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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 2(3) of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2464/14 of 25th November 2025, which was presented on 05.02.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2465/16 of 04th December 2025, which was presented on 05.02.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2469/12 of 31st December 2025, which was presented on 05.02.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 05.02.2026, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2464/15 of 25th November 2025).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development under Sections 44, 123, 124, 125, 126, 126B, 128, 132, 132A and 231 read with Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2463/04 of 17th November 2025, which were presented on 06.02.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development under Section 237 read with Section 126 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2467/52 of 17th December 2025, which were presented on 06.02.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, February 18, 2026)

1845/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of—
 - (i) homicides reported in Sri Lanka from 1970 to 2025; and
 - (ii) rape cases reported during the said period; for each year, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

1846/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the aggregate weight of jewellery and other gold items currently in the custody of the Katharagama Dewalaya;
 - (ii) whether a proposal has been made to sell all or part of the jewellery and remit the proceeds to the government;
 - (iii) if so, of the measures taken to ensure the security of the gold items until an auction is conducted; and
 - (iv) of the method proposed to be followed for the sale of the gold items?
- (b) If not, why?

1847/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of police officers released by the Sri Lanka Police to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption in each year from 2015 to 2025, stated separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of police officers requested by the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption for the year 2026;
 - (ii) of the number of police officers released to the Commission thus far accordingly;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that there is a shortage of investigation officers for the functions of the Commission; and
 - (iv) if so, of the steps that are being taken to address the said shortage?
- (c) If not, why?

1848/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of shootings reported in Sri Lanka in each year from 2020 to 2025;

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- (ii) number of deaths and injuries resulting from the said shootings during that period separately; and
- (iii) steps taken by the Sri Lanka Police to control these shooting incidents and the progress made therein?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the building in which the Bandaragama Police Station is maintained is old and dilapidated;
- (ii) whether he acknowledges that there is a need for a modern building with facilities for the said police station;
- (iii) whether a building plan has been prepared to improve the Bandaragama Police premises;
- (iv) if so, of the expected cost thereof;
- (v) whether a study has been conducted regarding the possibility of constructing an official quarters complex within the Bandaragama Police premises to address the need for official quarters;
- (vi) if not, whether steps will be taken to conduct a study in this regard?

(c) If not, why?

1849/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the report dated 15.07.2025 of the Committee appointed to review the Debt Conciliation Ordinance and its procedures has been received;
- (ii) if so, of the members of the said Committee;
- (iii) of the main recommendations contained in the report of the said Committee;
- (iv) of the administrative changes that have been made so far in accordance with the recommendations of the said Committee;
- (v) of the legal amendments expected to be made, in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee report; and
- (vi) of the current progress regarding the said amendments?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the number of members of the Debt Conciliation Board;
- (ii) of their names;
- (iii) of the number of staff attached to the Debt Conciliation Board; and
- (iv) of the amount of provisions allocated by the government for the Debt Conciliation Board for the year 2026?

(c) If not, why?

(5)

1850/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Infrastructure and Strategic Development, at its meeting held on 11.12.2025, decided that the construction work of the Pelpola Interchange of the Southern Expressway- which has been suspended - should be completed to ensure the continuous supply of goods and services to the areas within the Millaniya Divisional Secretariat Division of the Kalutara District, which are constantly affected by floods;
- (ii) whether he accepts that the people of Millaniya, Kalutara North, and Bulathsinhala areas currently lack adequate access to the Southern Expressway; and
- (iii) of the steps that have been taken to complete the construction of the Pelpola Interchange, which has been stopped halfway?

(b) If not, why?

1851/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the Government has taken steps to provide state protection to the wife and children of Mr. Rohana Wijeweera, founder of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna, subsequent to his assassination on 13.11.1989;
- (ii) of the names of the persons who were provided with such care and their respective family relationships to Mr. Rohana Wijeweera, separately;
- (iii) of the places where the persons referred to above were detained;
- (iv) of the family members of Mr. Rohana Wijeweera who are currently receiving state protection and maintenance;
- (v) of the estimated total expenditure borne by the Government so far for the maintenance of the family members of Mr. Rohana Wijeweera; and

(6)

(vi) of the monthly expenditure incurred by the Government for the security and maintenance of the said family members who are still receiving state protection?

(b) If not, why?

Tuesday, March 03, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

681/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the date on which a generator was brought to the Norochcholai Thermal Power Plant to facilitate the cooling process, necessary for controlling the heat of the power generators;

(ii) of the amount spent on the aforesaid generator;

(iii) whether he is aware that the generator has not been used so far; and

(iv) of the measures that will be taken in this regard?

(b) If not, why?

744/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of persons currently engaged in the fishing industry in Sri Lanka;

(ii) whether he accepts the need to initiate an insurance scheme for their protection; and

(iii) if so, what measures will be taken to initiate a pension scheme for fishermen?

(b) If not, why?

840/2025

Hon. Mujibur Rahman,— 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 currently studying in the Dhammarathana Vidyalaya, Lakshapathiya Shikshadhana Vidyalaya and Sri Sunandopananda Primary School in Moratuwa, separately;

(7)

- (ii) whether she is aware that these schools are currently in a state leading to closure; and
- (iii) if so, what measures will be taken in this regard?

(b) If not, why?

913/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether Agricultural Research and Production Assistants have been appointed at Grama Niladhari Division level in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of Agricultural Research and Production Assistants serving in each district, separately;
 - (iii) of the departments to which they belong ;
 - (iv) of the designation of their immediate superior officer;
 - (v) of their main official responsibilities;
 - (vi) whether they have been given a duty list; and
 - (vii) of the research activities that have been assigned to them at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether performance reviews are conducted in respect of Agricultural Research and Production Assistants;
 - (ii) of the progress that the agriculture sector has achieved through their services in recent years; and
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to engage them in regular field inspections in order to provide appropriate solutions to the issues prevailing in the sector?
- (c) If not, why?

1174/2025

Hon. Sunil Rathnasiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (3)

- (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;

(8)

- (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?

1302/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the damage caused to the Deegavapi-Alankulam agricultural road and the Wellakkal Thottam low-water crossing located in the Akkaraipattu Divisional Irrigation Engineer's zone due to the floods that occurred in the year 2022 was informed to the Director General of Irrigation by the farmers in the areas concerned;
- (ii) the Director of Irrigation for the Ampara District has been informed to provide the assessment report with regard to the renovation of the above road and the low-water crossing by way of the letter No. DI/AM/WG/AP/002/2022 dated 28.11.2022 of the Director General of Irrigation; and
- (iii) it has been recommended to include the renovation of the said road and the low-water crossing in the development plan of the Irrigation Department for the year 2023?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the Irrigation Department has received the assessment report for the renovation of the Deegavapi-Alankulam agricultural road and the Wellakkal Thottam low-water crossing;
- (ii) the date on which the said assessment report was received by the Director General of the Irrigation Department; and
- (iii) of the steps that have been taken to renovate the road and the low-water crossing?

(c) If not, why?

(9)

1328/2025

Hon. Sujeewa Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the year in which the nursing service was established in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) separately, of the number of male and female nurses currently serving;
- (iii) of the primary functions of the nursing service;
- (iv) of the qualifications required to join the nursing service;
- (v) whether nurses have been facilitated to complete their professional qualifications; and
- (vi) whether nurses have been facilitated to pursue higher education?

(b) If not, why?

1370/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the date on which the bicentennial celebration of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya was held;
- (ii) of the total amount spent on purchasing the commemorative plaques and books for the said celebration;
- (iii) whether a proper evaluation has been conducted when purchasing them;
- (iv) of the actions that will be taken regarding the issues highlighted in the audit report, that the aforementioned commemorative plaques and books are currently not being used for any purpose?

(b) If not, why?

1572/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the total number of active regional journalists and reporters in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether he is aware that regional journalists face substantial professional challenges, such as insufficient payments, delayed payments, lack of job security, safety risks, and unavailability of training programmes and welfare schemes;

(10)

- (iii) of the steps that have been taken or to be taken by the government to resolve the problems concerned separately;
- (iv) whether steps will be taken to expeditiously implement a low-interest loan scheme, proper training programmes and an active insurance scheme for regional journalists;
- (v) if so, of the expected time frames for the same; and
- (vi) of the measures that have been taken to ensure the professional competence and safety of regional journalists?

(b) If not, why?

1797/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the government that came to power in the year 2019 stopped giving appointments in the public sector to Sri Lankans who have obtained degrees from foreign universities;
 - (ii) of the steps that will be taken by the government regarding the said graduates of foreign universities in accordance with the court determination issued on 26.11.2025;
 - (iii) whether a specific policy will be formulated in the future for the recruitment of the said graduates to government institutions;
 - (iv) whether a mechanism will be implemented in future to give appointments in the public sector to all graduates in a fair manner?

(b) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, March 03, 2026)

1630/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (3)

- (a) Will he state the —
 - (i) number of prisoners sentenced to death, whose appeals against the sentence have been exhausted and who have not been granted presidential pardon in terms of Article 34 of the Constitution; and
 - (ii) name and age of each of those prisoners separately?
- (b) Will he admit that —
 - (i) the President has not ordered any execution since 1976;

(11)

- (ii) in certain cases, the President commutes the death penalty to life imprisonment in terms of Article 34(1) of the Constitution; and
- (iii) the said process is carried out in an informal and ‘objective’ manner without being ‘subjective’?

(c) Will he also state —

- (i) the steps that will be taken to carry out the said process in a ‘subjective’ manner; and
- (ii) whether steps be taken to formulate ‘regulations’ in accordance with the provisions of the Prisons Ordinance to formalize the provisions regarding the date of commencement of imprisonment and the subsequent serving of the sentence of imprisonment after the death penalty is converted into a life sentence?

(d) If not, why?

Wednesday, March 04, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1269/2025

Hon. Thurairasa Ravikaran,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (3)

(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 time frame 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?

(12)

1335/2025

Hon. Suranga Rathnayaka,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the stores owned by the Paddy Marketing Board are in a condition to store paddy;
- (ii) if so, of the quantity of paddy in metric tons that can be stored in each of those stores separately;
- (iii) of the expected paddy harvest in the “Yala” season of the year 2025;
- (iv) of the quantity of paddy in metric tons that the Paddy Marketing Board expects to purchase from the said harvest;
- (v) of the quantity of paddy as a percentage of the expected paddy harvest in the aforementioned “Yala” season; and
- (vi) of the plans that have been prepared to increase the paddy harvest in “Maha” season of 2025/2026?

(b) If not, why?

1406/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyingam,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,—(1)

(a) Will he state the —

- (i) number of irrigation tanks registered in the Vavuniya District;
- (ii) total extent of paddy lands under the said tanks;
- (iii) number of irrigation tanks currently supplying water for crop cultivation, out of the tanks;
- (iv) extent of paddy lands irrigated by the said tanks;
- (v) number of tanks that are currently abandoned ; and
- (vi) extent of paddy lands under those tanks?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether there is any plan to renovate the abandoned irrigation tanks in the future;
- (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to distribute the paddy lands coming under the said irrigation tanks that are to be renovated, among landless persons for cultivation; and
- (iii) if so, of the date?

(c) If not, why?

(13)

1468/2025

Hon. Chanaka Madugoda,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,—(3)

(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?

1476/2025

Hon. Roshan Akmeemana,—To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) projects currently being implemented and the projects proposed to be implemented by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in the Trincomalee District under the budgetary allocations for the year 2025, separately;
- (ii) amount of money allocated for each of those projects separately;
- (iii) plans prepared for the development of the Mc Heyzer Stadium in Trincomalee; and
- (iv) projects proposed to be implemented by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in the Trincomalee District under the budgetary allocations for the year 2026?

(b) If not, why?

Thursday, March 05, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1185/2025

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,—(1)

(a) Will she admit that —

- (i) there is a national school known as Kili/Mulankavil Maha Vidyalaya in the Poonakari Divisional Secretariat Division of the Kilinochchi District;

(14)

- (ii) the said school has experienced a setback in its academic activities due to the current shortage of teachers and other staff, as well as a lack of furniture and essential resources; and
- (iii) improving the education of the students in this school is not feasible without addressing those vacancies/shortages?

(b) Will she inform this House of the —

- (i) number of academic and non-academic staff members in the said school, separately;
- (ii) reasons for not filling those vacancies, though there are 17 vacancies for junior staff remain at the said school;
- (iii) date on which the building requirements of the said school will be fulfilled;
- (iv) date on which the furniture shortage of the above-mentioned school will be addressed; and
- (v) date on which the staff vacancies of the said school will be completely filled?

(c) If not, why?

1453/2025

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether there are any Grama Niladhari Divisions out of the 136 Grama Niladhari Divisions in the Mullaitivu District, which do not have multi-purpose service centres (Seva Piyasas) that can be used by the Grama Niladhari, Development Officers and Samurdhi Development Officers;
- (ii) if so, of the number of offices that are temporarily housed in alternative buildings;
- (iii) of the number of offices that need to be renovated;
- (iv) of the number of offices that do not have toilet, water and electricity facilities; and
- (v) of the number of offices to which the electricity supply has been disconnected?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that there are difficulties in providing quality services to the public due to such shortages; and

(15)

(ii) of the nature of the plan that is in place to address the said shortages in order to provide quality and expeditious services to the public?

(c) If not, why?

1501/2025

Hon. B. Ariyawansha,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) main minor export crops in Sri Lanka;
(ii) revenue earned from the export of these minor export crops from 2015 to date, separately for each year; and
(iii) measures taken to further promote the export of minor export crops?

(b) If not, why?

1543/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the reasons for the failure to repair the Yatiyanthota—Nawalapitiya road via Seepoth and Nagastenna in the Kegalle District for about twenty (20) years;
(ii) whether he is aware that the above-mentioned road can be used as an alternative route from Colombo to Nawalapitiya;
(iii) whether the Road Development Authority had planned to develop the said road from kilometer (km) 9 onwards;
(iv) of the amount allocated for the said development;
(v) whether the said development tasks have been carried out properly;
(vi) whether the prescribed procurement procedures have been duly adopted in that regard; and
(vii) whether the development of the said road will be carried out expeditiously?

(b) If not, why?

1550/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that there are a large number of people engaged in animal husbandry in the Ampara District and that adequate grazing fields are not available for their cattle;
(ii) whether steps will be taken to provide grazing fields for the cattle in the areas of the Pottuvil and the other Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Ampara District;
(iii) if not, of the obstacles that hinders such action; and

(16)

(iv) whether steps will be taken to establish a state-of-the-art milk collection centre in the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat Division in order to increase the milk production and the income of those engaged in animal husbandry in the said area thereby contributing to the growth of the country's economy?

(b) If not, why?

1677/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Oshani Umanga,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(2)

(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?

1786/2025

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, as per each vehicle category, of the number of vehicles, registered in Sri Lanka, at present;
- (ii) separately, as per each institution, of the annual revenue received by the government from the institutions that conduct vehicle emission tests; and
- (iii) of the plans formulated to minimize traffic congestion in the future?

(b) If not, why?

1810/2026

Hon. Lasith Bhashana Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that an issue has arisen concerning the depositors of the Gampaha Sanasa Bank;
- (ii) of the number of depositors who suffered injustice by depositing money at the said bank;
- (iii) of the amount of money deposited by the depositors mentioned above;
- (iv) of the actions that the Department of Cooperative Development has taken on behalf of those depositors; and
- (v) of the progress of the aforesaid actions?

(b) If not, why?

1830/2026

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware of the basic and emergency health issues faced by the people in the Delthota Divisional Secretariat Division and in the surrounding villages in the Kandy District;
- (ii) of the present grading of the Anura Daniel District Hospital in Delthota and of the Galaha and the Pattiyyagama-Pallegama Divisional Hospitals;
- (iii) of the approved cadre and the present staff strength of the said hospitals;
- (iv) whether he is aware that patients die while being transferred from the said hospitals to the Kandy and the Peradeniya hospitals due to the lack of emergency treatment, surgery facilities, intensive care and obstetrics and gynecology specialist services in those hospitals; and
- (v) whether steps will be taken to upgrade the Anura Daniel District Hospital in Delthota as a base hospital and to develop the Galaha and the Pattiyyagama-Pallegama Divisional Hospitals?

(b) Will he further inform this House whether steps will be taken to —

- (i) provide additional ambulances to the above-mentioned hospitals for emergency response in the context where the roads in the said areas are in a dilapidated condition due to 'Cyclone Ditwah'; and

(18)

(ii) appoint a special workforce to ensure the health rights of the people in the Galaha and Delthota areas to provide solutions to them?

(c) If not, why?

1831/2026

Hon. Kanthasamy Prabu,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the present status of the Small and Medium Scale Industrial Zone proposed for the Batticaloa District for the year 2025/2026;

(ii) of the number of local entrepreneurs who have received industrial training through the Batticaloa Branch of the Industrial Development Board during this year;

(iii) of the steps that have been taken to facilitate market opportunities for small and medium handloom industries in the Batticaloa District;

(iv) of the total value of the low interest loans that have been issued to small and medium scale industries;

(v) whether steps have been taken to provide special tax concessions to small and medium scale industries related to agricultural products in the Eastern Province;

(vi) of the current progress of the "SME Credit Guarantee Fund" for entrepreneurs facing difficulties in the Batticaloa District;

(vii) whether there is a plan in place to construct a regional packaging centre in the said district; and

(viii) of the steps that will be taken to protect local, small and medium scale industries from import substitutes?

(b) If not, why?

Friday, March 06, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

23/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he admits that although there are a large number of Justices of the Peace throughout Sri Lanka, some of them do not have the necessary training to perform their duties properly;

(ii) of the number of Justices of the Peace appointed for the Whole Island and the number of Justices of the Peace appointed to respective jurisdiction, separately;

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- (iii) of the number of new Justices of the Peace appointed annually;
- (iv) of the basic qualifications that applicants for the position of Justice of the Peace should compulsorily have completed;
- (v) whether a formal training is provided with regard to their service when new appointments are given for the post of Justice of the Peace; and
- (vi) If not, why?

(b) If not, why?

107/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the profit earned or loss incurred by the Ceylon Electricity Board from the year 2015 up to now, separately for each year;
 - (ii) if losses were incurred, of the reasons for such losses; and
 - (iii) if the Ceylon Electricity Board is earning a profit at present, whether steps will be taken to provide some relief to electricity consumers?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount of money that has been paid to the companies associated with the Ceylon Electricity Board from the year 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) whether a review or an evaluation has been conducted in respect of the agreements entered into with those companies; and
 - (iii) if so, of the stance of the Ministry in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

120/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that an audit report has been issued regarding the import of organic fertilizer from China;
 - (ii) of the financial loss that has been caused by the import of organic fertilizer from China as per the said audit report;
 - (iii) of the recommendations that have been made in the audit report concerned; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to implement the said recommendations?
- (b) If not, why?

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355/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the Batticaloa Teaching Hospital provides services to approximately more than 1.78 million people;
- (ii) patients are facing severe difficulties due to the lack of adequate equipment/facilities in the aforesaid hospital; and
- (iii) the aforesaid hospital does not have facilities/equipment such as Magnetic Resonance Imaging Scanner (MRI Scanner), Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory (Cath Lab), Computed Tomography Scanner (CT Scanner) and a Brachytherapy Unit?

(b) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to provide the necessary equipment/facilities to the aforesaid hospital as soon as possible?

(c) If not, why?

565/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the amount of money spent by the Department of Prisons on overtime allowances, in addition to salaries and other emoluments, from 2020 to date, separately for each year;
- (ii) if the said amount has increased, of the factors that have contributed to such an increase;
- (iii) of the stance regarding the spending of such a large amount of money on overtime allowances by the Department of Prisons in a situation where the payment of overtime allowances was strictly regulated under Budget Circular No. 01/2023 dated 27.01.2023; and
- (iv) of the measures that will be taken to regulate the payment of overtime allowances in the Department of Prisons?

(b) If not, why?

629/2025

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) whether she is aware that there is a government school in the Polonnaruwa District named ‘Palugasdamana Maha Vidyalaya’;

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- (ii) of the date on which the foundation stone was laid for the construction of an auditorium in the school concerned;
- (iii) of the amount that has been spent by now on the construction of the auditorium;
- (iv) whether she is aware that the construction of the auditorium has been stopped at present; and
- (v) of the actions that will be taken in this regard?

(b) If not, why?

1177/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of small and medium scale factories that have been started in Sri Lanka in the year 2025, separately;
- (ii) items manufactured in each of those factories separately; and
- (iii) number of export-oriented factories and the number of factories targeting the domestic market, separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the —

- (i) number of small and medium scale factories that have been closed down in the year 2025, separately;
- (ii) items manufactured in each of those factories, separately;
- (iii) number of export-oriented factories and the number of factories targeting the domestic market, separately;
- (iv) reasons for the closure of the aforesaid factories; and
- (v) steps taken to promote small and medium scale factories in Sri Lanka?

(c) If not, why?

1310/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the names of the country and the institution that provide assistance to the National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC);
- (ii) of the value of the assistance received by the above-mentioned Centre from February 2024 to March 2025 in US Dollars;

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- (iii) whether permission has been obtained from the Department of External Resources to utilize the said amount within Sri Lanka;
- (iv) whether prior approval of the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence has been obtained for the same; and
- (v) of the names of the persons who were in charge of the Children and Women Bureau, which regulates the abovementioned Centre, during the period from February 2024 to March 2025; and
- (vi) of the names of the projects on which the said amount of assistance has been spent?

(b) If not, why?

1638/2025

Hon. Ruwan Wijeweera,— 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 vacancies that exist in the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service and the Sri Lanka Principals' Service, separately;
- (ii) of the measures that will be taken to fill the said vacancies;
- (iii) whether recruitment to the Sri Lanka Principals' Service from the Sri Lanka Teachers' Service through a limited competitive examination is considered a promotion;
- (iv) if not, of the reasons therefor; and
- (v) of the steps that have been taken to improve the productivity and efficiency of the officers of the Sri Lanka Principals' Service?

(b) If not, why?

1839/2026

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 —

- (i) of the names of the government schools in the Kandy District that were completely damaged by the floods, landslides and cyclones that occurred last November;
- (ii) of the names of the schools that were partially damaged due to those incidents ;
- (iii) of the number of students studying in the aforesaid schools along with the number of teachers and non-academic staff serving therein, separately, at each education zone level;
- (iv) of the names of the schools, out of the schools mentioned above, that have been identified as being at risk of landslides in the future;

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- (v) whether policy decisions have been taken regarding the establishment of the aforesaid schools in other locations; and
- (vi) if so, of the names of the schools, out of the schools located in vulnerable areas, that have been recommended for establishment in other safe locations?

(b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P. 3/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Providing opportunities for sportsmen and sportswomen who represent a national sports team or claim a national level record to read for any degree course related to the field of sports,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare the necessary legal and higher educational structure for sportsmen and sportswomen who represent any national sports team in Sri Lanka or claim a national level record to pursue any degree course related to the field of sports, not based on their basic educational qualification or the Z-score.

P. 4/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Converting all Colleges of Education in Sri Lanka into University Faculties,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary action be taken by the Government to enforce the Cabinet decision regarding which the proposal was presented and approval obtained by the then Minister on 13th February 2020 as the then Minister of Education to convert the currently functioning nineteen Colleges of Education into University Faculties to be suitable for awarding a four-year degree course with a three-year theoretical course and one-year school-based training, whereas it is necessary to make all the teachers in the school system into trained graduate teachers in order to upgrade the education in Sri Lanka to the advanced international level, and whereas the majority of teachers are currently awarded a higher diploma at the end of a three-year theoretical and practical course.

P. 5/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Developing the bee honey industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be implemented by the government to develop the local bee honey industry as bee honey is of very high medicinal value and in great demand in the local and international market.

P. 6/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to extend the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura since it is considered as one of the railway lines that generate a higher income for the Sri Lanka Railways Department, whereas people living in a number of districts, including Ratnapura, Badulla and Hambanthota will be benefitted from extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura.

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P. 8/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Combining the knowledge on Sri Lankan food culture with the teaching process,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be implemented by the government to make the food culture of Sri Lanka known among local and foreign people and elevate the Sri Lankan identity by endowing the future generations with the Sri Lanka food culture pedagogy through pedagogical methodologies as food art of Sri Lanka is comprised of a number aspects including the art of flavors and mixation, art of cooking food, art of coloring and the art of food carving.

P. 9 /2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Making the society aware of the value of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that a national level programme be formulated and implemented by the government in regard to the manner in which children should be protected in the face of social challenges for the future betterment of the society and the country, having explained the value of children in a simple manner through sociological and psychological methodologies to the persons such as parents, teachers, sports coaches, school van drivers that always associate with school children.

P.10/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Developing sports in estate sector,— That this Parliament resolves that a Sports development program should be launched in order to get the youth contribution of the estate sector for the sports development of the country, as they have displayed their skills locally and internationally, and they do not have any sports facilities in their estate schools as well as the estate areas where they live.

P.16/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulating a programme to streamline the appointments made to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the government prepare a programme to make all appointments to the foreign service, which is tasked with uplifting Sri Lanka's image before the international community, based on the results of competitive examinations and on merit in order to prevent political appointments made to the foreign service, which have led to the deterioration in the quality of the service leading to failure to achieve its desired objectives.

P.17/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulating a proper procurement methodology for purchasing goods and services to depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board,—This Parliament resolves that the government do formulate a proper procurement methodology for purchasing goods and services to depots of Sri Lanka Transport Board with a view to preventing corruption as the absence of such a methodology is the main cause of the corruption rampant in the Sri Lanka Transport Board.

P.18/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—Formulating a program to make school students aware of the University of Vocational Technology,— That this Parliament resolves that a program be developed by the government to make schoolchildren aware of the courses of the University of Vocational Technology, which targets at the job market and vocational technology, deviating from the traditional university framework in Sri Lanka.

P.20/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Preparing the subjects falling under the provincial councils in a scientific methodology,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare an appropriate programme to allocate the subjects coming under the purview of the provincial councils according to a proper methodology based on a scientific basis to avoid the situation that has arisen since the subjects coming under the purview of the provincial councils have been currently allocated in a way that has no scientific basis, and that various problems have arisen because of this.

P.21/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Developing a proper methodology to strengthen the Sri Lanka Transport Board,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should develop a proper methodology to prevent fraud and corruption that occur during the procurement of goods and services by the Sri Lanka Transport Board, since strengthening the public transport service in Sri Lanka is an essential matter.

P.22/2024

Hon Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme to increase milk production,— That this Parliament resolves that a program to increase the milk production in Sri Lanka should be implemented by the government to avoid the substantial amount of foreign exchange outflow on the annual importation of milk.

P. 26/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunananayake,— Making Sports Bodies in Sri Lanka free from politicization,— That this Parliament resolves that the elected politicians should be prohibited from contesting and holding leading positions in sports bodies, as it is evident that these organizations have become heavily politicised in Sri Lanka.

P. 30/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunananayake,— Banning the naming of political parties according to ethnicities or religions,— That this Parliament resolves that naming of political parties based on ethnicities or religions be banned and such a change be effected in the names of presently functioning political parties bearing names denoting ethnicities or religions, taking into consideration the situation that has arisen in Sri Lanka at present.

P. 31/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunananayake,— Payment of 1% return for employees in relation to inflation,— That this Parliament resolves that the Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund which are administered by government institutions shall ensure that the employees receive returns at least 1% higher than the annual inflation rate.

P. 32/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunananayake,— Provision of free travelling facilities to senior citizens,— That this Parliament resolves that all senior citizens be provided with free transport facilities in public transport services.

P. 33/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunananayake,— Setting up of a unit with legal powers to solve the problems faced by the migrant employees,— That this Parliament resolves that a unit with legal powers be set up to look into problems faced by migrant employees including assault, abduction, rape, sexual abuse, homicide, financial fraud and facilitate the safe return of affected workers to Sri Lanka and look into their safety.

P. 34/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunananayake,— Formulation of a National Programme to introduce New Inventors to the World,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to introduce new inventors and citizens who are endowed with various skills to the world and to improve their skills and creations.

P. 35/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunananayake,— Tax concession to industrialists who utilize indigenous raw materials,— That this Parliament resolves that a two year tax concession be granted to local industrialists who utilize more than 75% indigenous raw materials in the production of goods for the international market.

P. 36/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunananayake,— Enabling the Right to Vote,— That this Parliament resolves that every individual above the age of eighteen shall be allowed to vote as there is a greater number of registered voters that have been deprived of voting and if an individual does not vote after the name appears on the register they should be fined which help to create a more participatory democratic process.

P. 39/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,— Taking actions to prevent public dissatisfaction with all local government institutions at the grassroots level,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary steps to give more attention to all local government institutions at the grassroots level, which are the public representative bodies closest to the people, as there is often a very dissatisfied feeling among people towards these institutions.

P. 41/2025

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Preparation of a program to amend the constitution including the composition of Sri Lanka Cricket,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take measures to amend the constitution including the composition of Sri Lanka Cricket as there has been a great deal of discussion in society regarding the Sri Lanka Cricket at present, and the Sri Lanka Cricket has become an institution where irregularities are common due to the power of a certain group of societies in its elections and such situation needs to be prevented.

P. 43/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Formulating a course of action to prevent the misuse of the positions of professors and doctors,— That this Parliament resolves that the government do take necessary action to formulate a course of action through the University Grants Commission for preventing the situation, where many persons in our society misuse the titles such as Professor and Doctor.

P. 44/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Implementing the recommendations given in the Audit Report 2023 pertaining to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper course of action be formulated by the government to implement the recommendations given in the National Audit Report pertaining to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, which is like the heart of the Sri Lankan economy, as important recommendations have been given in the Report concerned.

P. 45/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—Using the money of local government institutions for public services in a proper manner,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper course of action be formulated by the government to prevent the state of affairs, whereas facts have been unveiled to the effect that many local government institutions deposit their money in fixed deposits with the objective of earning a profit instead of using such money for purposes such as providing public and health services as well as common amenities and improving public thoroughfares.

P. 48/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—Bringing Industries related to Petroleum, Fuel and Water under the regulation of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that, whereas industries related to electricity, petroleum, fuel and water should be regulated, industries related to petroleum and water have not been subjected to regulation for more than 21 years because the Acts relevant to the supervision of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and the National Water Supply and Drainage Board have not been amended and therefore, necessary legal procedures be implemented to change this state of affairs.

P. 49/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— Formulation of a programme to regulate the process of issuing licenses for filling stations,— That this Parliament resolves that, as the process of issuing filling station licenses in Sri Lanka is highly irregular, a regulatory programme be formulated to streamline the process of issuing filling station licenses.

P. 50/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,—Formulating a methodology to prevent the damage caused by the pinus plantations to sources of water and the environment,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be formulated to remove pinus plantations and to substitute useful indigenous plants considering the damage caused to sources of water and the environment by pinus plantations, which have been grown especially in mountainous areas including the Uva Province.

P. 51/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of a Faculty of National Languages,— That this Parliament resolves that a Faculty of National Languages should be established in order to teach Sinhala, Tamil and English to teachers.

P. 52/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulating a program to exercise justice to the individuals who have become the victims of microfinance loans,— That this Parliament resolves that a program should be formulated to ensure justice to the individuals who have obtained microfinance loans due to the fact that the majority of them have now become victims of the loans concerned.

P. 53/2025

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Formulation of a program to develop and regulate the Teledrama industry,— That this Parliament resolves that a regulatory body be established to develop and regulate the teledrama industry, which is a major industry that provides entertainment to the people of the country.

P. 54/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,— Taking action against those who committed large-scale misappropriation of public funds in local government institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that investigations should be conducted expeditiously into the large-scale misappropriations of public funds that have taken place in all the local government institutions situated throughout Sri Lanka and action should be taken to have punishments meted out to all authorities who were involved in such acts in accordance with the existing laws.

P. 55/2025

Hon. Upul Kithsiri,—Preservation of places of historical value in Sri Lanka, including Maduwanwela Walawwa, which belongs to the Kolonna Divisional Secretariat Division of the Ratnapura District,— That this Parliament resolves that whereas there are many places of historical value in Sri Lanka including the Maduwanwela Walawwa, a historical place belonging to the Kolonna Divisional Secretariat Division of the Ratnapura district, whereas such places have attracted tourists and such places have become extremely unsafe at present, the government should formulate a course of action to save them for posterity for utilizing them for the tourism industry while preserving such places without damaging their original antiquity and promptly surveying and settling the lands belonging to such places.

P. 56/2025

Hon. Upul Kithsiri,— Designation of the Udawalawe Area as a Tourist Zone,—That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary measures to declare the Udawalawe area, encompassing the Udawalawe region in the Ratnapura District and the Sevanagala region in the Monaragala District, as a designated tourist zone, in view of the inability to experience the versatility of the area in the case of both local and foreign tourists due to the absence of a proper mechanism in place, despite the presence of significant tourist attractions such as the Udawalawe National Park, Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, Sankapala Rajamaha Viharaya, Udawalawe Reservoir, Sevanagala Sugar Factory, Sevanagala Sugarcane Research Institute, Udawalawe Freshwater Fisheries Center, and Waulpana Limestone Cave.

P. 57/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M. L. A. M. Hizbullah,— Establishment of a fund called “Sri Lanka Baithulmal Fund”,— That this parliament resolves that Government should take the necessary steps to establish a fund to be called the “Sri Lanka Baithulmal Fund” under the Ministry of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs, whereas the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs does not currently have a fund that is required in matters relating to education, culture, occupation and inter-ethnic cooperation and in matters related to livelihood of the Muslim community living in Sri Lanka, whereas a fund called “Baithulmal” has been established many years ago for these needs in Muslim countries of the world and countries where Muslim minorities live, and whereas the necessary financial provisions can be obtained from those living in this country and those living in foreign countries, if this fund is established in Sri Lanka.

P. 58/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law,— Appointment of a trained student counsellor to every school for the educational development, vocational development and personal social development of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary steps to appoint a trained student counsellor to every school for the sake of educational development, vocational development, and personal social development of school children, whereas various psychological disturbances are currently observed among many school children and these conditions indirectly affect their physical and social well-being, and whereas teachers are appointed as student counsellors and the service expected from them has not been effectively delivered in some instances despite their being appointed as such due to their role of school teachers impinging, and whereas the necessity for a student counsellor has emerged in every school.

P. 59/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Formulation of a pension scheme for the Sri Lankans working abroad, who are styled as “*Rata Viruwo*” (Migrant Heroes),— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should formulate a pension scheme by establishing a pension fund using a certain percentage of the money received from the Sri Lankan labour force working overseas as foreign exchange, whereas the contribution of them is very significant in revitalizing the national economy of Sri Lanka, and whereas the said employees have to undergo various difficulties by being unable to engage in a job after returning to Sri Lanka while living with their children after working abroad for many years due the economic crisis.

P. 60/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,— Preventing suicide among young children,— That this Parliament resolves that, given the failure of existing measures to prevent young children from committing suicide, including training teachers for counselling in every school, establishing a counselling division in every divisional secretariat and a counselling unit at every district secretariat, offering diploma courses, degree courses and postgraduate courses in counselling in state and private universities, and establishing psychiatric units in every major hospital to address depression lately, it is imperative for political authorities, government officials, the electronic and print media, and the public to deeply intervene in all these measures.

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P. 61/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,—Formulation of a system to prevent the sale of unhealthy food to children in school canteens within the school system of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should introduce and implement restrictions on the types of food and beverages permitted for sale in school canteens, in order to control the diabetes condition among school children in Sri Lanka, whereas specialist doctors have pointed out that diabetes is now widely diagnosed among school children in Sri Lanka, and whereas the types of food consumed, as well as dietary habits and eating patterns, are major causes of diabetes, and whereas food items containing high amounts of sugar and flour, which contribute to diabetes, along with foods such as fried rice, *kottu*, and instant noodles, are being sold in large quantities to schoolchildren through school canteens within the Sri Lankan school system.

P. 62/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Making Rail freight transport more efficient,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology be formulated by the government for the transport of goods and fuel by train whenever possible whereas the main purpose of starting the railway service in Sri Lanka had been the transport of goods, and whereas the railway service has now deviated from that objective, and whereas rail freight is a less expensive method, and whereas its benefits are directly accrued to the people of the country.

P. 63/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Minimizing the injustice caused to farmers in selling their agricultural produce,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate measures to change the processes in which both the farmer and the consumer suffer injustices at the same time and to serve justice to the farmer and to the consumer whereas the farmers of this country experience grave injustices in selling their agricultural produce as the wholesale dealers as well as the retail sellers set a very low price for their produce and whereas the consumers have to pay very high prices in buying the said agricultural products.

P. 64/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Designing a regulatory framework for pre-school education,— That this Parliament resolves that a unified system for regulating pre-school education in Sri Lanka, should be established through a single institution, recognizing that the pre-school education is of vital importance and a crucial factor among all the educational opportunities, currently available in the country.

P. 65/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Facilitating the producers of export goods,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary steps be taken to facilitate the young entrepreneurs involved in the export sector, who play a key role in generating foreign exchange, whereas producers of agricultural and other goods targeting exports lack adequate facilities, expertise, and access pathways for export market.

P. 66/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Introduction of Literature as a subject in the Advanced Level Science, Commerce and Technology streams,— That this Parliament resolves that Literature should be introduced as an additional subject in the Advanced Level Science, Commerce and Technology streams in schools in Sri Lanka in order to enhance the skill of literary appreciation of the students pursuing such streams for Advanced Level.

P. 67/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Provision of care to inpatients at hospitals,—That this Parliament resolves that the Government should formulate a system whereby patients receiving inpatient treatment at hospitals are provided care by caregivers employed by the hospital, whereas nursing officers in charge of the ward inform that a custodian should accompany a patient receiving inpatient treatment at a hospital day and night, and whereas, in the absence of such a custodian, private caregivers have to be hired on a fee-paying basis, and whereas such caregivers charge approximately Rs. 3,500 per day, which is unaffordable if the patient is required to stay in the hospital for several days.

P. 68/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Granting permanent title deeds to permit holders of lands,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper system of granting permanent title deeds to the people of this country be developed whereas a significant number of the people only have permits or deeds such as Swarnabhoomi for their lands.

P. 70/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Promoting tourism services and economic development in Jaffna,—That this Parliament resolves that Jaffna and Northern Sri Lanka be recognized as key tourism hubs and steps should be taken to support the creation of a centralized tourism platform in Jaffna to connect travelers from across the country and abroad with local hotels, restaurants, and service providers, promoting authentic travel experiences, by encouraging and facilitating the establishment of tourism service businesses that empower local operators and promote cultural heritage, supporting policies and investments that enhance infrastructure, digital connectivity, and marketing to boost tourist arrivals and satisfaction in Northern Sri Lanka, promoting public-private partnerships to foster sustainable tourism development and economic growth in the Jaffna region, and by monitoring the impact of such initiatives on local employment and business opportunities, aiming for sustainable economic benefits within 12 to 18 months, whereas promoting tourism services and economic development could strengthen the local tourism economy, create jobs, and showcase Jaffna as a vibrant cultural destination.

P. 71/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Establishment of a permanent Special Economic Zone in Jaffna and the Northern Province to create sustainable youth employment,—That this Parliament resolves that a permanent Special Economic Zone (SEZ) be established in Jaffna and the Northern Province, alongside other strategic locations nationwide, whereas the establishment of a permanent Special Economic Zone could stimulate economic growth, attract both local and foreign investment, and generate

sustainable employment opportunities for the youth, and whereas by developing such zones, the government can promote industrial expansion, enhance skills development, and encourage entrepreneurship, thereby addressing unemployment and fostering the long-term socio-economic advancement of Jaffna and the Northern Province, and the country as a whole.

P. 72/2025

Hon. Kanthasamy Prabu,— Promoting self-sufficiency in milk production,— That this Parliament resolves that a National Dairy Development Policy be implemented by the Government to achieve self-sufficiency in milk production, by improving breed access and veterinary services, expanding fodder cultivation, strengthening farmer training and infrastructure, providing incentives to dairy farmers, promoting public-private partnerships, and encouraging research in dairy development, and a mechanism be devised for the relevant Ministries to coordinate with provincial councils and farmer groups, and the relevant Committee of Parliament to monitor implementation and recommend further action, whereas country currently relies on dairy imports, leading to significant foreign exchange loss, and farmers face issues such as limited access to good breeds, veterinary care, fodder, and infrastructure, and whereas addressing these challenges would enhance food security, create rural jobs, and reduce dependency on imports.

P. 73/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Sri Lankans be afforded better opportunities for health,— That this Parliament resolves that all Sri Lankans be afforded better health opportunities means of which employees of the private sector must be provided with free facilities through Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund and in the case of Public Servants or non-employees, by the Government through the President Fund with full cost, whereas majority of the population are subject to open heart surgeries.

P. 74/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—Establishment of Bus Priority Lanes Expeditiously in the Morning and Late Afternoon Hours on Working Days of the Week in Main Towns,—This Parliament resolves that a bus priority lane system be implemented in the morning and late afternoon hours as a remedy for the severe road congestion that prevails in the morning and afternoon hours in major towns.

P. 75/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Renewal of the Bilateral Agreement of Driving Licenses between Italy and Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that steps should be taken to renew the bilateral agreement of driving licenses between Italy and Sri Lanka, as it provides great benefits to Sri Lankans.

P. 76/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Introduction of a Smart Grid and Smart Meters,— That this Parliament resolves that measures be taken to convert the national electricity grid into a Smart Grid and to introduce Smart Meters, in view of the fact that the electricity generated, particularly through rooftop solar panels, cannot currently be distinguished at the system control center, despite the importance of promoting solar energy as a renewable energy source.

P. 77/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Banning harmful artificial flavoring agents used to flavor food,— That this Parliament resolves that the use of harmful flavoring agents be banned after conducting a proper study through a recognized institution, since it is reported that artificial flavoring agents used in local restaurants and hotels to flavor food items such as rice, kottu and noodles contribute to various non-communicable diseases.

P. 78/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— Expanding the railway line from Batticaloa to Pottuvil or the railway line from Matara to Kalmunai,— That this Parliament resolves that steps should be taken to expand the railway line from Batticaloa to Pottuvil or the railway line from Matara to Kalmunai since a large number of people in the Batticaloa, Ampara and Moneragala Districts will benefit from the expansion of the railway line from Batticaloa to Pottuvil and the expansion of the railway line from Matara to Kalmunai.

P. 79/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law,— Favourable control and suppression of the proliferation of common water hyacinth,— That this Parliament resolves that it is opportune that the government formulate relevant project proposals for a sustainable solution through the favorable control and suppression of the common water hyacinth plant, whereas it is an invasive plant known by its scientific name *Eichhornia crassipes* (Mart.) Solms, has encroached upon farmlands and wetlands exhibiting an accelerated propagation rate that displaces indigenous flora and destabilizes the ecological balance, whereas consequent sediment accumulation has impeded water transport courses and flow of water, exacerbated flood risks, degraded the quality of water needed for daily use and disrupted hydropower generation, whereas its suppression through the use of chemical herbicides poses a health risk to people using that water, and whereas the breeding of maggots and the spread of diseases such as fylaria and dengue occur in these areas.

P. 80/2025

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— Establishment of a Commission to Investigate the Unilateral and Forced Cremation of the Remains of Deceased Muslims During the COVID-19 Pandemic,— That this Parliament resolves that a Commission be established to investigate the number of bodies of Muslims that were unilaterally and forcibly cremated contrary to the guidelines of the World Health Organization during the COVID-19 Pandemic, to investigate the names and addresses of the victims who were so cremated, to inquire into the background that led to the forced cremation of the said dead bodies, to assess the mental state of the relatives of the victims who were so cremated, and to investigate steps to be taken against politicians and government officials who acted contrary to the said guidelines in support of such cremations.

P. 81/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Formulation of a system to stop the ripening of fruits using chemicals,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal system be developed to stop the practice of ripening fruits using chemicals, which is being carried out by unscrupulous businessmen with the aim of making profits while destroying the future of

the country, whereas unripe fruits are artificially caused to ripen using chemicals and are sold in the Sri Lankan fruit market instead of naturally ripened fruits, whereas imported fruits are also sold after being artificially ripened using chemicals, and whereas these fruits are mostly consumed by children.

P.82/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Formulation of a methodology to consider the Key Performance Indicator as a criterion for the appointment of heads of institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be integrated to the public service to consider the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) of public sector officials as a criterion alongside their seniority when appointing heads of government ministries and departments, and that recommendations be obtained for the appointment of heads of institutions accordingly.

P. 83/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Taking the Key Performance Indicator into consideration in assigning positions to the Members of Parliament and the Ministers,— That this Parliament resolves that the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) of the Members of Parliament and the Ministers be reviewed annually and a system for assigning positions to them be developed taking the said indicator into consideration.

P. 84/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Safeguarding the independence of persons who have held positions commencing from the Chief Justice down to lower ranks in the judiciary when they are appointed to other positions, — That this Parliament resolves that persons who have held positions commencing from the Chief Justice down to the lower ranks in the judiciary, should not be appointed to positions in the public service, corporate boards, commissions, tribunals or the foreign service (such as ambassadors) for a period of at least three years from the date on which they ceased to hold those positions in order to protect their independence.

P. 86/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Prohibition of political parties from crediting the salaries, allowances and vehicle permits, etc. of public representatives to their party funds,— That this Parliament resolves that the political parties shall not be permitted to credit the salaries, allowances and vehicle permits, etc. of public representatives to their party funds whereas the practice of political parties crediting the monthly salaries, allowances and vehicle permits, etc. of elected public representatives of their party, to party funds is detrimental to the independence of such representatives, and whereas such action poses a serious challenge to democracy.

P. 87/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Establishment of a Rehabilitation Centre in each District for Drug Addicts,— That this Parliament resolves that at least one rehabilitation centre be established in each district with all facilities, whereas a rapid increase in the number of users of drugs such as heroin is observed at present, whereas the fact that addicts are not limited to one area, but are spread throughout the country and are promoting

the drug use has led to this increase, and whereas the fact that rehabilitation centers for drug addicts are found only in a few locations across the country poses a serious problem in controlling the growth of the number of drug users.

P. 88/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— Formulation of a National Policy and Methodology for the Wildlife Management in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that a practical and modern policy and methodology be formulated and implemented, whereas Sri Lanka is internationally recognized as a country with high biodiversity, whereas due to deforestation, human encroachment, illegal wildlife trade, and escalating human-wildlife conflicts, both these wildlife as well as human lives are lost in large numbers annually, whereas the formulation of a National Wildlife Management Policy through new policies and plans is a sustainable development objective, and whereas this would result in protection of animal habitats, reduction of human-wildlife conflicts, and improvement of the economic status and social life of the farming communities.

P. 89/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— More productive use of agricultural lands in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that lands be used in a more productive manner to increase agricultural production by 30% over the next few years, thereby increasing farmers' incomes, expanding commercial agriculture, and establishing a baseline database containing information on land type, crop suitability, water and cultivation by exploring all agricultural lands, with the goal of ensuring national food security and improving the living standards of farmers, whereas the agricultural sector is a prominent entity in Sri Lanka's economy, whereas only about 40% of agricultural lands are used in the production process annually, and the remaining lands are not used due to improper planning, lack of water resources, lack of technical knowledge and lack of innovation, and whereas a large amount of money is spent annually on importing food due to the low level of production.

P. 90/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Improving the sea transport facilities for residents of the offshore islands in the Jaffna District,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate action to provide modern, safe, fast and reliable sea transportation for the residents of the offshore islands, particularly Neduntheevu, Nainatheevu, Eluvaithivu and Analaitivu in the Jaffna District, whereas the residents of these islands have been deprived of adequate sea transport facilities for several decades, whereas, as a result, they are compelled to spend several hours travelling by sea, whereas patients, pregnant women, the elderly, school staff and employees of non-governmental organisations face severe difficulties and risks while undertaking these journeys, and whereas it is acknowledged that "The development of villages is the development of the Nation".

P. 91/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Commencing the Talaimannar - Rameswaram ferry service,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate actions to commence the Talaimannar-Rameswaram ferry service, whereas it would

increase tourist arrivals particularly from India, and whereas it enable the public to travel to Tamil Nadu at a lower cost and purchase essential goods at affordable prices subject to the prevailing laws and regulations, thereby improving their livelihoods.

P. 93/2025

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— Establishment of a special Development Fund dedicated to reduce regional disparities in development,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government of Sri Lanka should take steps to; establish a National Development Fund for lagging regions such as Northern Province, Eastern Province, Monaragala District, and Nuwara Eliya District, to mobilize contributions from government, bilateral and multilateral partners, private investors, and philanthropic donors, with a target size of USD 250 million over a 10+2 year program tenure; deploy the Fund strategically to revive rural livelihoods through agriculture, fisheries, and cottage industries, to develop infrastructure for promoting employment and women's socio-economic empowerment, to activate idle assets and support SMEs and cooperatives, to invest in renewable energy and other commercially viable ventures, to initiate capacity building and educating women and youth; facilitate the establishment of a Technical Assistance Facility (TAF) to build local capacity, close viability gaps in investments, and ensure effective and transparent utilization of funds; ensure gender inclusivity across all investment areas, with measurable targets to promote women's participation in economic activities and decision-making; mandate relevant Ministries, Provincial Councils, and local authorities to coordinate with the Fund to ensure equitable regional coverage, accountability, and sustainability in project implementation, by considering the establishment of the Fund an urgent national measure towards inclusive growth, reconciliation, and sustainable development of Sri Lanka, whereas these lagging regions are continuing to face severe economic deprivation due to the effects of the protracted civil conflict and historical neglect over the past decades; whereas the present economic crisis has further aggravated these disparities, placing disproportionate burdens on the livelihoods of the people in these lagging regions; and whereas it is necessary to establish a dedicated national initiative to address these concerns, with the objective of promoting equitable growth, sustainable development, and gender empowerment in economically deprived areas.

P. 94/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Developing a programme to protect the mangrove ecosystem,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme should be developed to protect the mangrove ecosystem which is extremely important for environmental balance and the fishing industry.

P. 95/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — Regularization of the procedure for issuing permits for private buses,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be developed to prevent corruption in the process of issuing permits for private buses carried out by the Provincial Road Passenger Transport Authority whereas the said procedure has become extremely corrupt.

P. 97/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Providing an incentive to family units to increase the number of births in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary measures to introduce an attractive incentive for family units with a view of increasing the number of births in Sri Lanka whereas it has been observed that the annual number of births in Sri Lanka has been continuously declining since 2018, whereas the youth population of Sri Lanka will definitely decline in the future as a result, and whereas such a decline in the youth population will have a severely detrimental impact on the economic development process of the country.

P. 98/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Promoting the ‘Sooryabala Sangramaya’ Project,— That this Parliament resolves that the ‘Sooryabala Sangramaya’ (Battle for Solar Energy) Project should be further promoted and protected as a method of reducing the price of a unit of electricity and a strategy of protecting the environment, whereas solar energy has been identified as a profitable and environmentally friendly energy source out of the energy sources in Sri Lanka, and whereas over 2000 MW of electricity generated from solar energy has been already added to the national grid under the ‘Sooryabala Sangramaya’ Project which was launched on 06.09.2016.

P. 99/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Promotion of the 'Kalutara Coastal Zone' as a Special Economic Zone,— That this Parliament resolves that the 'Kalutara Coastal Zone,' which includes the new land created due to the shifting of the Kalu River estuary and the Calido beach, should be promoted and developed as a Special Economic Zone, both for the purpose of developing a tourist zone based around the Kalutara town and as a strategy for the protection of the Kalu River estuary and the coast.

P. 100/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Expediting the Construction of the ‘Millaniya Export Processing Zone’,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should consider the construction of the ‘Millaniya Export Processing Zone’ a priority project and take the necessary steps accordingly, whereas a total of 240 acres of land have already been acquired for the construction of the said Export Processing Zone in the Kalutara district, whereas the government has already spent nearly one billion rupees to provide expressway access, piped water, and electricity for the project, and whereas the land selected for the Export Processing Zone has already been identified by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka as suitable for the proposed project.

P. 101/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Promotion of Providing Secondary Education in English,— That this Parliament resolves that English medium education should be implemented in all secondary schools in Sri Lanka and that the government should prioritize adequate investment for the initiative, whereas ‘English’ has been recognized as the Link Language of Sri Lanka in terms of Article 18(3) of the Constitution, whereas ‘English’, as an international language, is a crucial means of acquiring knowledge for citizens, whereas it is essential for all Sri Lankans to achieve proficiency in English as the link language to live together in one

country, regardless of linguistic or ethnic differences, whereas the system of providing secondary education in English within the Central College system of Sri Lanka which emerged under the concept of free education and in a number of other schools has been successful, and whereas education in English is extremely important for Sri Lankan citizen to access international employment opportunities.

P. 102/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Establishment of a Faculty of Engineering for Uva Wellassa University,— That this Parliament resolves that an Engineering Faculty be established for Uva Wellassa University, taking into account the growing needs of the construction, mechanical, industrial, and information technology sectors in Sri Lanka, as well as global requirements, whereas considering that Uva Wellassa University is an institution that supplies graduates with modern technical skills who fulfill the requirements of both the domestic and foreign job markets.

P. 103/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Designing a programme to improve swimming skills,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be established to promote the exceptional swimming skills possessed by our ancestors, who developed a highly advanced irrigation civilization, among the current generation whereas the number of individuals drowning in water has been observed to be steadily increasing in recent times.

P. 106/2026

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— Establishment of a Faculty of Medicine for South Eastern University of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that a Medical Faculty be established for the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, taking into account the growing needs of the medical sectors in Sri Lanka, as well as global requirements, whereas considering that South Eastern University of Sri Lanka is an institution that supplies graduates with modern technical skills who fulfil requirements of both the domestic and foreign job markets.

P. 108/2026

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva,— Protection of the Diyagama Forest,— That this Parliament resolves that, urgent action should be taken to immediately halt all clearance and development activities within the Diyagama Forest, to gazette it as a protected area under the Fauna and Flora Protection Act (FFPA), to place it under the jurisdiction of the Department of Wildlife Conservation, and to ensure the strongest possible legal protection against future encroachment and unsustainable development; whereas the Diyagama Forest is one of the last remaining urban lowland rainforest near Colombo and the closest rainforest fragment to the city; whereas it plays a vital role as a natural flood buffer by regulating water flow through its wetlands and streams that feed the Bolgoda River, thereby protecting surrounding communities from flooding; whereas this forest is home to over 220 species of flora and fauna, including endangered species such as the Red Slender Loris, Purple-faced Langur, and Fishing Cat; whereas it constitutes a critical biodiversity hotspot serving as a last refuge for approximately 12.6% endemic flora and 11.58% endemic fauna, many of which are increasingly threatened by urban expansion; whereas the Diyagama forest is internationally recognized for its Loris population, attracting foreign visitors and presenting

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strong potential for sustainable eco-tourism; whereas the protection of this forest is essential for safeguarding biodiversity, climate resilience, and community safety; and whereas the loss of the Diyagama Forest would be irreversible, making its immediate conservation imperative for future generations and in fulfillment of Sri Lanka's national and international conservation commitments.
