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**ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 3  
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**Tuesday, January 06, 2026**

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

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Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 20 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2465/07 of 01<sup>st</sup> December 2025, which were presented on 19.12.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the then Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation under Section 237 read with Section 151 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2452/40 of 04<sup>th</sup> September 2025, which were presented on 18.12.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the then Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation under Sections 141, 143, 144, 157A, 168 and 190 read with Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2455/29 of 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025, which were presented on 18.12.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act,— That the Regulations made by the then Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2371/35 of 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024, which were presented on 18.12.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources,— Regulations under the Fishermen's Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources under Section 29 of the Fishermen's Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme Act, No. 23 of 1990 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2428/13 of 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025. which were presented on 18.12.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,— Regulation under the Shop and Office Employees (Regulation of Employment and Remuneration) Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Labour under Section 66 of the Shop and Office Employees (Regulation of Employment and Remuneration) Act (Chapter 129) on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025. which was presented on 18.12.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

**(Tuesday, January 06, 2026)**

1582/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of official vehicles allocated by the then government to the Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media 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 she 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 Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media?
- (c) If not, why?

1588/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of official vehicles allocated by the then government to the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply 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 she 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 City Planning and Water Supply ?
- (c) If not, why?

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1594/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of official vehicles allocated by the then government to the Minister of Industry and Commerce 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 she 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 Industry and Commerce?
- (c) If not, why?

1599/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of official vehicles allocated by the then government to the Minister of Housing and Social Welfare appointed from 09 November 2018 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 she 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 Housing and Social Welfare?
- (c) If not, why?

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1601/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of official vehicles allocated by the then government to the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply appointed from 09 November 2018 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 she 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 City Planning and Water Supply?
- (c) If not, why?

1606/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of official vehicles allocated by the then government to the Minister of Industry and Commerce appointed from 09 November 2018 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 she 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 Industry and Commerce?
- (c) If not, why?

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1609/2025

Hon. Sujeewa Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of official vehicles allocated by the then government to the Minister of Trade, Consumer, Co-operative Development and Christian Religious Affairs appointed from 09 November 2018 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 Trade, Consumer, Co-operative Development and Christian Religious Affairs?
- (c) If not, why?

1614/2025

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

- (b) Will she inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of official vehicles allocated by the then government to the Minister of National Dialogue 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 she 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 National Dialogue?
- (c) If not, why?

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1624/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
    - (i) number of official vehicles allocated by the then government to the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training appointed from 01 November 2018 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 she 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 Skills Development and Vocational Training?
  - (c) If not, why?
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**Tuesday, January 20, 2026**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

680/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,—To ask the Minister of Environment,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether he is aware that because of the burning of coal at the Norochcholai Coal Power plant, the residents living in the surrounding villages are facing numerous environmental issues; and
  - (ii) of the measures that will be taken to resolve such environmental issues?
- (b) If not, why?

818/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— 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 officers of the Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service and the Sri Lanka Principals' Service whose salary increments have been suspended by now, separately in respect of each service;

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- (ii) of the name of each such officer, the date on which increment was suspended, and the reason for each suspension, separately;
  - (iii) whether she is aware that the restoration of these salary increments is proceeding quite slowly; and
  - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to expedite the inquiries concerning these officers, granting them with their increments without further delay, to ensure that justice is served?
- (b) If not, why?

851/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of inmates currently kept at the Dumbara Prison in Pallekele;
  - (ii) detention capacity of the prison concerned; and
  - (iii) measures that will be taken to expedite the new constructions of that prison and to reduce the current overcrowding in the prison?
- (b) If not, why?

859/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Navarathna,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of state lands that have been granted on lease basis in each Divisional Secretary's Division in the Anuradhapura District, separately;
  - (ii) whether he is aware that the state land of approximately 100 acres in extent located in Kodinnewa village in Grama Niladhari Division No. 153 of Horowpothana Divisional Secretary's Division, has been illegally cleared and cultivated;
  - (iii) if so, who have cleared and cultivated the land referred to above;
  - (iv) whether the individuals concerned have a legal right to do so;
  - (v) whether they have obtained the fertilizer subsidy; and
  - (vi) if so, what the value of the fertilizer subsidy is?
- (b) If not, why?

881/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that persons are residing on state lands in the Manmunai Pattu Divisional Secretariat Division of the Batticaloa district without a 'Deed of Grant' or a 'Land Permit' awarded by the government;

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- (ii) if so, of the number of such individuals, their names and relevant details;
  - (iii) whether the respective Divisional Secretary has filed action at the court of law against them during the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2025 to legally evict those individuals from the above state lands;
  - (iv) if so, of the number of such individuals, their names and their relevant details;
  - (v) of the number of evicted individuals from the state lands on court orders from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2025 along with their names and relevant details, out of the total number of individuals prosecuted by the relevant Divisional Secretary;
  - (vi) whether there are persons against whom the Divisional Secretary has not filed action although he should have;
  - (vii) if so, of the number of such persons, and their names and other relevant details; and
  - (viii) of the reasons for filing action against only a few of them while not filing action against most?
- (b) If not, why?

1062/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of vehicles that have been imported so far after the permission granted for the import of vehicles to Sri Lanka again;
  - (ii) tax to be collected from the said vehicles separately according to engine capacity; and
  - (iii) tax income expected to be generated from importing vehicles and of the tax income that has hitherto been generated separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
- (i) number of three-wheelers and motorcycles that have been imported so far, separately after permission was granted to import vehicles to Sri Lanka again;
  - (ii) amount of tax levied on an imported three-wheeler; and
  - (iii) amount of tax levied on an imported motorcycle separately as per the engine capacity?
- (c) If not, why?

1270/2025

Hon. Sujeewa Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) three main export crops of Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) year in which coconut was declared one of the main export crops;
  - (iii) number of coconut trees existing in Sri Lanka and the extent of land cultivated in coconuts, separately in hectares; and
  - (iv) steps taken to increase the coconut harvest of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
  - (i) coconut-related industries in operation in Sri Lanka at present;
  - (ii) the annual foreign exchange earnings accrued to Sri Lanka from coconut-based products;
  - (iii) number of factories in Sri Lanka associated with coconut husks with local and foreign ownership, and their main export products and the number of direct and indirect jobs they have created, separately; and
  - (iv) key problems associated with coconut husks industry?
- (c) If not, why?

1278/2025

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the names of the lands which have been allocated for investment projects from the lands belonging to the Land Reform Commission in the Puttalam District;
  - (ii) the investment project for which each plot of land has been provided, the extent of the land and the respective Divisional Secretariat Division in which it is located, separately;
  - (iii) whether the due lease for the above-mentioned lands have been properly paid;
  - (iv) if not, whether the lease payments have been defaulted;
  - (v) whether the above-mentioned lands provided for investment projects have been developed;
  - (vi) whether underdeveloped lands have been identified among those lands; and
  - (vii) if the above-mentioned lands provided for investment projects have not been properly developed or if lease payments have been defaulted, whether such lands will be repossessed?

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- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) the total extent of land belonging to the above Commission in the Puttalam District, according to each Divisional Secretariat Division, separately; and
  - (ii) whether those lands will be provided for the construction of houses?
- (c) If not, why?

1313/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
  - (i) of the non-government schools located within the Elpitiya Education Zone;
  - (ii) of the founding year of each of these schools and the names of their governing board members, separately;
  - (iii) of the government authorities tasked with the supervision of the said schools;
  - (iv) whether the Ministry of Education of the Central Government or the Provincial Ministry of Education has received public complaints regarding the aforementioned schools; and
  - (v) of the measures that have been taken to ensure the quality of education provided by those schools and to protect the rights of students in those schools?
- (b) If not, why?

1570/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,—To ask the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
    - (i) of the unresolved issues that exist regarding the payment of pension entitlements and arrears of Samurdhi Development Officers;
    - (ii) of the prompt measures that have been taken by the Government to resolve them and the specific timeframe for implementing the same;
    - (iii) whether it has been planned to expeditiously implement a proper system for their promotions and grading;
    - (iv) if so, of the progress of it at present; and
    - (v) of the steps that have been taken to expedite disciplinary action regarding the incidents of misconduct and corruption reported against Samurdhi Development Officers?
  - (b) Will he also inform this House of the steps that have been taken to complete the project to computerize the Samurdhi Bank system?
  - (c) If not, why?
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**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

741/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of branches of co-operative rural banks that have been registered under the Department of Co-operative Development of the Western Province;
  - (ii) of the names of such branches;
  - (iii) out of those co-operative rural banks, of the branches that are non-operational at present; and
  - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to ensure justice to those depositors of the above banks who have been unable to withdraw their savings due to this state of affairs?
- (b) If not, why?

812/2025

Hon. Mujibur Rahman,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) date on which a committee was last appointed to study the issue of overcrowding in prisons in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) names of the members of that committee;
  - (iii) recommendations made by that committee to reduce overcrowding in prisons; and
  - (iv) measures that will be taken to implement those recommendations?
- (b) If not, why?

1009/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether the Government has introduced or intends to introduce any specific forms of assistance such as financial compensation, medical support or rehabilitation programmes for victims of mob violence and their families in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) of the current status of implementation of any such support schemes across the districts or provinces where incidents of mob violence have occurred; and

(13)

- (iii) whether any circulars, guidelines or policy frameworks have been issued to Provincial Councils or District Secretariats to ensure timely support and long-term assistance to such victims?

(b) If not, why?

1088/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the main livelihood of the people in the Vanni area is agriculture and animal husbandry;
- (ii) the people are losing interest in agriculture due to epidemics, crop damage by wild animals, climate change, and lack of a proper market, etc.;
- (iii) the majority of farmers are engaging in animal husbandry, as it is comparatively a more profitable industry;
- (iv) however, in recent times, there has been an increase in livestock theft, and it was revealed at the recent Vavuniya–North Regional Development Committee meeting that more than 35 cattle were stolen in a single day;
- (v) there has been no solution to this matter despite complaints lodged with the police; and
- (vi) as a result, the people of the Vanni area are facing significant economic challenges?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) if so, the solutions that will be provided in this regard; and
- (ii) the time frame within which the said solutions will be provided?

(c) If not, why?

1174/2025

Hon. Sunil Rathnasiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of police stations in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the total number of officers currently serving in the Sri Lanka Police;
- (iii) of the number of vacancies currently existing in each rank in the Sri Lanka Police, separately;
- (iv) whether steps will be taken to fill those vacancies; and
- (v) if so, of the date on which those vacancies will be filled, separately for each rank?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the number of organized criminals arrested in each year during the period from the year 2024 to May 2025, separately;
  - (ii) whether the irregularities occurring in the Sri Lanka Police at the moment have been identified; and
  - (iii) if so, of the steps that have been taken to curb those irregularities?
- (c) If not, why?

1222/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of ‘Aswasuma’ beneficiaries in Sri Lanka at present;
  - (ii) whether the ‘Aswasuma’ benefit is provided to all persons who are eligible to it;
  - (iii) whether steps are being taken to grant the benefit to those eligible persons who are not yet receiving it; and
  - (iv) if so, of the date from which the benefit will be provided to them?
- (b) If not, why?

1267/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately, for each district, of the number of land permits obtained from the public, under the programme implemented by the previous government to issue title deeds for land permits in the Ampara, Batticaloa and Trincomalee districts of the Eastern Province;
  - (ii) separately, for each district, of the number of title deeds that have been issued for the aforesaid districts;
  - (iii) separately, for each district, of the number of title deeds that are yet to be issued; and
  - (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to expedite the issuance of the aforementioned title deeds?
- (b) If not, why?

1269/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) whether she is aware that there are buildings in government schools, which have been partially constructed and subsequently abandoned;
  - (ii) of the number of such buildings existing in each province, separately;
  - (iii) of the main reasons that have contributed to the delay in the construction work of the aforesaid buildings;
  - (iv) out of the aforesaid buildings, of the number of buildings in each province for which budgetary allocations have been made in the budget for the year 2025 for the purpose of completing the construction work, separately;
  - (v) of the time frame within which the construction work of the aforesaid buildings will be completed;
  - (vi) of the precautionary measures taken to prevent any accidents that may occur due to the partially constructed buildings, affecting students and school staff; and
  - (vii) of the methodology followed to complete the construction work of the aforesaid buildings expeditiously and safely?
- (b) If not, why?

1468/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
- (i) reasons for not selecting the Southern Province for the Project for the Development of Special Sports Schools under the Budget for the year 2025;
  - (ii) amount that was allocated for the said project under the Budget for the year 2025;
  - (iii) amount that has been spent out of the said amount as of August 2025; and
  - (iv) basis on which only five provinces were selected for the said Project for the Development of Special Sports Schools?
- (b) If not, why?

1562/2025

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) of the total amount spent on projects initiated to develop infrastructure facilities in schools in the Matara District under the 'Nearest School-the Best School' project; and

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- (ii) out of the projects mentioned in (i) above, of the number of projects that have been completed and those that could not be completed, separately?
  - (b) Will she also inform this House of the —
    - (i) obstacles exist that prevent the two teacher hostels at Urubokka National School in the Matara District, built under the aforementioned projects, from being utilized, as the said buildings have remained unused; and
    - (ii) measures that will be taken to make them usable?
  - (c) If not, why?
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**Thursday, January 22, 2026**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

1116/2025

Hon. Roshan Akmeemana,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) government hospitals in Trincomalee district that are administrated by the Line Ministry;
  - (ii) plans prepared for the development of the Trincomalee Base Hospital;
  - (iii) issues identified at the Kantale Hospital as those hindering the delivery of efficient services; and
  - (iv) measures that will be taken to resolve the issues?
- (b) If not, why?

1180/2025

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,—To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether he is aware that the building which houses the Sathosa store in the center of Kilinochchi town was constructed without a proper approval;
  - (ii) whether relevant approval for the construction has been duly obtained from the Karaichchi Pradeshiya Sabha;
  - (iii) of the details of the quotations called for it, if the public funds have been spent on the construction of the building;
  - (iv) of the amount spent on the construction, in millions of rupees; and
  - (v) of the current owner of the aforesaid building?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) of the institution that owns the land on which the building is located; and
  - (ii) whether the land concerned has been given to any party on long-term lease basis?
- (c) If not, why?

1317/2025

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

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

1323/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
  - (i) whether there are facilities in the government university system for students with disabilities to pursue their courses;
  - (ii) whether adequate steps have been taken to promote alternative means of communication including Braille system, sign language and enlarged fonts;

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- (iii) if not, of the steps that are taken in that regard;
  - (iv) of the facilities that have been provided to students with disabilities when appearing for examinations;
  - (v) whether fair opportunities have been established for students with disabilities in relation to their respective disabilities during examinations;
  - (vi) whether students with disabilities have the opportunity to answer examinations using computers in every university; and
  - (vii) of the steps taken to expand the facilities required for students with disabilities to use libraries?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
- (i) whether adequate accessibility facilities are there for students with disabilities in government universities;
  - (ii) if not, whether steps will be taken to expand accessibility facilities; and
  - (iii) whether provisions required for this purpose will be allocated in the budget for the year 2026?
- (c) If not, why?

1348/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
- (i) of the number of principals currently serving in each grade of the Sri Lanka Principal Service, Grades I, II and III, and the number of vacancies existing in each grade, separately;
  - (ii) of the number of principals in each of the said grades who will be 57 years old as at 30.09.2025, separately;
  - (iii) of the number of principals who are currently working on the basis of covering up duties but do not belong to the Principal Service; and
  - (iv) whether a programme will be prepared to absorb them into the relevant grades based on their qualifications?
- (b) If not, why?

1555/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
  - (i) whether she is aware that the Trincomalee District Office, the Trincomalee District Training Centre and the Kinniya Training Centre of the National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA) are being operated in privately owned buildings on a lease basis;
  - (ii) if so, of the monthly lease amounts paid for each of such buildings, separately;
  - (iii) of the courses offered at these centres, separately; and
  - (iv) of the reasons as to why the courses that were previously scheduled to be offered at these centres are not being offered at present?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
  - (i) whether she is aware that the building, constructed on 13 acres of land allotted by the Land Reform Commission for the establishment of a University College in the Kinniya Divisional Secretariat, using a Rs. 50 million budgetary allocation in 2018, has been abandoned at present; and
  - (ii) whether measures will be taken to relocate the offices and training centres referred to in (a) (i) above to the said building?
- (c) If not, why?

1701/2025

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of Ayurvedic medicine manufacturing plants, currently registered in the Ayurvedic medicine sector;
  - (ii) the names of them;
  - (iii) the steps that have been taken to regulate the Ayurvedic products;
  - (iv) whether any policy decision has been taken with regard to the use of social media networks for the marketing of Ayurveda products; and
  - (v) if so, the details of such policy?
- (b) Is he aware that—
  - (i) advertisements are being circulated on social media networks claiming that certain Ayurvedic products have been registered; and

- (ii) the public money is being defrauded by such advertisements?
- (c) Will he inform this House, if so, of the actions that will be taken in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1737/2025

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) year in which the ‘Cashew Corporation’ was established;
  - (ii) objective of its establishment; and
  - (iii) extent of land under cashew cultivation in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to each year during the period from the year 2020 up to now of the —
  - (i) cashew harvest and requirement;
  - (ii) quantity of cashew exported and the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom; and
  - (iii) quantity of cashew imported and the amount of foreign exchange spent thereon?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the—
  - (i) private institutions that import cashew into Sri Lanka; and
  - (ii) measures that have been taken by the Ministry to protect the local cashew producer and businessman?
- (d) If not, why?

1759/2025

Hon. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether the relevant environmental legal requirements have been fulfilled when starting the ‘Lonach Dairy Farm’;
  - (ii) of the methodology of disposing of the daily animal waste collected on the said farm;
  - (iii) whether the farm has obtained the relevant annual environmental licenses from the year 2020 to date;
  - (iv) whether said farm is operating in accordance with the relevant environmental recommendations;
  - (v) whether there are any instances in which the management of the farm has violated the relevant environmental recommendations; and
  - (vi) if so, of the action that were taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

1760/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of housing projects implemented by the National Housing Development Authority in the Anuradhapura District during the period from 2015 to 2019;
  - (ii) amount of money provided by the National Housing Development Authority as aids and loans for the said projects separately;
  - (iii) number of beneficiaries selected for those projects and the methodology used in selecting them;
  - (iv) number of houses expected to be constructed through the said projects;
  - (v) number of houses that have been completed by now, out of the above houses, separately as per each project;
  - (vi) reasons for the failure to complete the constructions, if constructions have not been completed yet; and
  - (vii) issues that have arisen regarding the lands used for the housing projects?
- (b) If not, why?

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**Friday, January 23, 2026**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1398/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth, — To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation, — (1)

- (a) Will he accept that —
  - (i) water should be supplied to the farmers of the Pottuvil and Lahugala Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the Ampara District through irrigation projects; and
  - (ii) the then governments implemented the ‘Heda Oya’ irrigation Project in 2018, 2019 and 2020, spending Rs. 150 million, Rs. 25 million and Rs. 50 million respectively, with the aim of supplying irrigation water to the said farmers?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the present status of the said project that was implemented with the aim of supplying irrigation water to the farmers residing in the above Divisional Secretariat Divisions; and

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- (ii) whether steps will be taken to restart the said project, as its implementation would enable farmers residing in the Divisional Secretariat Divisions mentioned in (a)(i) above, to use water for their agricultural activities?
- (c) If not, why?

1465/2025

Ms. Ambika Samivel,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
  - (i) income and expenditure reports for the period from the year 2020 to the year 2024 of the institutions functioning under the Soumyamoorthy Thondaman Memorial Foundation, separately;
  - (ii) income details of the said Foundation for the year 2025; and
  - (iii) number of times the Board of Management of the Soumyamoorthy Thondaman Memorial Foundation has met during the year 2025 and of the special determinations made /decisions taken?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the current performance of the Thondaman Vocational Training Centre in the Hatton area;
  - (ii) of the number of students that have been enrolled for the trainings and courses at aforesaid center in the year 2025; and
  - (iii) whether a programme has been prepared to generate income from the Norwood Stadium ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1499/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of projects that have been implemented in the Ratnapura District under the ‘Nearest School - The Best School’ programme;
  - (ii) number of projects that have been halted, out of those; and
  - (iii) measures to be taken to re-implement those projects?
- (b) If not, why?

1541/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala,— To ask the Minister of Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of small hydropower plants that have been constructed in the Yatiyanthota and the Bulathkohupitiya Divisional Secretariat Divisions, separately for each Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (ii) whether legal permission has been obtained for the construction of the said power plants;
  - (iii) of the capacity added to the national grid by each of the said power plants separately;
  - (iv) whether the owners of the above-mentioned small hydropower plants are operating the power plants in compliance with the agreements for the protection of the ecosystem and the development of the social environment;
  - (v) whether all small hydropower plants are regulated; and
  - (vi) whether legal action is taken against the owners of small hydropower plants that do not comply with the relevant regulatory criteria?
- (b) If not, why?

1557/2025

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the extent of arable lands owned by the Pelwatte and Sevanagala sugar factories of the Lanka Sugar Company (Private) Limited, separately;
  - (ii) of the extent of the said lands used and not used for cultivation purposes, separately;
  - (iii) whether sugar and ethanol production activities in the said factories are taking place at the expected level;
  - (iv) of the annual sugar production and sales made by the said factories from the year 2020 up to now;
  - (v) whether he knows that sugarcane farmers have been inconvenienced by the suspension of the process of obtaining sugarcane by the said factories;
  - (vi) in view of the fact that it is reported that employees' salaries are not paid and the contributions to the Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund are not paid by the relevant companies properly, whether action will be taken to overcome the said situation; and

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(vii) of the measures taken to ensure the proper functioning of these companies and the proper fulfillment of workers' rights?

(b) If not, why?

1565/2025

Hon. Stepni Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total extent of land in Ragama town owned by the Urban Development Authority;
- (ii) whether there are unauthorized business establishments in the said land; and
- (iii) if so, of the number of them?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that shops have been constructed surrounding the Police Post which is located on the land owned by the Urban Development Authority, at the starting point of the flyover in front of the entrance gate of the Colombo North Teaching Hospital;
- (ii) whether the field officers of the Authority in charge of Ragama town informed the Authority in this regard at the commencement of construction of these shops;
- (iii) if so, of the steps taken in this regard;
- (iv) whether the constructions have been removed accordingly; and
- (v) if not, of the measures to be taken to remove such constructions?

(c) If not, why?

1636/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the total area of land in Monaragala District, and out of that area, of the portions owned by the Department of Wildlife and the Department of Forest Conservation, separately;
- (ii) of such extent, as a percentage;
- (iii) of the criteria applied when a certain extent of land is brought under the purview of the Department of Forest Conservation;
- (iv) of the extent of land in Monaragala District handed over to the Divisional Secretary by the Department of Forest Conservation in 2021;

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- (v) of such land, of the extent that has been released by the Divisional Secretaries on a long-term lease basis;
  - (vi) if so, the names of such institutions and individuals;
  - (vii) within this transfer process, of the extent of land held by the 'Wandama-Demaliya' Reserve and the extent of land released to the Divisional Secretary in the Monaragala District, separately; and
  - (viii) of the said extent of land released to the Divisional Secretary, of the extent that has been released on a lease basis?
- (b) If not, why?

1677/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons for the delay in the payment of widows' and orphans' pensions or allowances that are being paid to the widows/dependents of the members of the three armed forces who died in the line of duty;
  - (ii) of the steps that will be taken to prevent such delays;
  - (iii) of the salaries and allowances paid to the widows/dependents of the members of the armed forces who married after leaving the service due to disability, upon the death of the member;
  - (iv) if allowances are not paid to them, of the reasons for that; and
  - (v) of the steps that will be taken to pay those salaries or allowances?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the number of military personnel who are not entitled to 85% pension out of those recruited before 19.05.2009;
  - (ii) of the reasons for not paying the said pension entitlement;
  - (iii) whether he accepts that it is appropriate to grant them 85% pension entitlement; and
  - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken to grant the said pension entitlement to them?
- (c) If not, why?

1738/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House with regard to the Badulla District, of the number of—
  - (i) cooperative outlets;
  - (ii) cooperative outlets operating within the estate areas; and
  - (iii) cooperative outlets closed down in the last 10 years?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that cooperative societies have been established within the estate areas to facilitate the construction of houses and the provision of loans; and
  - (ii) if so, of the number of cooperative societies operating within the estate areas in the Badulla District?
- (c) If not, why?

1784/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
    - (i) whether the technical service that existed at the National Housing Development Authority is still operational;
    - (ii) if so, of the number of technical officers serving there;
    - (iii) of the travelling expenses per 1 km paid to the above-mentioned officers for field duties;
    - (iv) of the amount of combined allowance paid to the technical officers;
    - (v) of the date on which the said allowance was approved; and
    - (vi) of the steps that will be taken to update the promotion procedure of the above-mentioned officers?
  - (b) Will he also inform this House—
    - (i) of the amount of allocations made to the National Housing Development Authority for the year 2026 for the construction of houses; and
    - (ii) whether the number of technical officers available to the Authority is sufficient in relation to the said amount of allocations?
  - (c) If not, why?
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