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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
- (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?

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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
 - (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;

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- (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;
- (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;

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- (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?

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- (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
 - (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?

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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?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

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*4.

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.)

*5.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Microfinance and Credit Regulatory Authority Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Universities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

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

*12.

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.”

13.

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.”
