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FOR

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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?

2.

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?

(2)

3.

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
- (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?

4.

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?

(3)

5.

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?
- (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?

6.

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 ‘Aswesuma’ beneficiaries in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) whether the ‘Aswesuma’ 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?

(4)

7.

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?

8.

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 timeframe 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?

(5)

9.

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?

10.

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
- (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 quarters 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?

(b) If not, why?

(6)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

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Hon. Sajith Premadasa

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Attorney at Law

Hon. Mujibur Rahman

Hon. Dilith Jayaweera

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna

Hon. Suranga Rathnayaka

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake

Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera

Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Arjuna Sujewa Senasinghe, Attorney at Law

Hon. B. Ariyawansha

Hon. Dilip Wedaarakchchi

Hon. Kins Nelson

Hon. K. Kader Masthan

Hon. S.M. Marikkar

Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan

Hon. M.A.M. Thahir

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law

Hon. (Dr.) Ramanathan Archchuna

Hon. Jagath Vithana

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. Imran Maharoof

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Attorney at Law

Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna

Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka,— Select Committee of Parliament to conduct a comprehensive study on the lack of preparedness to face Cyclone Ditwah and report to Parliament and submit its proposals and recommendations in that regard,— Whereas the loss of lives, damage to property and damage to the people caused by Cyclone Ditwah, which is considered to be the worst tragedy in the history of Sri Lanka, have not yet been assessed;

And whereas action was taken to appoint Select Committees of Parliament in the recent times with regard to two such disasters, namely the Easter Sunday attack and the economic crisis as well;

And whereas it is believed that this disaster is unique as far as the disasters that have occurred so far are concerned;

And whereas it has already been revealed in Parliament that the Department of Meteorology and foreign media had from time to time warned about and forecasted this extremely tragic situation; and

Whereas the damage caused by Cyclone Ditwah could have been prevented to a significant extent if the relevant parties had been prepared in advance to face the situation;

That this Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to conduct a comprehensive study on the lack of preparedness to face Cyclone Ditwah and report to Parliament 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;

(8)

- (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 months (03) from the first meeting of the Committee or within such further period as Parliament may grant.

*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.

Parliamentary Pensions (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Microfinance and Credit Regulatory Authority Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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

(9)

*10.

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.”

11.

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.”
