



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 120.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, January 07, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

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;
 - (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;

(2)

- (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;
- (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?

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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?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Parliamentary Pensions (Repeal),— Bill to repeal the Parliamentary Pensions Law, No. 1 of 1977.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item No. 2 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 27 of the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

(4)

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Essential Public Services Act,— That the Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Notification No. 2468/46 and dated 28th December, 2025 and schedule thereto, by virtue of the powers vested in Hon. President in terms of Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979, which was presented on 06.01.2026 be approved.

*3.

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 04th September 2025, which were presented on 18.12.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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 25th September 2025, which were presented on 18.12.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

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 12th December 2025, which was presented on 18.12.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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 01st December 2025, which were presented on 19.12.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(5)

*8.

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

*9.

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

*10.

Institute of Real Estate Professionals, Sri Lanka Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

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

*12.

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

*13.

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

*14.

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.”

15.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

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