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FOR

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1184/2025

Hon. Sivagnanam Shirtharan,— 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 was a school called Tamilcholai Vidyalaya in the Kilinochchi District;
- (ii) if so, of the date on which the said school was established;
- (iii) of the years in which the students of the said school had last sat for the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination and the Grade 05 Scholarship examination, separately;
- (iv) of the name of the said school at present;
- (v) of the name of the individuals who took steps to change the name of the said school;
- (vi) of the reasons for changing the name of the said school;
- (vii) of the date on which the above-mentioned change was made; and
- (viii) whether it is **possible to name the said school after the founder of the said school or a person who pioneered in the establishment of the school?**

(b) If not, why?

2.

1223/2025

Hon. Suranga Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of units of electricity per day that are generated by solar panels and added to the national grid in Sri Lanka, in megawatts;

(2)

- (ii) of the price paid per megawatt;
- (iii) whether the said price has been reduced by now;
- (iv) if so, of the new price; and
- (v) of the plan adopted to encourage generation of electricity through solar panels in future?

(b) If not, why?

3.

1363/2025

Hon. Thurairasa Ravikaran,— 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 principals who have been serving in a school for more than eight years, separately for each province;
- (ii) of the problems that have been arisen because of a principal has served in the same school continuously for more than eight years;
- (iii) whether she is aware that while promotions have been given to those who have been absorbed as principals on supernumerary basis in 2012, they have not received the administrative allowances related to their service;
- (iv) of the obstacles for that;
- (v) of the obstacles preventing principals on supernumerary basis from applying for the vacant posts of principals in schools; and
- (vi) of the possibility of granting transfers to principals who have been serving in the same school on supernumerary basis for more than eight years?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1409/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately, of the number of investment projects in the public sector and private sector that have been initiated to provide employment opportunities in the Vanni electoral district since 2009 up to date;
- (ii) of the concessions provided by the government to attract investors;

(3)

- (iii) whether a simple procedure has been introduced for investors to obtain state lands without difficulty;
- (iv) whether plans have been made to establish special units by the Board of Investment within District Secretariats to provide all services in one place; and
- (v) if so, of the date on which such units will be put into operation?

(b) If not, why?

5.

1452/2025

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

- (a) Will he state, in respect of the Mullaitivu, Mannar and Vavuniya districts separately the number of —
 - (i) Grama Niladhari Divisions in which community halls have been established;
 - (ii) such community halls that are in a usable condition without any deficiencies;
 - (iii) community halls which lack sanitation, water or electricity facilities; and
 - (iv) Grama Niladhari Divisions which do not have community halls?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the general public experiences difficulties in obtaining services due to the aforementioned shortcomings;
 - (ii) of the plan to address these shortcomings in order to provide a quality service; and
 - (iii) whether there is a plan to establish new community halls in Grama Niladhari Divisions that currently lack such facilities?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

1475/2025

Hon. Roshan Akmeemana,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) extent of forest reserves gazetted or identified under the Forest Conservation Department in the Trincomalee District and the extent of forests proposed to be converted into forest reserves in hectares;

(4)

- (ii) extent of lands that have been settled or used for cultivation for a long time but have subsequently been taken under the Department of Forest Conservation separately for each Divisional Secretariat Division in the said district;
- (iii) extent of lands recommended to return from the said lands separately for each Divisional Secretariat Division; and
- (iv) programme that has been prepared to control the human-elephant conflict in the Trincomalee District?

(b) If not, why?

7.

1559/2025

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

- (a) Whether he is aware that —
 - (i) there is no stadium in the Trincomalee District that is suitable for holding national level sports competitions;
 - (ii) the development of the ‘Mc Heyzer Stadium’ was commenced, but the work has now been abandoned; and
 - (iii) although there are many players in the said district who play leather ball cricket, they do not have a stadium with suitable turf pitches?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons for abandoning the development works of the ‘Mc Heyzer Stadium’;
 - (ii) if legal or other problems arise in the development of the said stadium, whether steps will be taken to construct a stadium with all the facilities at another location within the district; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to construct leather ball cricket stadiums in the areas of Kantale, Trincomalee, Kinniya and Muttur as well?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to construct an international-level cricket stadium in the Eastern Province; and
 - (ii) if so, of the timeframe for the construction of such a stadium?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

1697/2025

Hon. Sugath Wasantha de Silva,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) steps that have been taken in the health sector to ensure the health and well-being of persons with disabilities;

(5)

- (ii) steps that have been taken to provide the said people with relevant facilities to access clinical and other services;
- (iii) existing programme to identify and give priority to persons with disabilities in accessing medical institutions; and
- (iv) steps that have been taken to develop the professional skills and attitudes of officials providing health services to persons with disabilities?

(b) Will he also inform this House, regarding persons with disabilities of the —

- (i) technical strategies taken to solve the health problems;
- (ii) steps that have been taken to use new technology to improve health support facilities;
- (iii) steps that have been taken to implement a programme to provide financial assistance for medicines and medical tests; and
- (iv) steps that have been taken to provide equal access to health services?

(c) If not, why?

9.

1702/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of media institutions owned by the government;
- (ii) of the names of the said institutions;
- (iii) separately, of the number of journalists who have got registered in the aforesaid institutions at present;
- (iv) of the salaries and allowances paid to them;
- (v) of the method according to which the said payments are made;
- (vi) whether he is aware that irregularities have occurred in relation to the payments made under this method; and
- (vii) if so, of the actions that have been taken regarding the said irregularities?

(b) If not, why?

(6)

10.

1785/2025

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) year in which the government commenced providing security services for foreign maritime security companies; and
 - (ii) name of the institution that has been assigned the responsibility for providing such security services?
- (b) If the responsibility for providing such security services has been shifted, will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the year in which it was shifted;
 - (ii) of the name and the nature of the new company to which the said responsibility was assigned;
 - (iii) of the income earned by the said company in each year up to 2025, separately; and
 - (iv) if the said company is a joint venture, of the percentage of the profit that goes to each party?
- (c) Will he further inform this House regarding the said company of the —
 - (i) total amount of money received by the Sri Lanka Navy from the inception of the company to date;
 - (ii) methodology adopted in determining the charges for the services rendered;
 - (iii) the number of firearms that have been provided by the Tri-Forces by type, separately; and
 - (iv) amount paid for the firearms?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Indira Cancer Charitable Trust.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Parliamentary Pensions (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

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Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Attorney at Law

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake

Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, PC,— Select Committee of Parliament to review the laws dealing with Elections and report to Parliament and submit its proposals and recommendations in that regard,— Whereas over the last several years numerous attempts have been made to reform the Electoral System of Sri Lanka;

And whereas Select Committees to look into the Electoral System Reform have been appointed on many occasions;

And whereas several interim reports have been presented by these Committees; and

Whereas no action has been taken to implement the recommendations of these Committees;

That this Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to review the laws dealing with Elections and report to Parliament and submit its proposals and recommendations in that regard, including the following:—

(a) review the laws dealing with elections more particularly the Registration of

Electors Act, the Local Authorities Elections Act, the Provincial Council Elections Act, the Parliamentary Elections Act and the Presidential Elections Act, together with the several amendments made to the said Acts over the years and the Special Provisions Acts made applicable to the provisions of the Acts set out above;

(b) assess the need to revise, amend and consolidate these Acts;

(c) recommend the reform and amendments necessary to the current laws dealing with elections;

2. (a) that the Chair and Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Speaker; and

(b) that in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 101 of Parliament, the Committee shall not consist of more than twelve (12) Members.

(8)

3. That the Committee shall have the power to —

- (a) fix its quorum;
- (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
- (c) obtain the services of specialists and experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
- (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment or prorogation of Parliament.

4. The Committee shall present its report to Parliament within a period of one year (01) of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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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*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Microfinance and Credit Regulatory Authority Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*14.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

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

*16.

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.”

17.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”
