



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

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

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1455/2025

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether there are any Grama Niladhari Divisions out of the 153 Grama Niladhari Divisions in the Mannar District, which do not have multi-purpose service centres (Sevapiyasa) that can be used by the Grama Niladharis, Development Officers and Samurdhi Development Officers;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of offices that are temporarily housed in alternative buildings;
 - (iii) of the number of offices that need to be renovated;
 - (iv) of the number of offices that do not have toilet, water and electricity facilities; and
 - (v) of the number of offices to which the electricity supply has been disconnected?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that there are difficulties in providing quality services to the public due to such shortages; and
 - (ii) of the nature of the plan that is in place to address the said shortages in order to provide quality and expeditious services to the public?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1502/2025

Hon. B. Ariyawansa,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the areas in the Ratnapura District where banana cultivation is carried out;
 - (ii) of the number of families engaged in banana cultivation in the said district;

(2)

- (iii) whether he is aware that banana cultivators in the Ratnapura District are facing difficulties due to their inability to obtain a fair price for bananas; and
- (iv) of the measures taken to address the issues faced by banana cultivators in the Ratnapura District?

(b) If not, why?

3.

1544/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) name of the reservoir project that has been proposed to be implemented in the Vee Oya area, in Yatiyanthota;
- (ii) objectives expected to be achieved through the said project; and
- (iii) name of the institution/company through which the above project is expected to be implemented?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the reasons for not informing the public definitely whether the said project will be implemented or not;
- (ii) whether a proper study has been conducted regarding the damage and strain caused to the public by the said project;
- (iii) separately, of the number of families directly and indirectly affected by the project;
- (iv) of the impacts that can be made in the future by the implementation of the aforesaid reservoir project by constructing a dam between two mountains in the Kegalle District which has been designated as an area highly susceptible to landslides; and
- (v) whether it will be definitely informed if the aforesaid project is implemented or not?

(c) If not, why?

4.

1551/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Arabic colleges that produce Muslim religious scholars are operating in various regions of Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) these colleges have been graded into three categories based on their classification?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) since the majority of these Arabic colleges are currently in the first grade, whether steps will be taken to upgrade them to the second and third grades; and

(3)

- (ii) of the existing obstacles and conditions for upgrading these Arabic colleges?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1558/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of local authorities in the Trincomalee District;
 - (ii) of the names of the said local authorities;
 - (iii) of the number of constituents, wards, and councillors belonging to each of those local government bodies, separately;
 - (iv) of the basis on which local authorities and wards are demarcated and the number of councillors is determined;
 - (v) whether he accepts that it has resulted injustice to certain local government bodies and their constituents; and
 - (vi) if so, whether the said issue will be addressed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the total number of constituents of the Muttur Pradeshiya Sabha is higher than that of the combined total number of constituents of the five Pradeshiya Sabhas of Morawewa, Gomarankadawala, Padavi Sripura, Seruwila, and Verugal;
 - (ii) whether the Muttur Pradeshiya Sabha will be divided into two local government bodies, based on the population, number of Grama Niladhari divisions, and the land area; and
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which the said action will be taken?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

1716/2025

Hon. R.G.Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that an officer who served in the National Accounts Division of the Department of Census and Statistics during the years 2012 and 2013 was interdicted;
 - (ii) if so, of the name of the said officer; and
 - (iii) whether justice and fairness be served to the said officer?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the procedure to prevent the distortion of highly sensitive data on the economy of the current government?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

7.

1721/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether labour laws in Sri Lanka are currently being amended;
 - (ii) if so, of the specific areas that are being amended;
 - (iii) of the external stakeholders who are involved in the said amendments; and
 - (iv) of the time frame within which the said amendments are expected to be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1783/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that there are housing projects implemented by the National Housing Development Authority in the 621-Ihalagama, 510 - Kadiyangalla and 502 - Manewa Grama Niladhari Divisions of the Ipalogama and the Kekirawa Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the said housing projects along with the dates of implementation of those projects, separately;
 - (iii) of the total number of beneficiaries of those three housing projects;
 - (iv) whether the funds provided to those beneficiaries were provided as an aid or as a loan;
 - (v) separately, of the total amount provided to those beneficiaries, the number of houses that have been completed and the number of people currently residing in those houses;
 - (vi) of the income status that were used as the basis for selecting the beneficiaries; and
 - (vii) separately, of the income status of each of those beneficiaries at the time of selecting them?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1822/2026

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) year in which the Department of Motor Traffic was established;
 - (ii) institution that was responsible for registering a motor vehicles prior to the establishment of the Department of Motor Traffic;

(5)

- (iii) year in which a motor vehicle was registered for the first time in Sri Lanka; and,
- (iv) number of motor vehicles registered each year from that first registration until the establishment of the Department of Motor Traffic, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of motor vehicles registered in Sri Lanka as at 31 December 2025, separately;
 - (ii) whether the government earns annual revenue from issuing vehicle emission certificates for motor vehicles; and
 - (iii) if so, of the revenue earned for the year 2025?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

1860/2026

Hon. Ruwan Wijeweera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the number of National Schools and schools operating under the Provincial Education Department in the Moneragala District; and
 - (ii) of the number of auditoriums established in those schools?
- (b) Will she further inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which construction work of the auditorium of Dutugemunu Central College in Buttala was commenced;
 - (ii) of the total amount of funds allocated for the same;
 - (iii) whether there is any delay in the construction of the said auditorium; and
 - (iv) if so, of the reasons for the said delay?
- (c) 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 2.00 p.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.

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.)

*2.

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.

*3.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*4.

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)

*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.”

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1851/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (3)

(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;

(8)

- (ii) if so, of the names of the persons who were provided with such state protection 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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