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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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?

2.

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;
- (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?

(2)

3.

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?

4.

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?

5.

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;

(3)

- (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?

6.

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?

(4)

7.

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?

8.

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?

(5)

(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?

9.

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?

10.

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?

(6)

(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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**AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**Notice of Presentation of Bills**

1.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Protection of Occupants,— Bill to prevent a landlord from ejecting persons from occupation of a premises; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Rent (Repeal),— Bill to Repeal the Rent Act, No. 7 of 1972.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

3.

The Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation,— Licensing of Container Depot Operators,— Bill to provide for the regulation and control of the carrying on the business of Container Depot Operators; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

4.

The Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation,— Licensing of Shipping Agents, Freight Forwarders, Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers and Container Operators (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Licensing of Shipping Agents, Freight Forwarders, Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers and Container Operators Act, No. 10 of 1972; and to provide matters connected Therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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

\*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Aswesuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme under the Welfare Benefits Act,— That the Aswesuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 9 of the Welfare Benefits Act, No. 24 of 2002, relating to Welfare Benefits and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2467/03 of 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025, which was presented on 06.01.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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\*2.

Universities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.

Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*7.

Microfinance and Credit Regulatory Authority Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

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

\*9.

Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme,— Adjourned debate on question (10<sup>th</sup> April 2025) Motion made and question proposed,— “Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme, which was tabled in Parliament on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025, be considered by Parliament.”

10.

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.”

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