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Friday, January 23, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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
- (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?

2.

1465/2025

Hon. (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 Saumyamoorthi Thondaman Memorial Foundation, separately;

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- (ii) income details of the said Foundation for the year 2025; and
- (iii) number of times the Board of Management of the Saumyamoorthi 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 ?

3.

1499/2025

Hon. B. Ariyawansha,— 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?

4.

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;

(3)

- (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?

5.

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

(b) If not, why?

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6.

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?

7.

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?

8.

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?

(6)

9.

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) co-operative outlets;
 - (ii) co-operative outlets operating within the estate areas; and
 - (iii) co-operative 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 co-operative societies operating within the estate areas in the Badulla District?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

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 these 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 these 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?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

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

*3.

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

*4.

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

*5.

Parliamentary Pensions (Repeal) 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 (24th 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 (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.”

10.

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.”