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FOR

Friday, February 20, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

206/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the percentage of employment in the agricultural sector in Sri Lanka from 2015 up to now, separately in respect of each year;
- (ii) if the employment in the agricultural sector has declined during that period, of the reasons for it;
- (iii) whether a programme has been formulated to attract youth to the agricultural sector; and
- (iv) if so, of such details?

(b) If not, why?

2.

228/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) law under which the Three-Judge Anti-Corruption Permanent High Court in Colombo was established;
- (ii) date on which that Court commenced its activities;
- (iii) number of cases pending before and concluded by that court, separately; and
- (iv) number of cases presented before the court since its inception in respect of each year, separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether he admits that the commencement and the continuation of cases in the Three-Judge Anti-Corruption Permanent High Court have become defunct; and

(2)

(ii) of the steps that have been taken to expedite the hearing and conclusion of cases related to bribery, financial crimes, and financial corruption?

(c) If not, why?

3.

472/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunananayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) names of the members of the Board of Directors of the Mahapola Trust Fund;

(ii) appointing authority of the Board of Directors; and

(iii) total value of the Fund as at to date?

(b) Will he also inform this House from its inception to date, separately, of the —

(i) funds received annually by the Fund and its sources of funding;

(ii) annual recurrent expenditure of the Fund;

(iii) payments made by the Fund annually for the purpose of granting scholarships and non-recurrent purposes, in respect of such purpose;

(iv) number of scholarships awarded to undergraduates annually; and

(v) total number of students who have received scholarships?

(c) If not, why?

4.

883/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that the landless persons have applied to the Koralai Pattu, Valaichchenai Divisional Secretariat with the aim of acquiring land, during the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2025;

(ii) if so, of the number of such persons and their names and the other relevant details;

(iii) whether such persons have been issued with Deeds of Grant or Land Permits; and

(iv) if so, of the number of such persons along with their names and relevant details?

(3)

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the majority of the persons who have settled down in government lands in the Koralai Pattu, Valaichchenai Divisional Secretariat Division have not been issued with Deeds of Grant or Land Permits so far;
- (ii) if so, of the number of such persons and their names and other relevant details; and
- (iii) of the reasons for not issuing Deeds of Grant or Land Permits to the aforementioned persons so far?

(c) If not, why?

5.

1124/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the Colombo Dockyard PLC is fully owned by the government;
- (ii) if there are other shareholders of the company, of the names of those shareholders;
- (iii) of the percentage of shares held separately by the government and those of other shareholders;
- (iv) of the value of assets owned by other shareholders in dollars;
- (v) of the years in which shareholdings were granted to current shareholders;
- (vi) whether tenders have been called when selling shares to them;
- (vii) if so, of the name, address and the bid value of each shareholder who submitted tenders, separately; and
- (viii) of the separate amount invested by each of those shareholders according to the shares they purchased?

(b) If not, why?

6.

1244/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,—To ask the Minister of Environment,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the wildlife zones existing in each district of Sri Lanka at present, separately;
- (ii) of the extent of land belonging to each such zone, separately;

(4)

- (iii) whether the tanks, reservoirs and lakes available for wildlife within the wildlife zones have been identified;
- (iv) if so, of the number of them as per each wildlife zone, separately; and
- (v) of the number of tanks, reservoirs and lakes that have been renovated or constructed within the said wildlife zones, separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the elephant corridors that have been scientifically identified by the Department of Wildlife Conservation;
- (ii) whether steps have been taken to gazette them;
- (iii) if so, of the number of elephant corridors that have been gazetted so far; and
- (iv) if the identified elephant corridors have not yet been gazetted, of the reasons for it?

(c) If not, why?

7.

1649/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,—To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately, of the quantity of illegal drugs and the number of suspects that have been arrested in the raids conducted from 21st September 2024 up to now;
- (ii) separately, of the quantity and value of the properties and assets that have been acquired through drug trafficking and organized crime, and have been seized and suspended during the said period; and
- (iii) of the names of the owners of the said properties and assets?

(b) If not, why?

8.

1653/2025

Hon. Ajith Gihan,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) tourist attractions are currently concentrated within only a few geographical regions of the country; and
- (ii) no programme has thus far been established to develop the Puttalam District, which has great potential for the tourism industry, as a tourist destination?

(5)

(b) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) tourist destinations that have been identified to develop the tourism industry in the Puttalam District; and
- (ii) steps that will be taken for the purpose referred to above?

(c) If not, why?

9.

1710/2025

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the investments received after November 2024 upto date, including the specific amounts and their countries of origin;
- (ii) of the total value of these investments from such countries, expressed in US dollars;
- (iii) as to which of the aforementioned investment projects have already commenced operations; and
- (iv) of the reasons for the non-commencement of the remaining projects?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Microfinance and Credit Regulatory Authority Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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

(6)

*3.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

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

*6.

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.”

7.

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.”
