



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 134.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, March 03, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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?

2.

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?

(2)

3.

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;
 - (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?

4.

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 department 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?

(3)

5.

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;
 - (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?

6.

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

(4)

(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?

7.

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?

8.

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 commemorative books for the said celebration;

(5)

- (iii) whether a proper evaluation has been conducted when purchasing them; and
- (iv) of the actions that will be taken regarding the issues highlighted in the audit report, that the aforementioned commemorative plaques and commemorative books are currently not being used for any purpose?

(b) If not, why?

9.

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;
- (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?

10.

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;

(6)

- (iii) whether a specific policy will be formulated in the future for the recruitment of the said graduates to government institutions; and
 - (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?
-

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Foreign Exchange Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 22 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2467/67 of 18th December 2025, which was presented on 17.02.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Microfinance and Credit Regulatory Authority Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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

*7.

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)

8.

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.”

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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;
 - (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?

2.

1864/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the action taken by the Central Environmental Authority in relation to the complaint WP/KT/PPA/WP-K/0119/2025 filed against the business named ‘Prasanna Auto Service’ operating in the West Malamulla area of Panadura;
 - (ii) whether any further legal action has been taken regarding that complaint;
 - (iii) if not, of the reasons for that;
 - (iv) of the reason for the delay in investigating the complaint; and
 - (v) of the action that will be taken in respect of the said complaint?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1865/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) Divisional Secretariat Divisions in which the issuance of the Title Certificates under the Registration of Title Act, No. 21 of 1998, has been implemented;
 - (ii) total number of Title Certificates issued under the aforesaid Act to date; and
 - (iii) number of employees currently serving in the Department of Land Title Settlement?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether there is an intention to update the legal status of the Registration of Title Act, No. 21 of 1998;
 - (ii) if so, of the proposed legal reforms; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to expedite aforesaid legal reforms?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1866/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— 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 current members of the “Clean Sri Lanka” Presidential Task Force;
 - (ii) of the names of the projects that have been implemented and completed by now under the said project;
 - (iii) of the amount of money that has been spent on the projects that have been completed by now; and
 - (iv) separately, of the amount of money that has been spent on each of the said projects?
 - (b) Will she also inform this House separately of the progress that has been achieved so far in implementing the tasks described under I to IX in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2415/59 dated 19.12.2024 and the amount of money that has been spent on each of the said tasks?
 - (c) If not, why?
-