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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

749/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of fishermen engaged in the fishing industry in the Puttalam District;
  - (ii) number of fishermen out of them, who currently receive the fuel subsidy;
  - (iii) amount of money allocated for the said purpose; and
  - (iv) measures taken to provide the fuel subsidy to the fishermen in a timely manner?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

842/2025

Hon. Mujibur Rahman,— To ask the Minister of Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether he is aware that a waste-to-energy power plant had been planned to be constructed in the Karadiyana area, where waste is disposed of by a number of local government institutions in the Colombo District;
  - (ii) of the number of units of electricity expected to be generated by the plant concerned;
  - (iii) of the total amount spent so far on the construction of the plant; and
  - (iv) of the current progress of the construction of the plant?
- (b) If not, why?

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3.

884/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform the House —
  - (i) of the number of people and their names, who applied for 'Urumaya' freehold deeds in the Koralaipattu, Valaichenai Divisional Secretariat Division, Batticaloa District from 01.01.2019 to 31.03.2025;
  - (ii) whether 'Urumaya' freehold deeds have been granted to the persons referred to above during the above time period under a special programme of the then government;
  - (iii) if so, of the number of such persons and their names;
  - (iv) whether he is aware that some of the persons who applied for 'Urumaya' freehold deeds have not been granted the deeds concerned;
  - (v) if so, of the number of such persons and their names; and
  - (vi) of the reasons for not granting 'Urumaya' freehold deeds to them?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1014/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) total number of cybercrime complaints relating to offences against women reported in each year from 2020 to date, separately, on an island-wide basis and within the Northern Province;
  - (ii) number of such complaints received through official Government cybercrime reporting portals or police cyber units, separately in each district within the Northern Province; and
  - (iii) measures taken to enhance access to cybercrime reporting mechanisms and victim support services for women in rural areas, particularly in the Northern Province?
- (b) If not, why?

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5.

1030/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of children currently on the waiting lists for various surgeries at the Lady Ridgeway Hospital for Children in Colombo;
  - (ii) number of surgeries performed in that Hospital in each year from the year 2020 up until now, separately; and
  - (iii) measures that will be taken to minimize the time that patients have to be on waiting lists for various surgeries at this hospital, which provides treatments only to the children up to the age of 16 years?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1089/2025

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the name of the company from which Sri Lankan Airlines acquired the newly acquired A330-200 wide-body aircraft;
  - (ii) of the party that recommended the aforementioned company;
  - (iii) of the date of manufacture of the aircraft mentioned above;
  - (iv) whether the said aircraft has been acquired on a rental basis;
  - (v) if not, whether it has been acquired on a lease basis; and
  - (vi) if so, of the monthly lease rental installment?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1246/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that a stock of fertilizer is stored at the Thambuttegama Agrarian Service Centre;
  - (ii) if so, of the quantity of the said fertilizer stock;
  - (iii) of the year since which the said fertilizer has been stored;
  - (iv) of the reasons for not distributing the said stock of fertilizer to the farmers so far;

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- (v) whether there is a plan to distribute the said stock of fertilizer to the farmers;
- (vi) if so, of the procedure to be followed in that regard; and
- (vii) of the date on which the said stock of fertilizer will be distributed to the farmers?

(b) If not, why?

8.

1369/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law, — To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education, — (2)

(a) Will she inform this House of the —

- (i) number of reported cases of abuse and violence in government schools and private schools in Sri Lanka from 2015 up to now, separately for each year;
- (ii) number of school dropouts and suicides that have been reported as a result of incidents of such abuse and violence separately, if any;
- (iii) measures that have been taken regarding such cases of school dropouts and suicides; and
- (iv) measures that will be taken to prevent the incidents of abuse and violence within the school system of Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

9.

1679/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of appeals and objections that have been filed regarding the 'Aswesuma' programme, separately;
- (ii) out of them, of the number of those that are being resolved and the number of those for which benefits have been re-granted, separately; and
- (iii) of the expected time frame for the completion of the settlement of them?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether it is expected to introduce a scientific data system to select the 'Aswesuma' beneficiaries;
- (ii) of the new data that is expected to be verified through it;
- (iii) whether the persons who have obtained benefits based on false information have been identified;

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- (iv) whether steps have been taken to recover the money that has been paid to such persons and to take legal action against them; and
- (v) if so, of the amount of money that has been recovered?
- (c) Will he further inform this House, whether —
  - (i) it has been proposed to adjust the ‘Aswesuma’ benefits based on the cost of living;
  - (ii) steps have been taken to initiate programmes to empower the beneficiary families; and
  - (iii) local or foreign funds have been allocated for the said purpose?
- (d) If not, why?

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Motions**

1.

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 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, April 09<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Social Security Contribution Levy (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*2.

The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— Regulations under the Convention Against Doping in Sports Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports under Section 34 read with Section 3 of the Convention Against Doping in Sports Act, No. 33 of 2013 with regard to the 2026 Prohibited List and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2471/51 of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026, which were presented on 17.03.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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\*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulation under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 4F read with Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 relating to the eligibility criteria and the exemptions or concessions and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2474/66 of 08<sup>th</sup> February 2026, which was presented on 19.03.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Rules under the Central Bank of Sri Lanka Act,— That the Rules made by the Chairperson of the Governing Board and Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka under Section 105 read with Section 7(1) (c) and Part VI of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka Act, No. 16 of 2023 with regard to Repatriation of Export Proceeds into Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2473/30 of 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026, which were presented on 17.03.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

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

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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.

\*6.

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)

\*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Army Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Defence under Sections 29 and 155 of the Army Act (Chapter 357) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2423/34 of 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025, which were presented on 17.03.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Navy Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Defence under Section 161 of the Navy Act (Chapter 358) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2423/35 of 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025, which were presented on 17.03.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Air Force Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Defence under Sections 29 and 155 of the Air Force Act (Chapter 359) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2423/36 of 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025, which were presented on 17.03.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

The Rescue, Rehabilitation and Insolvency (Corporate and Personal) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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\*12.

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

\*13.

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

\*14.

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

\*15.

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

\*16.

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 (10<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025, be considered by Parliament.”

17.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

18.

Online Safety (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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

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#### QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1849/2026

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

(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;

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- (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?

2.

1865/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (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?

3.

1866/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

- (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?

4.

1930/2026

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

- (a) Will he admit that —
    - (i) it is inappropriate to provide for the filing of a case in District Court based on the residence of the plaintiff by amending Section 9(a) of the Civil Procedure Code through the Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Act, No. 43 of 2024;
    - (ii) the Bar Association of Sri Lanka has requested that Section 9(a) be amended and the law be restored to its previous status; and
    - (iii) it has been stated in Parliament on several occasions that the said amendment will be introduced expeditiously?
  - (b) If so, will he inform this House of the current progress in that regard?
  - (c) If not, why?
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