



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, April 08, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1318/2025

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are more than 2,500 Ayurvedic doctors in Sri Lanka who have been unable to obtain government appointments for a long period; and
 - (ii) an injustice has been caused to Unani Medical Officers due to the failure to include their appointments among the 61 Ayurvedic Medical Officer appointments granted in 2023?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to grant government appointments to the Ayurvedic doctors mentioned above in (a) (i)?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1456/2025

Hon. Thurairasa Ravikaran,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that the —
 - (i) Mullaitivu, Mulliyawalai post office has been operating in a rented building since its inception; and
 - (ii) land allocated for it, is currently under the Sri Lanka Army?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, as per district, of the number of post offices, currently established in private buildings in the Northern Province and the monthly rent paid for them;
 - (ii) of the steps that will be taken to build a permanent building for the Mulliyawalai post office; and
 - (iii) whether allocations have been made for it in the budget 2026?
- (c) If not, why?

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3.

1563/2025

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama, — 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 vacancies currently existing in the academic staff of the universities of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) measures that have been taken to fill those vacancies;
 - (iii) reasons for not commencing the Allied Health Science Courses for the students who were enrolled to the University of Ruhuna in year 2023 so far; and
 - (iv) date on which the said courses will be commenced?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1651/2025

Hon. Sunil Rathnasiri, — To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs, — (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Central Cultural Fund has used its funds for the renovation of religious places during the period from 2017 to 2019;
 - (ii) if so, of the division of the Central Cultural Fund that carried out the said renovations;
 - (iii) of the amount spent on that; and
 - (iv) whether the above-mentioned renovations have been carried out in accordance with proper procurement procedures?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the names of the officers who were in charge of the Religious and Artistic Development Division, which was established in year 2017; and
 - (ii) whether the approval of the Department of Management Services has been obtained for the appointment of the Director of the said Division?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the —
 - (i) amount that was allocated for the ‘Sisu Daham Sevana’ island-wide programme;

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- (ii) amount that was allocated for one Dhamma school building under the said programme; and
- (iii) number of Dhamma schools / religious buildings that have been constructed under the said programme?

(d) If not, why?

5.

1655/2025

Hon. Chanaka Madugoda,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) date on which the Inclusive Connectivity and Development Project was commenced;
- (ii) distance of the roads that have been carpeted and developed under the said project so far;
- (iii) names and spending for each road, separately for each district; and
- (iv) number of roads on which work has started but not yet been completed?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the —

- (i) date on which the said project was commenced in the Galle District;
- (ii) distance of the roads that have been carpeted and developed in the Galle District so far under the said project and the amount spent on it, separately;
- (iii) current progress of the project in the Galle District;
- (iv) reasons for the prolonged delay in commencing the concerned project in the Galle District; and
- (v) date on which the said project is scheduled to be completed?

(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 11.00 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

(4)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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 15th February 2025, which were presented on 17.03.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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 15th February 2025, which were presented on 17.03.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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 15th February 2025, which were presented on 17.03.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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

*10.

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.”

11.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

12.

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.”
