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FOR

Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

22/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

(a) Will he admit that —

- (i) the government sets a maximum price for some consumer goods from time to time; and
- (ii) those goods are sold by some traders at higher prices ?

(b) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) name of the agency that raids the shops selling those goods at higher prices;
- (ii) number of raids per month carried out by the aforesaid agency;
- (iii) penalties that can be imposed on the persons selling goods at higher prices; and
- (iv) actions taken against the shops that continue to sell goods at higher prices?

(c) If not, why?

2.

117/2024

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

(a) Will she inform this House of the —

- (i) names of the Members of Parliament who represent Parliament at present;
- (ii) amounts paid as salaries and allowances at present to Members of Parliament; and
- (iii) names of the Members of Parliament who forgo their salaries and allowances?

(b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

353/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he accepts that drinking water facility should be provided to the areas of Kakkachchiwattai, Vilanthottam and Dikkodai-Dumbalai in the Porathivu Pattu Divisional Secretariat Division and the Kirankulam-Tharmapuram in the Manmunaipatru Divisional Secretariat Division of the Batticaloa District; and
- (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to provide drinking water facility to the above-mentioned areas?

(b) If not, why?

4.

564/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of varieties of medicinal drugs manufactured by the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation in each year from 2020 up to date and the names of such medicinal drugs, separately;
- (ii) those medicinal drugs, the varieties of medicinal drugs and their quantities sold to private traders at a price lower than the production cost;
- (iii) the amount of loss that the Corporation has incurred due to such sale; and
- (iv) of the measures that will be taken with regard to this matter?

(b) If not, why?

5.

628/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that there is an abandoned shopping complex in Kaduruwela town;
- (ii) of the amount that was spent on the construction of aforesaid shopping complex; and

(3)

(iii) of the measures that will be taken to bring that shopping complex back to use?

(b) If not, why?

6.

1264/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately of the number of registered businessmen operating businesses in each of the economic centres established in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether steps are being taken to incorporate the said economic centres as limited companies; and
- (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to ensure that those currently operating their businesses in the said economic centres can continue their businesses without any obstruction and that they will not face any prejudice?

(b) If not, why?

7.

1717/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he admits that the economic development rate and inflation rate had been altered by distorting the national economic data (Data Massage) in the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014;
- (ii) if not, why;
- (iii) whether it has been acted strategically to obtain domestic and foreign debts at high interest rates by altering the basic data of the Sri Lankan economy during the period from 2004 to 2014, indicating an accelerated annual growth rate of national income and artificially presenting a low income economy; and
- (iv) whether there is a connection between the economic hitmen who committed these corruption, fraud and irregularities during the period from 2004 to 2015 and the country's bankruptcy in the year 2022?

(b) If not, why?

(4)

8.

1719/2025

Hon. Thanura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the procedure followed in issuing a firearm to a civilian on licenses;
- (ii) whether the issuance of such firearms on licenses has been stopped by now;
- (iii) if so, of the reasons for that;
- (iv) of the date on which it is expected to issue the above licenses, along with the relevant procedure and criteria;
- (v) of the procedure for obtaining security clearances to issue firearms on licenses; and
- (vi) of the steps that have been taken to avoid delays that occur in this process?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the steps that have been taken to amend the Firearms Ordinance in a timely manner;
- (ii) of the date on which the Firearms License Fees have been last revised;
- (iii) of the date on which the cabinet approval has been obtained for the said purpose, if any;
- (iv) whether there has been any amendment to the fines payable for the failure to pay license fees; and
- (v) whether there has been any amendment in the fees relating to the deterioration and transfer of licenses or to the repair of firearms?

(c) If not, why?

9.

1808/2026

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that places of archaeological importance are located in the Galle District;
- (ii) of the archaeological places located in the Baddegama, Nagoda, Welivitiya, Divithura, Niyagama, Thawalama and Neluwa Divisional Secretariat areas;

(5)

- (iii) of the places, out of the aforesaid places, that are under the supervision of the Department of Archaeology,;
- (iv) of the areas that were under the Kandyan Kingdom in the past fall within the areas mentioned in (ii) above;
- (v) of the steps that will be taken to conserve the said places; and
- (vi) of the programme that is underway to create public awareness regarding the said archaeological places;

(b) If not, why ?

10.

1834/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total number of attendants serving in government hospitals at present;
 - (ii) whether there is a shortage of attendants in government hospitals as comparing to the service requirement;
 - (iii) if so, of the number; and
 - (iv) of the patient-to-attendant ratio that should be there in order to provide high-quality patient care services?
- (b) Will he admit that —
 - (i) guardians of the patients have had to pay money and obtain the services of external attendants due to the lack of the required number of attendants in government hospitals; and
 - (ii) a very high cost has to be incurred in order to obtain the service of an external attendant for a few days?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether steps will be taken to recruit the required number of attendants to provide services to inpatients in government hospitals?
- (d) If not, why not?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Kandyan Marriage and Divorce Act (Chapter 113).”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

 Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

 (Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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

 (Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

 Microfinance and Credit Regulatory Authority Bill — Second Reading.

 (Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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

 (Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

 Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

 (Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

 Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

 (Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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

*8.

 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.”

9.

 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.”
