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FOR

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

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

24/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of Sri Lankan migrant workers who have experienced various hardships while being employed overseas in each year from the year 2019 up to now;
 - (ii) number of persons who have been provided with compensation by now, out of the aforesaid persons; and
 - (iii) measures that will be taken to increase the amount provided in compensation to Sri Lankan migrant workers who have experienced hardships as is mentioned above?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

121/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— 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 official vehicles available in the Presidential Secretariat vehicle pool, during the tenure of the Eighth Executive President of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether any vehicles from the aforesaid vehicle pool had been assigned to other state institutions;
 - (iii) if so, of the number of such vehicles;
 - (iv) of the number of vehicles returned to the Presidential Secretariat, out of the aforesaid total, following the conclusion of the 2024 Presidential Election in Sri Lanka;
 - (v) whether the vehicles returned have been utilized again; and
 - (vi) if not, what action will be taken regarding the vehicles?

(2)

- (b) Will she also inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of official vehicles currently available in the Presidential Secretariat vehicle pool; and
 - (ii) policy governing the use of the aforesaid official vehicles?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

208/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fraud that has been committed at the Medical Supplies Division in the purchase of the ‘Lacmulase’ vaccine;
 - (ii) of the names and designations of the officers who have been accused of the fraud referred to above, separately; and
 - (iii) of the progress of the investigations that are being conducted into the fraud concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

231/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether it has been pledged through the manifesto titled ‘A Thriving Nation – A Beautiful Life’ that provincial offices of the Attorney General's Department will be established under a Senior Additional Solicitor General;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of employees who have been attached to each provincial office of the Attorney General's Department at present; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money that has been invested so far in establishing provincial offices of the Attorney General's Department?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

356/2024

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Ministry of Housing and Construction of the Good Governance Government of 2015 constructed more than 50 houses in Vavunathivu, in Manmunai West Divisional Secretariat Division in Batticaloa;

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- (ii) construction work of most of the aforesaid houses remain incomplete and have various shortcomings;
 - (iii) the successive governments have not completed the construction of the aforesaid houses; and
 - (iv) as a result, the aforesaid people have been facing various difficulties for more than 8 years?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) if so, whether steps will be taken to complete the construction work of the aforesaid houses; and
 - (ii) of the time frame within which the construction work of the aforesaid houses will be fully completed?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

465/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) total consumption of sugar, milk powder, dhal, rice, wheat flour and coconut in Sri Lanka as at today, separately;
 - (ii) consumption of the above items in each year from 2010 to date, separately;
 - (iii) per capita consumption as per (i) and (ii) above, separately;
 - (iv) quantity produced in Sri Lanka and the quantity imported in each item mentioned in (i) above, separately;
 - (v) import value of each item mentioned in (i), above separately in both US Dollars and Sri Lankan Rupees;
 - (vi) import duty levied on each item mentioned in (i) above, separately;
 - (vii) duty inclusive price of each item mentioned above;
 - (viii) cost of production and retail price of each item mentioned above, separately; and
 - (ix) reasons for the significant difference between the cost of production of the above items in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

7.

553/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) of the names of the wife and children of Mr. Rohana Wijeweera, the founding leader of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP);
 - (ii) of the places where they have lived since the assassination of Mr. Rohana Wijeweera and the duration of residence in each of the said places;
 - (iii) if their maintenance expenses have been borne by the Government of Sri Lanka, of the amount of the expenditure incurred on their maintenance, separately for each year;
 - (iv) if their maintenance has been borne by any other individual or a group of persons, of the amount of the expenditure incurred on their maintenance along with the duration of maintenance period, separately;
 - (v) whether any assistance has been received from foreign countries for their maintenance; and
 - (vi) if so, of the countries, persons and the period for which such assistance has been provided?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

566/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that a project called ‘Warehouse Receipts Financing Project’ was initiated in the year 2015;
 - (ii) of the objectives of the said project;
 - (iii) of the number of warehouses that have been established under the project so far;
 - (iv) of the number of farmers who have benefited from the project; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken to proceed with the said project?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

9.

640/2025

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of raids conducted by the Consumer Affairs Authority in relation to rice from 01.01.2024 up to now;
 - (ii) amount of fines collected from the raids referred to above; and
 - (iii) measures that will be adopted to further increase the number of raids conducted in relation to rice?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1311/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of Sri Lankans who have visited Maldives for business, travel or other purposes, as well as the number of Maldivians who have visited Sri Lanka, separately, for each year from 2022 to 2024;
 - (ii) of the benefit accrued to Sri Lanka from the ‘visa on arrival’ facility for Sri Lankans visiting the Maldives;
 - (iii) whether the ninety-day visa-free facility provided only to Sri Lankans visiting the Maldives; and
 - (iv) if not, whether the same facility will also be provided to Maldivians visiting Sri Lanka?
- (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 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.

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.

*2.

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

*3.

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)

*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.”

8.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

9.

Online Safety (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”
