



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 138.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

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

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

230/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a pledge has been made through the manifesto ‘A Thriving Nation - A Beautiful Life’ to establish Provincial Directorate of Public Prosecution external to the Attorney General's Department to undertake prosecution matters on behalf of the government;
 - (ii) whether it is acknowledged that the above policy is correct; and
 - (iii) if so, of the reasons for not establishing Provincial Directorates of Public Prosecution for each province of Sri Lanka outside the Attorney General's Department as per the above pledge, so far?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

460/2025

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether situations have arisen in which essential drug suppliers are being discredited and removed from supply by deliberate creation of quality failures in relation to several major pharmaceutical products; and
 - (ii) of the occasions where life-saving/expensive drugs, that are required to be stored at a temperature between 2-8°C have been withdrawn from use due to various reasons, during last 05 years?
- (b) Is he aware —
- (i) that the removal of long-term suppliers through the creation of quality problems in drugs is also taking place at the regional hospital level;
 - (ii) that those suppliers refuse to submit estimates for tenders of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation due to the said reason; and
 - (iii) of the number of drugs removed, batch withdrawals or product withdrawals done by the National Medicines Regulatory Authority?

(2)

- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that those removed drugs are being sold in the private market;
 - (ii) whether there is a separate division to lodge complaints regarding such irregularities; and
 - (iii) if so, of the number of such complaints received in the year 2024?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

464/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka has imported fish from 2021 to date;
 - (ii) if so, of type, quantity, value and country of import in each year from 2021 to date separately; and
 - (iii) whether such imports were for local consumption or for re-export?
- (b) Will he also inform this House for each year from 2021 to date separately—
 - (i) if for local consumption, of the value of duty earned;
 - (ii) if for re-export, of the value added and foreign exchange earned;
 - (iii) of the quantity, value and countries of import of dried fish, sprats and Maldives fish imported;
 - (iv) of the quantity of dried fish, sprats and Maldives fish produced in Sri Lanka;
 - (v) of the quantity and value of canned fish imported to Sri Lanka; and
 - (vi) of the quantity of canned fish produced in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

682/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) contribution made to the national grid by the Norochcholai ‘Lak Vijaya’ Power Plant from 2020 to the present;
 - (ii) number of times and specific dates on which the above power plant broke down during the period, separately;
 - (iii) disruptions that were caused to the continuous power supply due to the aforementioned breakdowns;
 - (iv) reasons for the frequent breakdowns of the generators at the said power plant; and

(3)

(v) measures that will be taken in that regard?

(b) If not, why?

5.

882/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that people have settled in the state lands for which ‘deeds of grant’ or ‘land permits’ were given during the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2025 out of the state lands situated in the Divisional Secretariat Division of Koralaipattu, Valaichenai in the Batticaloa District; and

(ii) if so, of total number of such people, their names, and other relevant information?

(b) If not, why?

6.

914/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he state —

(i) of the number of Livestock Development Instructors of the Animal Production and Health Department available in each District, separately;

(ii) whether contract workers also conduct artificial insemination on cattle, in addition to the Instructors;

(iii) of the breakdown of such workers according to Districts; and

(iv) of the basis on which payments are made to their contract workers?

(b) Will he also state —

(i) whether a fee is charged for artificial insemination;

(ii) of the fee per artificial insemination;

(iii) of the fee charged per artificial insemination by an instructor and a contract worker, separately;

(iv) if both the above-mentioned fees are same, whether it does not amount to an anomaly;

(v) whether the same fee is charged at the second and the third artificial inseminations;

(vi) if so, whether it is not an injustice;

(vii) of the productivity ratio of artificial insemination as a percentage;

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- (viii) whether fees have to be paid to Veterinary Officers/Livestock Development Instructors visiting farms to treat diseases of animals such as cattle, goats and pigs; and
- (ix) if so, whether respective fees need not be stated in receipts as for travelling, for medicines etc.?

(c) If not, why?

7.

1245/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,—To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of Civil Defence Force Headquarters established in the Anuradhapura District;
- (ii) number of officers and troops attached to each of those Headquarters, separately;
- (iii) tasks that those officers and troops have been currently assigned to; and
- (iv) number of officers and troops assigned to each task, separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether the above-mentioned Headquarters maintains farms and enterprises;
- (ii) if so, of the names of those farms and enterprises;
- (iii) of the extent of land belonging to each farm/ enterprise, the area in which it is located and the number of officers and troops attached to it, separately; and
- (iv) of the income and expenditure of each of the above-mentioned farms/ enterprises in the years 2024 and 2025, separately?

(c) If not, why?

8.

1372/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) of the number of children who have been identified as orphans and are deprived of proper care;
- (ii) of the measures that have been taken to provide proper care for those children;
- (iii) whether a government officer has been appointed to cover each Grama Niladhari Division to identify these children and provide them with proper care;
- (iv) if so, of the number of such officers appointed; and

(5)

(v) of the measures that will be taken to monitor the duties of such officers?

(b) If not, why?

9.

1678/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,—To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) the Morawaka Magistrate's Court has been operating temporarily in a hall at the Gatabaru Rajamaha Viharaya since 2021 due to a threat of landslide;

(ii) a large sum is being incurred as monthly rent for the aforementioned premises; and

(iii) the inadequacy of space, physical resources, and technical facilities in this temporary building has hindered the efficient conduct of the court's proceedings?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the steps that have been taken to prevent this financial loss;

(ii) whether a report on the geological condition of the land on which the Magistrate's Court was previously located has been received by now;

(iii) of the recommendations given in that report; and

(iv) of the expected time frame for the permanent relocation of the Morawaka Magistrate's Court?

(c) If not, why?

10.

1711/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the total allocations made for each of the Divisional Secretariats of Kalutara District for the year 2025, separately;

(ii) of such allocations, the amounts allocated to the education, roads, and infrastructure sectors, separately;

(iii) of the expenditure incurred so far from the above allocations, categorized according to the sectors mentioned in (ii) above, separately; and

(iv) of the projects, that had been scheduled to be completed by 31.12.2025?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Inland Revenue (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Social Security Contribution Levy (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Social Security Contribution Levy Act, No. 25 of 2022.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

3.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— The Rescue, Rehabilitation and Insolvency (Corporate and Personal),— Bill to amend and consolidates the law relating to the Rescue, Rehabilitation and Insolvency of Individuals and Companies; to repeal the Insolvency Ordinance (Chapter 97); to amend the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007; to amend the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017; to amend the Mediation Boards Act, No. 72 of 1988; and to provide for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Determination of the Remuneration and Conditions of Service of the Officers and Employees of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption under the Anti-Corruption Act,— Whereas, the Anti-Corruption Act, No. 9 of 2023, has been enacted repealing three previous enactments, namely: the Bribery Act (Chapter 26), the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994 and the Declaration of Assets and Liabilities Law, No. 1 of 1975, and has conferred upon the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption all powers and responsibilities relating to all the offences provided for in those enactments;

And whereas, the Anti-Corruption Act, No. 9 of 2023, has conferred upon the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption a substantially broader range of powers and responsibilities than those vested in the Commission established under the Act, No. 19 of 1994;

(7)

And whereas, the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption has determined that the staff specified in 'Annexure - I' are necessary for the discharge of such powers and responsibilities and, having regard to the specialized nature of the functions assigned to the Commission, has identified the need for a remuneration structure capable of attracting and recruiting competent and experienced officers;

And whereas, Section 26(2) of the Anti-Corruption Act, No. 9 of 2023, stipulates that the remuneration and conditions of service of the officers and employees considered necessary by the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption in terms of the Act shall be approved by Parliament;

And whereas, the Director-General of Management Services, by letters dated 11.08.2025 and 19.12.2025, has communicated the concurrence of the Minister in charge of subject of Finance in respect of the remuneration proposal 'Annexure - II' relating to the officers and employees specified in 'Annexure - I', as determined by the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption under Section 26(1) of the Anti-Corruption Act, and the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption has, in terms of Section 26(2) of the said Act, determined that the said proposal is appropriate;

And whereas, for the purpose of the payment of allowances under the said remuneration proposal, the Commission shall, in applying the relevant circular provisions governing allowances payable to staff of State corporations, statutory boards and fully State-owned enterprises, determine the corresponding categories of officers/ posts entitled to such allowances;

And whereas, in accordance with Section 32(1) of the Anti-Corruption Act, the determination of the conditions of service referred to in Section 26(2) of the Act shall be done by the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, and the power to make such Rules, in terms of sections 32(2) and 157(1) of the Act, is vested in the Commission; and

Whereas, in accordance with Section 163 (2) (h) of the Anti-Corruption Act, the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption shall, in the manner stated there, place the officers and employees holding office of the Commission established under Act, No. 19 of 1994 and are to be appointed to the new Commission established under the Anti-Corruption Act, No. 9 of 2023 (not exceeding 63 officers), in appropriate pensionable posts (approved under section 26(1) of the Anti-Corruption Act) and at suitable salary steps;

Accordingly, in terms of Section 26(2) of the Anti-Corruption Act, No. 9 of 2023, Determination of the Remuneration and Conditions of Service of the Officers and Employees of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption be approved by Parliament.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(8)

Annexure - I

The staff determined by the Commission in terms of Section 26(1) of the Anti-Corruption Act, No. 9 of 2023, for the efficient discharge of its functions.

Title of the Post		No. of positions
1	Additional Director General	01
2	Senior Deputy Director General	01
3	Senior Director	02
4	Deputy Director General	06
5	Director	09
6	Chief Internal Auditor	01
7	Senior Assistant Director General	16
8	Assistant Director General	58
9	Assistant Director/ Deputy Director	45
10	Internal Auditor	01
11	Research Officer	03
12	Administrative Officer	04
13	Transport Officer	01
14	Technical Officer	01
15	Information and Communication Technology Officer	04
16	Senior Investigation Officer	47
17	Senior Corruption Prevention Officer	12
18	Investigation Officer	337
19	Corruption Prevention Officer	50
20	Librarian	01
21	Translator & Interpreter	06
22	Legal Assistant	07
23	Information and Communication Technology Assistant	06
24	Assistant Librarian	01
25	Anti-Corruption Management Services Officer**	113
26	Typist & Stenographer	45
27	Communication Assistant	07
28	Driver	69
29	Office Employee Assistant	117
Total		971

**The title of the post, which the Commission determined to recruit in terms of Section 26(1) of the Anti-Corruption Act, is “Anti- Corruption Management Services Officer”. The Management Services Department has informed that the concurrence of the Minister in charge of subject of Finance has been granted to the title, “Management Assistant”. However, the Commission, after considering several other facts and since the duties assigned are similar, has decided to take “Anti-Corruption Management Services Officer” as the title of this post.

Annexure - II

The remuneration proposal, which the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption determined with the concurrence of the Minister in charge of subject of Finance, and approved by the Cabinet of Ministers, in terms of Section 26(2) of the Anti-Corruption Act.

01. Proposed salary structure

	Designation	Salary Code	Initial Step	Years	1st slab	Years	2nd slab	Years	3rd slab	Years	4th slab	Maximum
1	Additional Director General	AC-E 4 - 2025	212,000	10	4,950							261,500
2	Senior Deputy Director General/ Senior Director	AC-E 3 - 2025	194,000	10	4,500							239,000
3	Deputy Director General/ Director / Chief Internal Auditor	AC-E 2 - 2025	176,000	10	4,250							218,500
4	Senior Assistant Director General	AC-E 1-2 - 2025	151,900	10	3,900							190,900
5	Assistant Director General	AC-E 1-1 - 2025	131,300	10	2,940							160,700
6	Deputy Director/ Assistant Director/ Internal Auditor/ Research Officer	AC-E 1 - 2025	131,300	10	2,940	10	3,595					196,650
7	Administrative Officer	AC-JM 1-2 - 2025	74,010	10	1,360	18	2,040					124,330
8	Transport Officer	AC-JM 1-2 - 2025	74,010	10	1,360	18	2,040					124,330
9	Technical Officer	AC-JM 1-2 - 2025	74,010	10	1,360	18	2,040					124,330
10	Information and Communication Technology Officer	AC-JM 1-2 - 2025	74,010	10	1,360	18	2,040					124,330
11	Senior Investigations Officer	AC-MA 5-3 - 2025	79,440	10	2,040	20	2,230					144,440
12	Senior Corruption Prevention Officer	AC-MA 5-3 - 2025	79,440	10	2,040	20	2,230					144,440
13	Investigations Officer	AC-MA 5-1 - 2025	58,740	10	1,190	15	1,360	11	1,670			109,410

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14	Corruption Prevention	AC-MA 5	58,740	10	1,190	15	1,360	11	1,670			109,410
15	Librarian	AC-MA 4 - 2025	64,320	10	1,360	15	1,670	5	2,040			113,170
16	Translator & Interpreter	AC-MA 4 - 2025	64,320	10	1,360	15	1,670	5	2,040			113,170
17	Legal Assistant	AC-MA 3 - 2025	53,940	10	800	11	1,190	10	1,320	5	1,350	94,980
18	Information and Communication Technology Assistant	AC-MA 2 -1 - 2025	50,540	10	540	7	630	4	890	20	1,190	87,710
19	Assistant Librarian	AC-MA 1 -1 - 2025	46,220	10	540	7	630	4	890	20	1,190	83,390
20	Management Assistant	AC-MA 1 -1 - 2025	46,220	10	540	7	630	4	890	20	1,190	83,390
21	Typist & Stenographer	AC-MA 1 -1 - 2025	46,220	10	540	7	630	4	890	20	1,190	83,390
22	Communication Assistant	AC-MA 1 -1 - 2025	46,220	10	540	7	630	4	890	20	1,190	83,390
23	Driver	AC-PL 3 - 2025	43,280	10	490	10	540	10	590	12	630	67,040
24	Office Assistant	AC-PL 1 - 2025	40,500	10	450	10	490	7	540	15	590	62,530

02. Proposed Anti-Corruption Risk Allowance

	Designation	Salary Code	Anti-Corruption Risk Allowance
1	Additional Director General	AC-E 4 - 2025	140,000
2	Senior Deputy Director General	AC-E 3 - 2025	128,750
3	Senior Director	AC-E 3 - 2025	48,000
4	Deputy Director General	AC-E 2 - 2025	117,500
5	Director / Chief Internal Auditor	AC-E 2 - 2025	44,000
6	Director (Investigations)	AC-E 2 - 2025	70,000
7	Senior Assistant Director General	AC-E 1-2 - 2025	105,250
8	Assistant Director General	AC-E 1-1 - 2025	94,000

9	Assistant Director/ Deputy Director/ Internal Auditor / Research Officer	AC-E 1 - 2025	33,000
10	Deputy/ Assistant Director (Investigations)	AC-E 1 - 2025	52,000
11	Administrative Officer	AC-JM 1-2 - 2025	19,000
12	Transport Officer	AC-JM 1-2 - 2025	19,000
13	Technology Officer	AC-JM 1-2 - 2025	19,000
14	Information and Communication Technology Officer	AC-JM 1-2 - 2025	19,000
15	Senior Investigations Officer	AC-MA 5-3 -2025	31,000
16	Senior Corruption Prevention Officer	AC-MA 5-3 -2025	20,000
17	Investigations Officer	AC-MA 5-1 -2025	23,000
18	Corruption Prevention Officer	AC-MA 5-1 -2025	15,000
19	Librarian	AC-MA 4 - 2025	16,000
20	Translator & Interpreter	AC-MA 4 - 2025	16,000
21	Legal Assistant	AC-MA 3 - 2025	14,000
22	Information and Communication Technology Assistant	AC-MA 2-1 -2025	13,000
23	Assistant Librarian	AC-MA 1-1 -2025	12,000
24	Management Assistant	AC-MA 1-1 -2025	12,000
25	Typist & Stenographer	AC-MA 1-1 -2025	12,000
26	Communication Assistant	AC-MA 1-1 -2025	12,000
27	Driver	AC-PL 3 - 2025	11,000
28	Office Assistant	AC-PL 1 - 2025	10,000

03. Proposed Performance Allowance

The payment of a Performance Allowance of up to Rs. 10,000/- as may be determined by the Commission, in respect of the posts of Senior Investigations Officer and Investigations Officer.

04. Proposed Other Allowances, excluding 02 and 03 above

In addition to the aforesaid Anti-Corruption Risk Allowance and Performance Allowance, the payment of other allowances to the officers and employees of the Commission (including overtime allowance/ extra duty allowance and holiday pay, combined allowance, cost of living allowance, professional allowance, travelling allowance, fuel allowance, communication allowance, and any other allowance) shall be made in accordance with the relevant circular provisions applicable to State Corporations, statutory bodies and fully State-owned enterprises.

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development in consultation with the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and relevant Regulatory Authorities under Section 71 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2469/02 of 29th December 2025, which were presented on 03.03.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament, — Amendments to the Standing Orders of the Parliament, — That the following recommendations of the Committee on Standing Orders relating to the amendments to the Standing Orders of the Parliament made in the report which was presented to Parliament on 20 February 2026, be agreed to: —

Following new paragraph be inserted immediately after the first paragraph of the existing Standing Order 119(4) of the Parliament: —

If the Committee on Public Accounts, in examining the reports presented to the Committee by the Auditor - General, comes to the conclusion that serious financial frauds, acts of bribery or corruption have occurred, the Committee may refer such matters directly to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption or to the Inspector-General of Police, at a time determined by Parliament after the report thereon has been tabled in Parliament, for taking necessary action regarding such matters.

Following new paragraph be inserted immediately after the first paragraph of the existing Standing Order 120(4) of the Parliament: —

If the Committee on Public Enterprises, in examining the reports presented to the Committee by the Auditor - General, comes to the conclusion that serious financial frauds, acts of bribery or corruption have occurred, the Committee may refer such matters directly to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption or to the Inspector-General of Police, at a time determined by Parliament after the report thereon has been tabled in Parliament, for taking necessary action regarding such matters.

*4.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources,— Annual Report of the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation (2018),— That the Annual Report of the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation 2018, together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2018 and presented on 14.02.2025 under Section 30(1) of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No. 49 of 1957, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources on 09.09.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 11.09.2025)

*6.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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

*9.

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.”

10.

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

1849/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (2)

- (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;
 - (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?
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