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Tuesday, February 03, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

21/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of Sri Lankan workers who went abroad for employment from the year 2018 up to now, separately in each year;
 - (ii) names of the countries to which they went;
 - (iii) total amount of foreign exchange received from migrant workers during that period in respect of each year, separately; and
 - (iv) courses of action that have already been taken and will be taken in the future for their welfare, separately?

(b) If not, why?

2.

119/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) date on which the then government decided to reduce the tax imposed on sugar;
 - (ii) factors that influenced for such decision;
 - (iii) companies that have imported sugar into Sri Lanka after the tax that had been imposed on sugar was reduced;
 - (iv) tax revenue that was lost due to the decision mentioned in (i) above; and
 - (v) action that has been taken so far regarding the concerned fraud on the tax imposed on sugar?

(b) If not, why?

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3.

207/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

(a) Will she inform this House of the —

- (i) objectives behind the establishment of the Department of Educational Publications;
- (ii) number of the undistributed copies of school textbooks remaining in schools and centers and the number of copies of school textbooks that could have been reused, separately, in each of the years from 2020 to 2025;
- (iii) financial value of those school textbooks;
- (iv) amount spent on printing school textbooks in the year 2021, when the use of school textbooks was at a minimum level; and
- (v) measures that will be taken to distribute school textbooks in time?

(b) If not, why?

4.

345/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (2)

(a) Is he aware that the —

- (i) drinking water facilities have not yet been provided to areas such as Panayaruppan, Pansenai, Vadakkalmadu, Pawatkodichchenai, Unnichchai and Nediyamadhu, in Vavunathivu Divisional Secretariat Division within the Manmunai West of the Batticaloa District; and
- (ii) residents of the Unnichchai area have not been provided with drinking water, although drinking water has been taken from Unnichchai to various areas?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) if so, whether the steps will be taken to provide drinking water facilities to the areas mentioned in (i) above; and
- (ii) of the dates when the drinking water facilities will be made available to the aforesaid areas?

(c) If not, why?

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5.

563/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that an anicut named ‘Senakapura Yaya’ has been constructed at Meewellawa, Thirappane in the Anuradhapura District;
- (ii) of the amount spent on the construction of the aforementioned anicut;
- (iii) of the number of farming families benefiting from the said anicut;
- (iv) of the extent of paddy land irrigated by the said anicut;
- (v) whether he is aware that farmers are facing difficulties as paddy fields are getting filled with sand due to the anicut; and
- (vi) if so, of the measures that will be taken to resolve the said problem?

(b) If not, why?

6.

627/2025

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he accepts that the local government institution that earns the highest revenue in Sri Lanka is the Colombo Municipal Council;
- (ii) of the number of Income Tax Inspectors required to collect income tax within the area of the Colombo Municipal Council, the number of Income Tax Inspectors currently in service and the number of vacancies that exist in the post of Income Tax Inspector separately;
- (iii) of the measures that will be taken to fill those vacancies?

(b) If not, why?

7.

662/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) year in which the scheme was introduced for granting motor vehicle permits to high-ranking government officials on a concessional basis upon their retirement;

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- (ii) number of vehicle permits issued in each year since then, separately; and
- (iii) designations eligible for obtaining the said permits?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the permits mentioned above are still being issued;
 - (ii) if not, of the year in which the issuance of permits was suspended;
 - (iii) of the reasons for suspending the issuance of the said permits;
 - (iv) of the date on which the process of issuing the said permits will be resumed;
 - (v) whether permits will be issued to pensioners who did not receive permits due to the suspension in the issuance of them; and
 - (vi) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

1263/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake, — To ask the Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation, — (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the types of allowances that are currently paid to the staff of Sri Lankan Airlines;
 - (ii) of the amounts that are paid for each type of allowance separately;
 - (iii) whether accommodation allowance is paid to the crew members on overseas trips;
 - (iv) of the types of the said accommodation allowances;
 - (v) of the amount of money regarding that;
 - (vi) whether meals are provided to the crew members during the flight;
 - (vii) if not, whether an allowance is paid for the same; and
 - (viii) if so, of the amount of the said allowance?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the manner in which the administrative affairs of the said company are being carried out without a Chief Executive Officer; and
 - (ii) of the name of the person who is responsible for the same?
- (c) If not, why?

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9.

1716/2025

Hon. R.G.Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that an officer who served in the National Accounts Division of the Department of Census and Statistics during the years 2012 and 2013 was interdicted;
 - (ii) if so, of the name of the said officer; and
 - (iii) whether justice and fairness be served to the said officer?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the procedure to prevent the distortion of highly sensitive data on the economy of the current government?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

1795/2025

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House whether —

- (i) she is aware that the classroom and space facilities of the Deltota Muslim Central College in the Kandy District, Central Province are not sufficient to sustain the educational activities of the students;
- (ii) she accepts that there is a requirement for eight new classrooms and of the solutions that will be provided to address the said issue; and
- (iii) the 2026 budget will provide sufficient provisions to meet the building requirements of the said school?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, February 05th, 2026.

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2.

Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka,— Privileges,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. Arjuna Sujeewa Senasinghe, Attorney at Law, M.P. on 07th January, 2026 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 118 of the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act,— That the Regulations made by the then Minister of Technology under Section 71(1) read with Section 17(10) of the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act, No. 25 of 1991 as amended by the Sri Lanka Telecommunications (Amendment) Acts, No. 27 of 1996 and No. 39 of 2024 regarding Telecommunications Infrastructure Sharing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2396/32 of 07th August 2024, which were presented on 23.01.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Licensing of Container Depot Operators Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Licensing of Shipping Agents, Freight Forwarders, Non -Vessel Operating Common Carriers and Container Operators (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*7.

Microfinance and Credit Regulatory Authority Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Parliamentary Pensions (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

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

*13.

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.”

14.

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.”
