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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1466/2025

Hon. (Ms.) Ambika Samivel,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether he is aware that plantation workers are vulnerable to wild animal attacks, snake and wasp bites, and chemical hazards;
  - (ii) whether complaints have been received regarding such incidents;
  - (iii) if so, of the number of complaints received in the last five years, separately; and
  - (iv) of the measures that have been taken to ensure the safety of the employees from the said hazards?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether he is aware that plantation workers are subjected to verbal, physical, or other forms of harassment by employers at work;
  - (ii) whether any legal action has been taken to prevent such harassments; and
  - (iii) if not, whether legal action will be taken in this regard in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1500/2025

Hon. B. Ariyawansa,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of estate houses in the Ratnapura District;
  - (ii) amount of funds that have been allocated for the development of those estate houses from 2020 to date, separately for each year; and
  - (iii) measures to be taken in the future to develop those estate houses?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

1542/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the name of the present owner of the Nagastenna Estate in Yatiyanthota;
  - (ii) whether the management of the said estate is at an optimal level;
  - (iii) whether he is aware that the lands of the said estate are being encroached by private parties;
  - (iv) if so, of the measures that have been taken in that regard; and
  - (v) of the measures that have been taken to develop the lands of the said estate, which are economically, environmentally and socially valuable?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1576/2025

Hon. Kitnan Selvaraj,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether he is aware that the Government of India provided ‘City Rider’ buses to the Malayaga people in the year 2016;
  - (ii) if so, of the number of buses referred to above;
  - (iii) of the purpose of providing those buses;
  - (iv) of the names of the organizations that provided those buses and the Ministers who received them;
  - (v) separately, of the number of buses provided to the Badulla and Nuwara Eliya districts, out of the said busses;
  - (vi) of the current condition of those buses; and
  - (vii) of the parties who are currently using those buses and the purposes they are being used?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

1637/2025

Hon. Ruwan Wijeweera,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately, of the number of houses that had been planned for construction and the number of houses that have been fully completed in the Monaragala District under the ‘Semata Sevana’ project;
- (ii) of the source of funds by which the project had been financed;
- (iii) of the criteria used in selecting the beneficiaries for this housing project;
- (iv) of the number of houses that have been constructed in the Buttala Divisional Secretariat Division of the Monaragala District under this project; and
- (v) separately, of the amount allocated for the constructions and the actual amount spent?

(b) If not, why?

6.

1664/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the extent of land belonging to the Land Reform Commission separately in each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kalutara District;
- (ii) separately for each Divisional Secretariat Division, of the extent of land provided under leasehold, direct public allocation, freehold, and the extent of land provided to public under land permits;
- (iii) is there a possibility of providing freehold deeds for the lands under permits;
- (iv) separately for each Divisional Secretariat Division, of the extent of abandoned lands out of the lands previously provided to the public;
- (v) whether there is a possibility of re-acquiring those lands and providing them to those who do not have lands; and
- (vi) separately for each Divisional Secretariat Division, of the extents of lands belonging to the commission that have been misappropriately acquired by individuals or institutions?

(b) If not, why?

(4)

7.

1696/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Thushari Jayasingha, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the sectors in which the existing laws pertaining to the use of explosives for commercial purposes are expected to be amended;
  - (ii) of the procedures adopted for the storage and issuance of explosives;
  - (iii) of the designations of the officers who implement these procedures;
  - (iv) if Assistant Officers in charge of Districts have been appointed for this purpose, of the role of the said officers;
  - (v) whether the post of Controller of Explosives remain vacant at present;
  - (vi) whether action will be taken to fill this vacancy; and
  - (vii) of the reasons for not preparing second-tier officers for the above post?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) separately, of the number of licences for explosives that have been issued on a commercial basis and the number of active licensees at present;
  - (ii) of the procedure adopted in issuing these licences;
  - (iii) whether these licences are regulated;
  - (iv) of the private facilities used for the storage of explosives;
  - (v) of the steps that have been taken for their security; and
  - (vi) of the quantity of explosives issued to a licensee at one time?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

1720/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Oshani Umanga,— To ask the Minister of Labour,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the average time taken by the Complaints Division of the Department of Labour to resolve a complaint;

(5)

- (ii) of the number of unsolved complaints currently pending in the aforesaid division;
  - (iii) whether steps are being taken to resolve these complaints, expeditiously and effectively; and
  - (iv) if so, of the aforesaid steps?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1739/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that there are —
- (i) fishery buildings that were renovated after the Tsunami, in the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat;
  - (ii) fishery buildings that were given on rent and lease basis and buildings that have been sold, out of the said buildings; and
  - (iii) buildings that have not hitherto been used, out of those buildings?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether steps will be taken to provide the fishery buildings mentioned in (a) (iii) above for government and public needs;
  - (ii) of the parties in-charge of, for the maintenance and revenue collection of the multi-purpose fishery buildings constructed after the Tsunami by the Small- Scale Fisheries Federation in Jalaldeen Square and Kanaker GN Divisions; and
  - (iii) whether action will be taken to vest these multi-purpose fishery buildings with the Pottuvil Pradeshiya Sabha or to allocate them for public use, after providing the owners of the above buildings with alternative lands through the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat, if those owners are identified?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

1809/2025

Hon. Lasith Bhashana Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether any complaints have been received by the police from the depositors of Gampaha Sanasa Development Bank who have suffered injustices;
  - (ii) if so, of the number of such complaints;

(6)

- (iii) separately, of the date on which each of the said complaints was received by the police;
- (iv) of the progress of the investigations conducted by the police so far regarding the said complaints;
- (v) whether any complaints have been received by the police regarding the Gampaha Development Company (PVT) Ltd, (GDC), which has obtained a loan from the Gampaha Sanasa Development Bank; and
- (vi) if so, of the progress of the investigations conducted by the police so far regarding the said complaints?

(b) If not, why?

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#### AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

##### Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Privileges,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matters raised by the Hon. Riyas Farook, M.P. on 05<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 118 of the Parliament.

2.

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Mahawilachchiya Education Centre for Children.”

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#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025, which was presented on 05.02.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(7)

\*2.

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 04<sup>th</sup> December 2025, which was presented on 05.02.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.

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 31<sup>st</sup> December 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,— 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 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

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 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025, which were presented on 06.02.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

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 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025, which were presented on 06.02.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*7.

Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.

Microfinance and Credit Regulatory Authority Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*12.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*13.

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

\*14.

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 (10<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025, be considered by Parliament.”

15.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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[1].

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

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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?

2.

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?

3.

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;

(10)

- (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?

4.

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;
  - (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?

5.

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;

(11)

- (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?

6.

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?

7.

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;

(12)

- (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
  - (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?
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