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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1187/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether he is aware that the Civil Security Department maintains pre-schools in the Kilinochchi District and that the Civil Security Department pays the salaries of the teachers engaged in teaching in those pre-schools;
  - (ii) of the number of pre-schools maintained by the Civil Security Department in that district; and
  - (iii) of the number of teachers employed in those pre-schools who are paid by the Civil Security Department, together with the total monthly salary paid to them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that money is collected from parents for the uniforms of the students of those pre-schools;
  - (ii) if so, of the amount of money collected from each child;
  - (iii) of the reasons for collecting the aforesaid amount of money; and
  - (iv) of the reasons for the military symbol being placed on those uniforms?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
  - (i) whether he is aware that those pre-schools are under the Provincial Council; and
  - (ii) if so, of the legal basis for them being run by the Civil Security Department?
- (d) If not, why?

(2)

2.

1408/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of families who are living on their own land in the administrative districts of Vavuniya, Mannar and Mullaitivu of the Vanni Electoral District;
  - (ii) separately, of the number of those families that have received legal land permits from the government and those that have not received such land permits;
  - (iii) whether plans have been formulated to implement a special programme to solve the land issues of the people living in the said districts;
  - (iv) if so, of the date on which the implementation of said programme is scheduled to commence; and
  - (v) whether the 'Urumaya' programme implemented by the previous government, will be relaunched?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1473/2025

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether he is aware that there are two abandoned buildings under the Cooperative Village Project in the Tarapuram West Grama Niladhari Division on the Talaimannar Main Road in the Mannar District;
  - (ii) whether the approval of the Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha has been obtained for the aforesaid constructions;
  - (iii) of the purpose for which the said buildings were constructed;
  - (iv) whether all the approvals including the feasibility study report have been obtained for the said project;
  - (v) whether any investigation has been conducted regarding the said project; and
  - (vi) if so, whether the report of the investigation will be submitted?

(3)

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that these buildings have been constructed on a land illegally acquired by the Sri Lanka Entrepreneurship Development Cooperative Society Ltd. through a deed of declaration;
- (ii) of the registered address, date of registration and registration number of this non-operational society, which has been established exclusively for the above project and registered with the same Ministry;
- (iii) whether a copy of its constitution will be submitted;
- (iv) of the details of its Chairperson and other members, including their names and personal addresses; and
- (v) of the details of the projects so far implemented by the said society?

(c) If not, why?

4.

1503/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) extent of land under pepper cultivation and the pepper production in Sri Lanka from 2015 to date, separately by district and by year;
- (ii) income earned from the export of pepper during the aforesaid period, separately for each year; and
- (iii) measures being taken to further encourage the pepper cultivators?

(b) If not, why?

5.

1545/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the plantation community encounters inconveniences at various times due to not receiving clear title deeds for the lands they live in;
- (ii) if so, of the actions that have been taken so far in this regard; and
- (iii) if not, of the actions that are expected to be taken in the future in this regard?

(b) If not, why?

(4)

6.

1640/2025

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 Divisional Secretariats that fall under the Trincomalee District;
  - (ii) whether he is aware that the Thoppur Sub-Divisional Secretariat has not been upgraded, and of the difficulties experienced by the general public as a result;
  - (iii) of the reasons that the said Sub-Divisional Secretariat has not been upgraded to a Divisional Secretariat; and
  - (iv) whether the measures will be taken in the future to upgrade this Sub-Divisional Secretariat to a Divisional Secretariat?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1673/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the government has not conducted surveys and issued deeds for the lands owned by individuals operating holiday resorts in tourist areas such as Sinna Ullai, Arugam Bay, Sarvodayapura, Jalaldeen Square, Kudakalliya, Whisky Point, Kottukal and Light House in the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat;
  - (ii) whether he admits that holiday resorts lacking such documentation cannot be registered with the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority;
  - (iii) whether he is aware that, as a result, the Pottuvil Pradeshiya Sabha has been unable to levy the relevant business tax;
  - (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to provide an opportunity, under the approval of the Divisional Secretary, for land surveys to be carried out by private surveyors in order to expedite the issuance of 'Urumaya' deeds; and
  - (v) whether such lands can be included in the 'Urumaya' scheme using the survey plans prepared in the said manner?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

8.

1853/2026

Hon. Roshan Akmeemana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the operational profit or loss of the Port of Trincomalee, separately for each year, during the last 15 years;
  - (ii) whether the jetties or terminals belonging to the said Port have been leased or otherwise transferred to various private companies later;
  - (iii) if so, of the names of such companies;
  - (iv) whether the taxes or other payments due to the Ports Authority have been duly settled by the said companies;
  - (v) if so, of the details of such payments made during the last 20 years;
  - (vi) whether there are any jetties or terminals currently within the Port of Trincomalee over which the Government has full, semi or partial ownership;
  - (vii) if so, of the names of them; and
  - (viii) of the plans for developing the Trincomalee Port?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1861/2026

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of personnel that were recruited as school sports coaches in 2019;
  - (ii) basic qualifications that were considered for such recruitments;
  - (iii) role expected of such personnel as school sports coaches; and
  - (iv) number of personnel who have been serving in the said post until now?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1905/2026

Hon. R.G. Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) the Hanguranketha Rest House falls within the purview of the Ministry; and
  - (ii) illegal activities are being carried out on the premises?

(6)

- (b) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) name of the person currently operating the said rest house;
  - (ii) basis on which the operations of the said rest house have been entrusted to him;
  - (iii) period during which the said rest house has been under his operation; and
  - (iv) measures that will be taken in the future to ensure effective service from state-owned rest houses?
- (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Presentation of Bills**

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Financial Transactions Reporting (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Financial Transactions Reporting Act, No. 6 of 2006.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Convention on the Suppression of Terrorist Financing (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Convention on the Suppression of Terrorist Financing Act, No. 25 of 2005.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

**Notice of Motions**

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 4 and 5 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 27 of the Parliament.

4.

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.

(7)

5.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into and Report to Parliament on the release of 323 Containers from the Port of Colombo without undergoing mandatory physical inspection and submit its proposals and recommendations in that regard,— That the time period granted to the Select Committee of Parliament to look into and Report to Parliament on the release of 323 Containers from the Port of Colombo without undergoing mandatory physical inspection and submit its proposals and recommendations in that regard, as specified in the Resolution passed by Parliament on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 be extended up to 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026 in terms of Standing Order 102 of the Parliament as the Committee needs further time to report its observations to Parliament.

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#### 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025, which were presented on 17.03.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance,— That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959 and Law, No. 6 of 1978 of the National State Assembly and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026, be approved.

\*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Essential Public Services Act,— That the Proclamation made and published in the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 2481/30 and dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and schedule thereto, by virtue of the powers vested in President in terms of Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979, which was presented on 07.04.2026 be approved.

\*6.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*7.

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

\*8.

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

\*9.

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

\*10.

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

\*11.

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

\*12.

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.”

13.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

14.

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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