, which belongs to the Kolonna Divisional Secretariat Division of the Ratnapura District,— That this Parliament resolves that whereas there are many places of historical value in Sri Lanka including the Maduwanwela Walawwa, a historical place belonging to the Kolonna Divisional Secretariat Division of the Ratnapura district, whereas such places have attracted tourists and such places have become extremely unsafe at present, the government should formulate a course of action to save them for posterity for utilizing them for the tourism industry while preserving such places without damaging their original antiquity and promptly surveying and settling the lands belonging to such places.

35.

P. 56/2025

Hon. Upul Kithsiri,— Designation of the Udawalawe Area as a Tourist Zone,—That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary measures to declare the Udawalawe area, encompassing the Udawalawe region in the Ratnapura District and the Sevanagala region in the Monaragala District, as a designated tourist zone, in view of the inability to experience the versatility of the area in the case of both local and foreign tourists

due to the absence of a proper mechanism in place, despite the presence of significant tourist attractions such as the Udawalawe National Park, Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, Sankapala Rajamaha Viharaya, Udawalawe Reservouir, Sevanagala Sugar Factory, Sevanagala Sugarcane Research Institute, Udawalawe Freshwater Fisheries Center, and Waulpana Limestone Cave.

36.

P. 57/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M. L. A. M. Hizbullah,— Establishment of a fund called “Sri Lanka Baithulmal Fund”,— That this parliament resolves that Government should take the necessary steps to establish a fund to be called the “Sri Lanka Baithulmal Fund” under the Ministry of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs, whereas the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs does not currently have a fund that is required in matters relating to education, culture, occupation and inter-ethnic cooperation and in matters related to livelihood of the Muslim community living in Sri Lanka, whereas a fund called “Baithulmal” has been established many years ago for these needs in Muslim countries of the world and countries where Muslim minorities live, and whereas the necessary financial provisions can be obtained from those living in this country and those living in foreign countries, if this fund is established in Sri Lanka.

37.

P. 58/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law,— Appointment of a trained student counsellor to every school for the educational development, vocational development and personal social development of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary steps to appoint a trained student counsellor to every school for the sake of educational development, vocational development, and personal social development of school children, whereas various psychological disturbances are currently observed among many school children and these conditions indirectly affect their physical and social well-being, and whereas teachers are appointed as student counsellors and the service expected from them has not been effectively delivered in some instances despite their being appointed as such due to their role of school teachers impinging, and whereas the necessity for a student counsellor has emerged in every school.

38.

P. 59/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Formulation of a pension scheme for the Sri Lankans working abroad, who are styled as “*Rata Viruwo*” (Migrant Heroes),— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should formulate a pension scheme by establishing a pension fund using a certain percentage of the money received from the Sri Lankan labour force working overseas as foreign exchange, whereas the contribution of them is very significant in revitalizing the national economy of Sri Lanka, and whereas the said employees have to undergo various difficulties by being unable to engage in a job after returning to Sri Lanka while living with their children after working abroad for many years due to the economic crisis.

39.

P. 60/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,— Preventing suicide among young children,— That this Parliament resolves that, given the failure of existing measures to prevent young children from committing suicide, including training teachers for counselling in every school, establishing a counselling division in every divisional secretariat and a counselling unit at every district secretariat, offering diploma courses, degree courses and postgraduate courses in counselling in state and private universities, and establishing psychiatric units in every major hospital to address depression lately, it is imperative for political authorities, government officials, the electronic and print media, and the public to deeply intervene in all these measures.

40.

P. 61/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,—Formulation of a system to prevent the sale of unhealthy food to children in school canteens within the school system of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should introduce and implement restrictions on the types of food and beverages permitted for sale in school canteens, in order to control the diabetes condition among school children in Sri Lanka, whereas specialist doctors have pointed out that diabetes is now widely diagnosed among school children in Sri Lanka, and whereas the types of food consumed, as well as dietary habits and eating patterns, are major causes of diabetes, and whereas food items containing high amounts of sugar and flour, which contribute to diabetes, along with foods such as fried rice, *kottu*, and instant noodles, are being sold in large quantities to schoolchildren through school canteens within the Sri Lankan school system.

41.

P. 62/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Making Rail freight transport more efficient,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology be formulated by the government for the transport of goods and fuel by train whenever possible whereas the main purpose of starting the railway service in Sri Lanka had been the transport of goods, and whereas the railway service has now deviated from that objective, and whereas rail freight is a less expensive method, and whereas its benefits are directly accrued to the people of the country.

42.

P. 63/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody, — Minimizing the injustice caused to farmers in selling their agricultural produce,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate measures to change the processes in which both the farmer and the consumer suffer injustices at the same time and to serve justice to the farmer and to the consumer whereas the farmers of this country experience grave injustices in selling their agricultural produce as the wholesale dealers as well as the retail sellers set a very low price for their produce and whereas the consumers have to pay very high prices in buying the said agricultural products.

43.

P. 64/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Designing a regulatory framework for pre-school education,— That this Parliament resolves that a unified system for regulating pre-school education in Sri Lanka, should be established through a single institution, recognizing that the pre-school education is of vital importance and a crucial factor among all the educational opportunities, currently available in the country.

44.

P. 65/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Facilitating the producers of export goods,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary steps be taken to facilitate the young entrepreneurs involved in the export sector, who play a key role in generating foreign exchange, whereas producers of agricultural and other goods targeting exports lack adequate facilities, expertise, and access pathways for export market.

45.

P. 66/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Introduction of Literature as a subject in the Advanced Level Science, Commerce and Technology streams,— That this Parliament resolves that Literature should be introduced as an additional subject in the Advanced Level Science, Commerce and Technology streams in schools in Sri Lanka in order to enhance the skill of literary appreciation of the students pursuing such streams for Advanced Level.

46.

P. 67/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Provision of care to inpatients at hospitals,—That this Parliament resolves that the Government should formulate a system whereby patients receiving inpatient treatment at hospitals are provided care by caregivers employed by the hospital, whereas nursing officers in charge of the ward inform that a custodian should accompany a patient receiving inpatient treatment at a hospital day and night, and whereas, in the absence of such a custodian, private caregivers have to be hired on a fee-paying basis, and whereas such caregivers charge approximately Rs. 3,500 per day, which is unaffordable if the patient is required to stay in the hospital for several days.

47.

P. 68/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Granting permanent title deeds to permit holders of lands,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper system of granting permanent title deeds to the people of this country be developed whereas a significant number of the people only have permits or deeds such as Swarnabhoomi for their lands.

48.

P. 69/2025

Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, PC,— Raising the retirement age of judges of the superior courts of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government do establish necessary legal courses of action to raise the retirement age limits of the judges of the superior courts in Sri Lanka by setting the retirement age of judges of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka at 67 years, that of judges of the Court of Appeal at 65 years, and that of the High Court judges at 63 years whereas the retirement age of judges specified in the Constitution of Sri Lanka is lower with compared to the retirement age of superior court judges in many foreign judicial systems.

49.

P. 70/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Promoting tourism services and economic development in Jaffna, — That this Parliament resolves that Jaffna and Northern Sri Lanka be recognized as key tourism hubs and steps should be taken to support the creation of a centralized tourism platform in Jaffna to connect travelers from across the country and abroad with local hotels, restaurants, and service providers, promoting authentic travel experiences, by encouraging and facilitating the establishment of tourism service businesses that empower local operators and promote cultural heritage, supporting policies and investments that enhance infrastructure, digital connectivity, and marketing to boost tourist arrivals and satisfaction in Northern Sri Lanka, promoting public-private partnerships to foster sustainable tourism development and economic growth in the Jaffna region, and by monitoring the impact of such initiatives on local employment and business opportunities, aiming for sustainable economic benefits within 12 to 18 months, whereas promoting tourism services and economic development could strengthen the local tourism economy, create jobs, and showcase Jaffna as a vibrant cultural destination.

50.

P. 71/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Establishment of a permanent Special Economic Zone in Jaffna and the Northern Province to create sustainable youth employment,— That this Parliament resolves that a permanent Special Economic Zone (SEZ) be established in Jaffna and the Northern Province, alongside other strategic locations nationwide, whereas the establishment of a permanent Special Economic Zone could stimulate economic growth, attract both local and foreign investment, and generate sustainable employment opportunities for the youth, and whereas by developing such zones, the government can promote industrial expansion, enhance skills development, and encourage entrepreneurship, thereby addressing unemployment and fostering the long-term socio-economic advancement of Jaffna and the Northern Province, and the country as a whole.

51.

P. 72/2025

Hon. Kanthasamy Prabu,— Promoting self-sufficiency in milk production, — That this Parliament resolves that a National Dairy Development Policy be implemented by the Government to achieve self-sufficiency in milk production, by improving breed access and veterinary services, expanding fodder cultivation, strengthening farmer training and infrastructure, providing incentives to dairy farmers, promoting public-private partnerships, and encouraging research in dairy development, and a mechanism be devised for the relevant Ministries to coordinate with provincial councils and farmer groups, and the relevant Committee of Parliament to monitor implementation and recommend further action, whereas country currently relies on dairy imports, leading to significant foreign exchange loss, and farmers face issues such as limited access to good breeds, veterinary care, fodder, and infrastructure, and whereas addressing these challenges would enhance food security, create rural jobs, and reduce dependency on imports.

52.

P. 73/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Sri Lankans be afforded better opportunities for health,— That this Parliament resolves that all Sri Lankans be afforded better health opportunities means of which employees of the private sector must be provided with free facilities through Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund and in the case of Public Servants or non-employees, by the Government through the President Fund with full cost, whereas majority of the population are subject to open heart surgeries.

53.

P. 74/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—Establishment of Bus Priority Lanes Expeditiously in the Morning and Late Afternoon Hours on Working Days of the Week in Main Towns,—This Parliament resolves that a bus priority lane system be implemented in the morning and late afternoon hours as a remedy for the severe road congestion that prevails in the morning and afternoon hours in major towns.

54.

P. 75/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Renewal of the Bilateral Agreement of Driving Licenses between Italy and Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that steps should be taken to renew the bilateral agreement of driving licenses between Italy and Sri Lanka, as it provides great benefits to Sri Lankans.

55.

P. 76/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Introduction of a Smart Grid and Smart Meters,— That this Parliament resolves that measures be taken to convert the national electricity grid into a Smart Grid and to introduce Smart Meters, in view of the fact that the electricity generated, particularly through rooftop solar panels, cannot currently be distinguished at the system control center, despite the importance of promoting solar energy as a renewable energy source.

56.

P. 77/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Banning harmful artificial flavoring agents used to flavor food,— That this Parliament resolves that the use of harmful flavoring agents be banned after conducting a proper study through a recognized institution, since it is reported that artificial flavoring agents used in local restaurants and hotels to flavor food items such as rice, kottu and noodles contribute to various non-communicable diseases.

57.

P. 78/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe, — Expanding the railway line from Batticaloa to Pottuvil or the railway line from Matara to Kalmunai,— That this Parliament resolves that steps should be taken to expand the railway line from Batticaloa to Pottuvil or the railway line from Matara to Kalmunai since a large number of people in the Batticaloa, Ampara and Moneragala Districts will benefit from the expansion of the railway line from Batticaloa to Pottuvil and the expansion of the railway line from Matara to Kalmunai.

58.

P. 79/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law,— Favourable control and suppression of the proliferation of common water hyacinth,— That this Parliament resolves that it is opportune that the government formulate relevant project proposals for a sustainable solution through the favorable control and suppression of the common water hyacinth plant, whereas it is an invasive plant known by its scientific name *Eichhornia crassipes* (Mart.) Solms, has encroached upon farmlands and wetlands exhibiting an accelerated propagation rate that displaces indigenous flora and destabilizes the ecological balance, whereas consequent sediment accumulation has impeded water transport courses and flow of water, exacerbated flood risks, degraded the quality of water needed for daily use and disrupted hydropower generation, whereas its suppression through the use of chemical herbicides poses a health risk to people using that water, and whereas the breeding of maggots and the spread of diseases such as falaria and dengue occur in these areas.

59.

P. 80/2025

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— Establishment of a Commission to Investigate the Unilateral and Forced Cremation of the Remains of Deceased Muslims During the COVID-19 Pandemic,— That this Parliament resolves that a Commission be established to investigate the number of bodies of Muslims that were unilaterally and forcibly cremated contrary to the guidelines of the World Health Organization during the COVID-19 Pandemic, to investigate the names and addresses of the victims who were so cremated, to inquire into the background that led to the forced cremation of the said dead bodies, to assess the mental state of the relatives of the victims who were so cremated, and to investigate steps to be taken against politicians and government officials who acted contrary to the said guidelines in support of such cremations.

60.

P. 81/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Formulation of a system to stop the ripening of fruits using chemicals,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal system be developed to stop the practice of ripening fruits using chemicals, which is being carried out by unscrupulous businessmen with the aim of making profits while destroying the future of the country, whereas unripe fruits are artificially caused to ripen using chemicals and are sold in the Sri Lankan fruit market instead of naturally ripened fruits, whereas imported fruits are also sold after being artificially ripened using chemicals, and whereas these fruits are mostly consumed by children.

61.

P.82/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Formulation of a methodology to consider the Key Performance Indicator as a criterion for the appointment of heads of institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be integrated to the public service to consider the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) of public sector officials as a criterion alongside their seniority when appointing heads of government ministries and departments, and that recommendations be obtained for the appointment of heads of institutions accordingly.

62.

P. 83/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Taking the Key Performance Indicator into consideration in assigning positions to the Members of Parliament and the Ministers,— That this Parliament resolves that the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) of the Members of Parliament and the Ministers be reviewed annually and a system for assigning positions to them be developed taking the said indicator into consideration.

63.

P. 84/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Safeguarding the independence of persons who have held positions commencing from the Chief Justice down to lower ranks in the judiciary when they are appointed to other positions, — That this Parliament resolves that persons who have held positions commencing from the Chief Justice down to the lower ranks in the judiciary, should not be appointed to positions in the public service, corporate boards, commissions, tribunals or the foreign service (such as ambassadors) for a period of at least three years from the date on which they ceased to hold those positions in order to protect their independence.

64.

P. 86/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Prohibition of political parties from crediting the salaries, allowances and vehicle permits, etc. of public representatives to their party funds,— That this Parliament resolves that the political parties shall not be permitted to credit the salaries, allowances and vehicle permits, etc. of public representatives to their

party funds whereas the practice of political parties crediting the monthly salaries, allowances and vehicle permits, etc. of elected public representatives of their party, to party funds is detrimental to the independence of such representatives, and whereas such action poses a serious challenge to democracy.

65.

P. 87/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Establishment of a Rehabilitation Centre in each District for Drug Addicts,— That this Parliament resolves that at least one rehabilitation centre be established in each district with all facilities, whereas a rapid increase in the number of users of drugs such as heroin is observed at present, whereas the fact that addicts are not limited to one area, but are spread throughout the country and are promoting the drug use has led to this increase, and whereas the fact that rehabilitation centers for drug addicts are found only in a few locations across the country poses a serious problem in controlling the growth of the number of drug users.

66.

P. 88/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— Formulation of a National Policy and Methodology for the Wildlife Management in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that a practical and modern policy and methodology be formulated and implemented, whereas Sri Lanka is internationally recognized as a country with high biodiversity, whereas due to deforestation, human encroachment, illegal wildlife trade, and escalating human-wildlife conflicts, both these wildlife as well as human lives are lost in large numbers annually, whereas the formulation of a National Wildlife Management Policy through new policies and plans is a sustainable development objective, and whereas this would result in protection of animal habitats, reduction of human-wildlife conflicts, and improvement of the economic status and social life of the farming communities.

67.

P. 89/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— More productive use of agricultural lands in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that lands be used in a more productive manner to increase agricultural production by 30% over the next few years, thereby increasing farmers' incomes, expanding commercial agriculture, and establishing a baseline database containing information on land type, crop suitability, water and cultivation by exploring all agricultural lands, with the goal of ensuring national food security and improving the living standards of farmers, whereas the agricultural sector is a prominent entity in Sri Lanka's economy, whereas only about 40% of agricultural lands are used in the production process annually, and the remaining lands are not used due to improper planning, lack of water resources, lack of technical knowledge and lack of innovation, and whereas a large amount of money is spent annually on importing food due to the low level of production.

68.

P. 90/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Improving the sea transport facilities for residents of the offshore islands in the Jaffna District,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate action to provide modern, safe, fast and reliable sea transportation for the residents of the offshore islands, particularly Neduntheevu, Nainatheevu, Eluvaithivu and Analaitivu in the Jaffna District, whereas the residents of these islands have been deprived of adequate sea transport facilities for several decades, whereas, as a result, they are compelled to spend several hours travelling by sea, whereas patients, pregnant women, the elderly, school staff and employees of non-governmental organisations face severe difficulties and risks while undertaking these journeys, and whereas it is acknowledged that “The development of villages is the development of the Nation”.

69.

P. 91/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Commencing the Talaimannar - Rameswaram ferry service,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate actions to commence the Talaimannar-Rameswaram ferry service, whereas it would increase tourist arrivals particularly from India, and whereas it enable the public to travel to Tamil Nadu at a lower cost and purchase essential goods at affordable prices subject to the prevailing laws and regulations, thereby improving their livelihoods.

70.

P. 93/2025

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— Establishment of a special Development Fund dedicated to reduce regional disparities in development,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government of Sri Lanka should take steps to; establish a National Development Fund for lagging regions such as Northern Province, Eastern Province, Monaragala District, and Nuwara Eliya District, to mobilize contributions from government, bilateral and multilateral partners, private investors, and philanthropic donors, with a target size of USD 250 million over a 10+2 year program tenure; deploy the Fund strategically to revive rural livelihoods through agriculture, fisheries, and cottage industries, to develop infrastructure for promoting employment and women's socio-economic empowerment, to activate idle assets and support SMEs and cooperatives, to invest in renewable energy and other commercially viable ventures, to initiate capacity building and educating women and youth; facilitate the establishment of a Technical Assistance Facility (TAF) to build local capacity, close viability gaps in investments, and ensure effective and transparent utilization of funds; ensure gender inclusivity across all investment areas, with measurable targets to promote women's participation in economic activities and decision-making; mandate relevant Ministries, Provincial Councils, and local authorities to coordinate with the Fund to ensure equitable regional coverage, accountability, and sustainability in project implementation, by considering the establishment of the Fund an urgent national

measure towards inclusive growth, reconciliation, and sustainable development of Sri Lanka, whereas these lagging regions are continuing to face severe economic deprivation due to the effects of the protracted civil conflict and historical neglect over the past decades; whereas the present economic crisis has further aggravated these disparities, placing disproportionate burdens on the livelihoods of the people in these lagging regions; and whereas it is necessary to establish a dedicated national initiative to address these concerns, with the objective of promoting equitable growth, sustainable development, and gender empowerment in economically deprived areas.

71.

P. 94/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Developing a programme to protect the mangrove ecosystem,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme should be developed to protect the mangrove ecosystem which is extremely important for environmental balance and the fishing industry.

72.

P. 95/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — Regularization of the procedure for issuing permits for private buses,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be developed to prevent corruption in the process of issuing permits for private buses carried out by the Provincial Road Passenger Transport Authority whereas the said procedure has become extremely corrupt.P. 97/2025

73.

P. 97/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Providing an incentive to family units to increase the number of births in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary measures to introduce an attractive incentive for family units with a view of increasing the number of births in Sri Lanka whereas it has been observed that the annual number of births in Sri Lanka has been continuously declining since 2018, whereas the youth population of Sri Lanka will definitely decline in the future as a result, and whereas such a decline in the youth population will have a severely detrimental impact on the economic development process of the country.

74.

P. 98/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera, — Promoting the ‘Sooryabala Sangramaya’ Project, — That this Parliament resolves that the ‘Sooryabala Sangramaya’ (Battle for Solar Energy) Project should be further promoted and protected as a method of reducing the price of a unit of electricity and a strategy of protecting the environment, whereas solar energy has been identified as a profitable and environmentally friendly energy source out of the energy sources in Sri Lanka, and whereas over 2000 MW of electricity generated from solar energy has been already added to the national grid under the ‘Sooryabala Sangramaya’ Project which was launched on 06.09.2016.

75.

P. 99/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Promotion of the 'Kalutara Coastal Zone' as a Special Economic Zone,— That this Parliament resolves that the 'Kalutara Coastal Zone,' which includes the new land created due to the shifting of the Kalu River estuary and the Calido beach, should be promoted and developed as a Special Economic Zone, both for the purpose of developing a tourist zone based around the Kalutara town and as a strategy for the protection of the Kalu River estuary and the coast.

76.

P. 100/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Expediting the Construction of the 'Millaniya Export Processing Zone',— That this Parliament resolves that the government should consider the construction of the 'Millaniya Export Processing Zone' a priority project and take the necessary steps accordingly, whereas a total of 240 acres of land have already been acquired for the construction of the said Export Processing Zone in the Kalutara district, whereas the government has already spent nearly one billion rupees to provide expressway access, piped water, and electricity for the project, and whereas the land selected for the Export Processing Zone has already been identified by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka as suitable for the proposed project.

77.

P. 101/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Promotion of Providing Secondary Education in English,— That this Parliament resolves that English medium education should be implemented in all secondary schools in Sri Lanka and that the government should prioritize adequate investment for the initiative, whereas 'English' has been recognized as the Link Language of Sri Lanka in terms of Article 18(3) of the Constitution, whereas 'English', as an international language, is a crucial means of acquiring knowledge for citizens, whereas it is essential for all Sri Lankans to achieve proficiency in English as the link language to live together in one country, regardless of linguistic or ethnic differences, whereas the system of providing secondary education in English within the Central College system of Sri Lanka which emerged under the concept of free education and in a number of other schools has been successful, and whereas education in English is extremely important for Sri Lankan citizen to access international employment opportunities.

78.

P. 102/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Establishment of a Faculty of Engineering for Uva Wellassa University,— That this Parliament resolves that an Engineering Faculty be established for Uva Wellassa University, taking into account the growing needs of the construction, mechanical, industrial, and information technology sectors in Sri Lanka, as well as global requirements, whereas considering that Uva Wellassa University is an institution that supplies graduates with modern technical skills who fulfill the requirements of both the domestic and foreign job markets.

79.

P. 103/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Designing a programme to improve swimming skills,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be established to promote the exceptional swimming skills possessed by our ancestors, who developed a highly advanced irrigation civilization, among the current generation whereas the number of individuals drowning in water has been observed to be steadily increasing in recent times.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

*1.

P. 104/2025

Leader of the House of Parliament, — Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report to Parliament on the matter of selecting the Electoral System under which the Provincial Council Elections should be held and submit its proposals and recommendations in that regard,— Whereas all the Provincial Councils are currently functioning without people's representatives since the delimitation process of wards required for implementing the 'Mixed Proportional Representation System', which was introduced in terms of the provisions of Act No. 17 of 2017 which is in effect at present amending the Provincial Councils Elections Act No. 2 of 1988, has not been completed;

And whereas the Select Committee of Parliament to identify appropriate reforms of the Election Laws and the Electoral System and to recommend necessary amendments, which was appointed in 2022 by the Ninth Parliament, discussed the fact that draft laws are required for enabling the implementation of the 'Mixed Proportional Representation System', which was introduced by the Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Act No. 17 of 2017, by carrying out the delimitation as required in terms of the said Amendment Act as per the ratio stipulated therein, and recommended that appropriate laws be enacted for holding the Provincial Council Elections under the Proportional Representation System until draft laws referred to above are prepared, but the report of the said Committee, which consisted of 17 Members, had been presented to Parliament on 22 June 2022 with the signatures of only 8 Members;

And whereas the report of the Minister in terms of Standing Order 52(6) of Parliament on the Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill, which was presented to the Tenth Parliament on 05 June 2025 for the first reading, was presented to Parliament on 19.11.2025 by the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government; and

Whereas there are different viewpoints on the appropriate electoral system for holding the Provincial Council Elections and the dialogue on the electoral systems of the country has broadened and intensified after 2017, and whereas an extensive dialogue should be created on preparing an electoral system including provisions for mandatory women representation,

youth representation, limits on expenditure, mixed proportional representation system, ensure right to advance voting and voting right of the Sri Lankans living abroad etc.;

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to look into and report to Parliament on the matter of selecting the Electoral System under which the Provincial Council Elections should be held and submit its proposals and recommendations in that regard.

2. (a) that the Chair and Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Speaker; and
(b) that in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 101 of Parliament, the Committee shall not consist of more than twelve (12) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to —
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of specialists and experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment or prorogation of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall present its report to Parliament within a period of three (03) months from the first meeting of the Committee or within such further period as Parliament may grant.

** Indicates Government Business.*
