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No. 3(10).]

**ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 3
OF
PARLIAMENT**

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Tuesday, May 05, 2026

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Financial Transactions Reporting (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Convention on the Suppression of Terrorist Financing (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development having considered the recommendations of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and upon approval of the Cabinet of Ministers under Section 53 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2471/52 of 16th January 2026, which was presented on 09.04.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development having considered the recommendations of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and upon approval of the Cabinet of Ministers under Section 53 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2471/53 of 16th January 2026, which was presented on 09.04.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development having considered the recommendations of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and upon approval of the Cabinet of Ministers under Section 53 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2471/54 of 16th January 2026, which was presented on 09.04.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act (No. 4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development having considered the recommendations of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and upon approval of the Cabinet of Ministers under Section 53 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2471/55 of 16th January 2026, which was presented on 09.04.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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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 under Section 71 read with Section 52 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2475/28 of 13th February 2026, which were presented on 09.04.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— Regulations under the National Transport Commission Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development under paragraphs (h) and (j) of Section 44 read with Sections 18, 24, 28 and 30 of the National Transport Commission Act, No. 37 of 1991 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2471/68 of 17th January 2026, which were presented on 07.04.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development under Section 237 read with Sections 21, 22, 23, 24 and 24A of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2470/14 of 05th January 2026, which were presented on 07.04.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, May 05, 2026)

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) whether a time-bound national roadmap has been formulated for the period 2027-2040 to progressively reduce food imports and achieve self-sufficiency in major staples such as rice, maize, sugar, pulses, dairy products, onions and potatoes;
 - (ii) of the projected annual reduction targets for food imports from 2027 onwards and of the baseline year used for such projections;
 - (iii) of the estimated capital investment required for irrigation modernization, mechanization, research and development, climate-resilient seed technology, storage infrastructure, cold-chain systems and agro-processing capacity;
 - (iv) whether district-wise scientific crop zoning, contract farming models and guaranteed purchase mechanisms are to be implemented to ensure farmer viability;
 - (v) of the year by which Sri Lanka is expected to substantially eliminate imports of key commodities and conserve foreign exchange;
 - (vi) whether the strategy envisions surplus production for export; and
 - (vii) if so, of the commodities identified, target markets and projected timelines?
- (b) If not, why?

1970/2026

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total number of tourism establishments currently registered under the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority;
 - (ii) of the estimated number of unregistered operators functioning outside the regulatory framework;
 - (iii) of the action taken during the last two years against illegal or non-compliant operators;
 - (iv) of the number of inspections carried out and penalties imposed in that regard;
 - (v) of the total outstanding tax liabilities, including VAT arrears, Tourism Development Levy and other statutory dues payable by tourism entities;

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- (vi) of the annual revenue collected through the National Tourism Development Levy for each of the last four years, separately;
 - (vii) whether such revenue has increased in proportion to tourist arrivals;
 - (viii) of the number of licensed tour guides currently registered and the number of complaints received against them; and
 - (ix) whether a revised Tourism Act or regulatory reforms are being considered to enhance transparency, compliance and investor confidence?
- (b) If not, why?

1971/2026

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) year the coconut industry was established/recognized and key milestones and policy interventions to date;
 - (ii) years of peak production in the last 50 years with output and the most recent year's production;
 - (iii) maximum land under coconut cultivation and the year recorded;
 - (iv) current extent of cultivation, disaggregated by district/province, and reasons for any decline;
 - (v) current national average yield per acre/hectare, district-wise yields, top 5 and bottom 5 districts, and estimated yield gap;
 - (vi) comparative yield-data between Sri Lanka and 6 major coconut-producing countries and Sri Lanka's ranking;
 - (vii) practices to be adopted locally, including implementation timelines;
 - (viii) export earnings in the last 5 years together with the major export markets;
 - (ix) number of persons employed directly and indirectly; and
 - (x) programmes for research, modernization and expansion over the last 10 years?
- (b) If not, why?
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Friday, May 08, 2026

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P. 3/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Providing opportunities for sportsmen and sportswomen who represent a national sports team or claim a national level record to read for any degree course related to the field of sports,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare the necessary legal and higher educational structure for sportsmen and sportswomen who represent any national sports team in Sri Lanka or claim a national level record to pursue any degree course related to the field of sports, not based on their basic educational qualification or the Z-score.

P. 4/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Converting all Colleges of Education in Sri Lanka into University Faculties,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary action be taken by the Government to enforce the Cabinet decision regarding which the proposal was presented and approval obtained by the then Minister on 13th February 2020 as the then Minister of Education to convert the currently functioning nineteen Colleges of Education into University Faculties to be suitable for awarding a four-year degree course with a three-year theoretical course and one-year school-based training, whereas it is necessary to make all the teachers in the school system into trained graduate teachers in order to upgrade the education in Sri Lanka to the advanced international level, and whereas the majority of teachers are currently awarded a higher diploma at the end of a three-year theoretical and practical course.

P. 5/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Developing the bee honey industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be implemented by the government to develop the local bee honey industry as bee honey is of very high medicinal value and in great demand in the local and international market.

P. 6/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to extend the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura since it is considered as one of the railway lines that generate a higher income for the Sri Lanka Railways Department, whereas people living in a number of districts, including Ratnapura, Badulla and Hambanthota will be benefitted from extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura.

P. 8/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Combining the knowledge on Sri Lankan food culture with the teaching process,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be implemented by the government to make the food culture of Sri Lanka known among local and foreign people and elevate the Sri Lankan identity by endowing the future generations with the Sri Lankan food culture pedagogy through

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pedagogical methodologies as food art of Sri Lanka is comprised of a number of aspects including the art of flavors and mixing art of cooking food, art of coloring and the art of food carving.

P. 9 /2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Making the society aware of the value of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that a national level programme be formulated and implemented by the government in regard to the manner in which children should be protected in the face of social challenges for the future betterment of the society and the country, having explained the value of children in a simple manner through sociological and psychological methodologies to the persons such as parents, teachers, sports coaches, school van drivers that always associate with school children.

P.10/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Developing sports in estate sector,— That this Parliament resolves that a Sports development program should be launched in order to get the youth contribution of the estate sector for the sports development of the country, as they have displayed their skills locally and internationally, and they do not have any sports facilities in their estate schools as well as the estate areas where they live.

P.16/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulating a programme to streamline the appointments made to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the government prepare a programme to make all appointments to the foreign service, which is tasked with uplifting Sri Lanka's image before the international community, based on the results of competitive examinations and on merit in order to prevent political appointments made to the foreign service, which have led to the deterioration in the quality of the service leading to failure to achieve its desired objectives.

P.17/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulating a proper procurement methodology for purchasing goods and services to depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board,—This Parliament resolves that the government do formulate a proper procurement methodology for purchasing goods and services to depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board with a view to preventing corruption as the absence of such a methodology is the main cause of the corruption rampant in the Sri Lanka Transport Board.

P.18/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—Formulating a program to make school students aware of the University of Vocational Technology,— That this Parliament resolves that a program be developed by the government to make schoolchildren aware of the courses of the University of Vocational Technology, which targets at the job market and vocational technology, deviating from the traditional university framework in Sri Lanka.

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P.20/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Preparing the subjects falling under the provincial councils in a scientific methodology,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare an appropriate programme to allocate the subjects coming under the purview of the provincial councils according to a proper methodology based on a scientific basis to avoid the situation that has arisen since the subjects coming under the purview of the provincial councils have been currently allocated in a way that has no scientific basis, and that various problems have arisen because of this.

P.21/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri, — Developing a proper methodology to strengthen the Sri Lanka Transport Board, — That this Parliament resolves that the Government should develop a proper methodology to prevent fraud and corruption that occur during the procurement of goods and services by the Sri Lanka Transport Board, since strengthening the public transport service in Sri Lanka is an essential matter.

P.22/2024

Hon Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme to increase milk production,— That this Parliament resolves that a program to increase the milk production in Sri Lanka should be implemented by the government to avoid the substantial amount of foreign exchange outflow on the annual importation of milk.

P. 26/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Making Sports Bodies in Sri Lanka free from politicization,— That this Parliament resolves that the elected politicians should be prohibited from contesting and holding leading positions in sports bodies, as it is evident that these organizations have become heavily politicised in Sri Lanka.

P. 30/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Banning the naming of political parties according to ethnicities or religions,— That this Parliament resolves that naming of political parties based on ethnicities or religions be banned and such a change be effected in the names of presently functioning political parties bearing names denoting ethnicities or religions, taking into consideration the situation that has arisen in Sri Lanka at present.

P. 31/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of 1% return for employees in relation to inflation,— That this Parliament resolves that the Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund which are administered by government institutions shall ensure that the employees receive returns at least 1% higher than the annual inflation rate.

P. 32/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Provision of free travelling facilities to senior citizens,— That this Parliament resolves that all senior citizens be provided with free transport facilities in public transport services.

P. 33/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Setting up of a unit with legal powers to solve the problems faced by the migrant employees,— That this Parliament resolves that a unit with legal powers be set up to look into problems faced by migrant employees including assault, abduction, rape, sexual abuse, homicide, financial fraud and facilitate the safe return of affected workers to Sri Lanka and look into their safety.

P. 34/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Formulation of a National Programme to introduce New Inventors to the World,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to introduce new inventors and citizens who are endowed with various skills to the world and to improve their skills and creations.

P. 35/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Tax concession to industrialists who utilize indigenous raw materials,— That this Parliament resolves that a two-year tax concession be granted to local industrialists who utilize more than 75% indigenous raw materials in the production of goods for the international market.

P. 36/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enabling the Right to Vote,— That this Parliament resolves that every individual above the age of eighteen shall be allowed to vote as there is a greater number of registered voters that have been deprived of voting and if an individual does not vote after the name appears on the register they should be fined which helps to create a more participatory democratic process.

P. 39/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,— Taking actions to prevent public dissatisfaction with all local government institutions at the grassroots level,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary steps to give more attention to all local government institutions at the grassroots level, which are the public representative bodies closest to the people, as there is often a very dissatisfied feeling among people towards these institutions.

P. 41/2025

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Preparation of a program to amend the constitution including the composition of Sri Lanka Cricket,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take measures to amend the constitution including the composition of Sri Lanka Cricket as there has been a great deal of discussion in society regarding the Sri Lanka Cricket at present, and the Sri Lanka Cricket has become an institution where irregularities are common due to the power of a certain group of societies in its elections and such situation needs to be prevented.

P. 43/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Formulating a course of action to prevent the misuse of the positions of professors and doctors,— That this Parliament resolves that the government do take necessary action to formulate a course of action through the University Grants Commission for preventing the situation, where many persons in our society misuse the titles such as Professor and Doctor.

P. 44/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Implementing the recommendations given in the Audit Report 2023 pertaining to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper course of action be formulated by the government to implement the recommendations given in the National Audit Report pertaining to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, which is like the heart of the Sri Lankan economy, as important recommendations have been given in the Report concerned.

P. 45/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—Using the money of local government institutions for public services in a proper manner,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper course of action be formulated by the government to prevent the state of affairs, whereas facts have been unveiled to the effect that many local government institutions deposit their money in fixed deposits with the objective of earning a profit instead of using such money for purposes such as providing public and health services as well as common amenities and improving public thoroughfares.

P. 48/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—Bringing Industries related to Petroleum, Fuel and Water under the regulation of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that, whereas industries related to electricity, petroleum, fuel and water should be regulated, industries related to petroleum and water have not been subjected to regulation for more than 21 years because the Acts relevant to the supervision of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and the National Water Supply and Drainage Board have not been amended and therefore, necessary legal procedures be implemented to change this state of affairs.

P. 49/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— Formulation of a programme to regulate the process of issuing licenses for filling stations,— That this Parliament resolves that, as the process of issuing filling station licenses in Sri Lanka is highly irregular, a regulatory programme be formulated to streamline the process of issuing filling station licenses.

P. 50/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,—Formulating a methodology to prevent the damage caused by the pine plantations to sources of water and the environment,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be formulated to remove pine plantations and to substitute useful indigenous plants considering the damage caused to sources of water and the environment by pine plantations, which have been grown especially in mountainous areas including the Uva Province.

P. 51/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of a Faculty of National Languages, — That this Parliament resolves that a Faculty of National Languages should be established in order to teach Sinhala, Tamil and English to teachers.

P. 52/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulating a program to exercise justice to the individuals who have become the victims of microfinance loans,— That this Parliament resolves that a program should be formulated to ensure justice to the individuals who have obtained microfinance loans due to the fact that the majority of them have now become victims of the loans concerned.

P. 53/2025

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Formulation of a program to develop and regulate the Teledrama industry, — That this Parliament resolves that a regulatory body be established to develop and regulate the teledrama industry, which is a major industry that provides entertainment to the people of the country.

P. 54/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,— Taking action against those who committed large-scale misappropriation of public funds in local government institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that investigations should be conducted expeditiously into the large-scale misappropriations of public funds that have taken place in all the local government institutions situated throughout Sri Lanka and action should be taken to have punishments meted out to all authorities who were involved in such acts in accordance with the existing laws.

P. 55/2025

Hon. Upul Kithsiri,— Preservation of places of historical value in Sri Lanka, including Maduwanwela Walawwa, which belongs to the Kolonna Divisional Secretariat Division of the Ratnapura District,— That this Parliament resolves that whereas there are many places of historical value in Sri Lanka including the Maduwanwela Walawwa, a historical place belonging to the Kolonna Divisional Secretariat Division of the Ratnapura district, whereas such places have attracted tourists and such places have become extremely unsafe at present, the government should formulate a course of action to save them for posterity for utilizing them for the tourism industry while preserving such places without damaging their original antiquity and promptly surveying and settling the lands belonging to such places.

P. 56/2025

Hon. Upul Kithsiri,— Designation of the Udawalawe Area as a Tourist Zone,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary measures to declare the Udawalawe area, encompassing the Udawalawe region in the Ratnapura District and the Sevanagala region in the Monaragala District, as a designated tourist zone, in view of the inability to experience the versatility of the area in the case of both local and foreign tourists due to the absence of a proper mechanism in place, despite the presence of significant tourist attractions such as the Udawalawe National Park, Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, Sankapala Rajamaha Viharaya, Udawalawe Reservoir, Sevanagala Sugar Factory, Sevanagala Sugarcane Research Institute, Udawalawe Freshwater Fisheries Center, and Waulpana Limestone Cave.

P. 57/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M. L. A. M. Hizbullah,— Establishment of a fund called “Sri Lanka Baithulmal Fund”,— That this parliament resolves that Government should take the necessary steps to establish a fund to be called the “Sri Lanka Baithulmal Fund” under the Ministry of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs, whereas the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs does not currently have a fund that is required in matters relating to education, culture, occupation and inter-ethnic cooperation and in matters related to livelihood of the Muslim community living in Sri Lanka, whereas a fund called “Baithulmal” has been established many years ago for these needs in Muslim countries of the world and countries where Muslim minorities live, and whereas the necessary financial provisions can be obtained from those living in this country and those living in foreign countries, if this fund is established in Sri Lanka.

P. 58/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law,— Appointment of a trained student counsellor to every school for the educational development, vocational development and personal social development of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary steps to appoint a trained student counsellor to every school for the sake of educational development, vocational development, and personal social development of school children, whereas various psychological disturbances are currently observed among many school children and these conditions indirectly affect their physical and social well-being, and whereas teachers are appointed as student counsellors and the service expected from them has not been effectively delivered in some instances despite their being appointed as such due to their role of school teachers impinging, and whereas the necessity for a student counsellor has emerged in every school.

P. 59/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Formulation of a pension scheme for the Sri Lankans working abroad, who are styled as “*Rata Viruwan*” (Migrant Heroes),— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should formulate a pension scheme by establishing a pension fund using a certain percentage of the money received from the Sri Lankan labour force working overseas as foreign exchange, whereas the contribution of them is very significant in revitalizing the national economy of Sri Lanka, and whereas the said employees have to undergo various difficulties by being unable to engage in a job after returning to Sri Lanka while living with their children after working abroad for many years due to the economic crisis.

P. 60/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,— Preventing suicide among young children,— That this Parliament resolves that, given the failure of existing measures to prevent young children from committing suicide, including training teachers for counselling in every school, establishing a counselling division in every divisional secretariat and a counselling unit at every district secretariat, offering diploma courses, degree courses and postgraduate courses in counselling in state and private universities, and establishing psychiatric units in every major hospital to address depression lately, it is imperative for political authorities, government officials, the electronic and print media, and the public to deeply intervene in all these measures.

P. 61/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,—Formulation of a system to prevent the sale of unhealthy food to children in school canteens within the school system of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should introduce and implement restrictions on the types of food and beverages permitted for sale in school canteens, in order to control the diabetes condition among school children in Sri Lanka, whereas specialist doctors have pointed out that diabetes is now widely diagnosed among school children in Sri Lanka, and whereas the types of food consumed, as well as dietary habits and eating patterns, are major causes of diabetes, and whereas food items containing high amounts of sugar and flour, which contribute to diabetes, along with foods such as fried rice, *kottu*, and instant noodles, are being sold in large quantities to schoolchildren through school canteens within the Sri Lankan school system.

P. 62/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Making Rail freight transport more efficient,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology be formulated by the government for the transport of goods and fuel by train whenever possible whereas the main purpose of starting the railway service in Sri Lanka had been the transport of goods, and whereas the railway service has now deviated from that objective, and whereas rail freight is a less expensive method, and whereas its benefits are directly accrued to the people of the country.

P. 63/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody, — Minimizing the injustice caused to farmers in selling their agricultural produce,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate measures to change the processes in which both the farmer and the consumer suffer injustices at the same time and to serve justice to the farmer and to the consumer whereas the farmers of this country experience grave injustices in selling their agricultural produce as the wholesale dealers as well as the retail sellers set a very low price for their produce and whereas the consumers have to pay very high prices in buying the said agricultural products.

P. 64/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Designing a regulatory framework for pre-school education,— That this Parliament resolves that a unified system for regulating pre-school education in Sri Lanka, should be established through a single institution, recognizing that the pre-school education is of vital importance and a crucial factor among all the educational opportunities, currently available in the country.

P. 65/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Facilitating the producers of export goods,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary steps be taken to facilitate the young entrepreneurs involved in the export sector, who play a key role in generating foreign exchange, whereas producers of agricultural and other goods targeting exports lack adequate facilities, expertise, and access pathways for export market.

P. 66/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Introduction of Literature as a subject in the Advanced Level Science, Commerce and Technology streams,— That this Parliament resolves that Literature should be introduced as an additional subject in the Advanced Level Science, Commerce and Technology streams in schools in Sri Lanka in order to enhance the skill of literary appreciation of the students pursuing such streams for Advanced Level.

P. 67/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Provision of care to inpatients at hospitals,—That this Parliament resolves that the Government should formulate a system whereby patients receiving inpatient treatment at hospitals are provided care by caregivers employed by the hospital, whereas nursing officers in charge of the ward inform that a custodian should accompany a patient receiving inpatient treatment at a hospital day and night, and whereas, in the absence of such a custodian, private caregivers have to be hired on a fee-paying basis, and whereas such caregivers charge approximately Rs. 3,500 per day, which is unaffordable if the patient is required to stay in the hospital for several days.

P. 68/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Granting permanent title deeds to permit holders of lands,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper system of granting permanent title deeds to the people of this country be developed whereas a significant number of the people only have permits or deeds such as Swarnabhoomi for their lands.

P. 70/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Promoting tourism services and economic development in Jaffna,—That this Parliament resolves that Jaffna and Northern Sri Lanka be recognized as key tourism hubs and steps should be taken to support the creation of a centralized tourism platform in Jaffna to connect travelers from across the country and abroad with local hotels, restaurants, and service providers, promoting authentic travel experiences, by encouraging and facilitating the establishment of tourism service businesses that empower local operators and promote cultural heritage, supporting policies and investments that enhance infrastructure, digital connectivity, and marketing to boost tourist arrivals and satisfaction in Northern Sri Lanka, promoting public-private partnerships to foster sustainable tourism development and economic growth in the Jaffna region, and by monitoring the impact of such initiatives on local employment and business opportunities, aiming for sustainable economic benefits within 12 to 18 months, whereas promoting tourism services and economic development could strengthen the local tourism economy, create jobs, and showcase Jaffna as a vibrant cultural destination.

P. 71/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Establishment of a permanent Special Economic Zone in Jaffna and the Northern Province to create sustainable youth employment,—That this Parliament resolves that a permanent Special Economic Zone (SEZ) be established in Jaffna and the Northern Province, alongside other strategic locations nationwide, whereas the establishment of a permanent Special Economic Zone could

stimulate economic growth, attract both local and foreign investment, and generate sustainable employment opportunities for the youth, and whereas by developing such zones, the government can promote industrial expansion, enhance skills development, and encourage entrepreneurship, thereby addressing unemployment and fostering the long-term socio-economic advancement of Jaffna and the Northern Province, and the country as a whole.

P. 72/2025

Hon. Kanthasamy Prabu,— Promoting self-sufficiency in milk production,— That this Parliament resolves that a National Dairy Development Policy be implemented by the Government to achieve self-sufficiency in milk production, by improving breed access and veterinary services, expanding fodder cultivation, strengthening farmer training and infrastructure, providing incentives to dairy farmers, promoting public-private partnerships, and encouraging research in dairy development, and a mechanism be devised for the relevant Ministries to coordinate with provincial councils and farmer groups, and the relevant Committee of Parliament to monitor implementation and recommend further action, whereas country currently relies on dairy imports, leading to significant foreign exchange loss, and farmers face issues such as limited access to good breeds, veterinary care, fodder, and infrastructure, and whereas addressing these challenges would enhance food security, create rural jobs, and reduce dependency on imports.

P. 73/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Sri Lankans be afforded better opportunities for health,— That this Parliament resolves that all Sri Lankans be afforded better health opportunities means of which employees of the private sector must be provided with free facilities through Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund and in the case of Public Servants or non-employees, by the Government through the President's Fund with full cost, whereas majority of the population are subject to open heart surgeries.

P. 74/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—Establishment of Bus Priority Lanes Expediently in the Morning and Late Afternoon Hours on Working Days of the Week in Main Towns,—This Parliament resolves that a bus priority lane system be implemented in the morning and late afternoon hours as a remedy for the severe road congestion that prevails in the morning and afternoon hours in major towns.

P. 75/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Renewal of the Bilateral Agreement of Driving Licenses between Italy and Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that steps should be taken to renew the bilateral agreement of driving licenses between Italy and Sri Lanka, as it provides great benefits to Sri Lankans.

P. 76/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Introduction of a Smart Grid and Smart Meters,— That this Parliament resolves that measures be taken to convert the national electricity grid into a Smart Grid and to introduce Smart Meters, in view of the fact that the electricity generated, particularly through rooftop solar panels, cannot currently be distinguished at the system control center, despite the importance of promoting solar energy as a renewable energy source.

P. 77/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Banning harmful artificial flavoring agents used to flavor food,— That this Parliament resolves that the use of harmful flavoring agents be banned after conducting a proper study through a recognized institution, since it is reported that artificial flavoring agents used in local restaurants and hotels to flavor food items such as rice, kottu and noodles contribute to various non-communicable diseases.

P. 78/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe, — Expanding the railway line from Batticaloa to Pottuvil or the railway line from Matara to Kalmunai,— That this Parliament resolves that steps should be taken to expand the railway line from Batticaloa to Pottuvil or the railway line from Matara to Kalmunai since a large number of people in the Batticaloa, Ampara and Moneragala Districts will benefit from the expansion of the railway line from Batticaloa to Pottuvil and the expansion of the railway line from Matara to Kalmunai.

P. 79/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law,— Favourable control and suppression of the proliferation of common water hyacinth,— That this Parliament resolves that it is opportune that the government formulate relevant project proposals for a sustainable solution through the favorable control and suppression of the common water hyacinth plant, whereas it is an invasive plant known by its scientific name *Eichhornia crassipes* (Mart.) Solms, has encroached upon farmlands and wetlands exhibiting an accelerated propagation rate that displaces indigenous flora and destabilizes the ecological balance, whereas consequent sediment accumulation has impeded water transport courses and flow of water, exacerbated flood risks, degraded the quality of water needed for daily use and disrupted hydropower generation, whereas its suppression through the use of chemical herbicides poses a health risk to people using that water, and whereas the breeding of maggots and the spread of diseases such as filariasis and dengue occur in these areas.

P. 80/2025

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— Establishment of a Commission to Investigate the Unilateral and Forced Cremation of the Remains of Deceased Muslims During the COVID-19 Pandemic,— That this Parliament resolves that a Commission be established to investigate the number of bodies of Muslims that were unilaterally and forcibly cremated contrary to the guidelines of the World Health Organization during the COVID-19 Pandemic, to investigate the names and addresses of the victims who were so cremated, to inquire into the background that led to the forced cremation of the said dead bodies, to assess the mental state of the relatives of the victims who were so cremated, and to investigate steps to be taken against politicians and government officials who acted contrary to the said guidelines in support of such cremations.

P. 81/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Formulation of a system to stop the ripening of fruits using chemicals,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal system be developed to stop the practice of ripening fruits using chemicals, which is being carried out by unscrupulous businessmen with the aim of making profits while destroying the future of the country, whereas unripe fruits are artificially caused to ripen using chemicals and are sold in the Sri Lankan fruit market instead of naturally ripened fruits, whereas imported fruits are also sold after being artificially ripened using chemicals, and whereas these fruits are mostly consumed by children.

P.82/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Formulation of a methodology to consider the Key Performance Indicators as criteria for the appointment of heads of institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be integrated to the public service to consider the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) of public sector officials as a criterion alongside their seniority when appointing heads of government ministries and departments, and that recommendations be obtained for the appointment of heads of institutions accordingly.

P. 83/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Taking the Key Performance Indicator into consideration in assigning positions to the Members of Parliament and the Ministers,— That this Parliament resolves that the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) of the Members of Parliament and the Ministers be reviewed annually and a system for assigning positions to them be developed taking the said indicator into consideration.

P. 84/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Safeguarding the independence of persons who have held positions commencing from the Chief Justice down to lower ranks in the judiciary when they are appointed to other positions, — That this Parliament resolves that persons who have held positions commencing from the Chief Justice down to the lower ranks in the judiciary, should not be appointed to positions in the public service, corporate boards, commissions, tribunals or the foreign service (such as ambassadors) for a period of at least three years from the date on which they ceased to hold those positions in order to protect their independence.

P. 86/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Prohibition of political parties from crediting the salaries, allowances and vehicle permits, etc. of public representatives to their party funds,— That this Parliament resolves that the political parties shall not be permitted to credit the salaries, allowances and vehicle permits, etc. of public representatives to their party funds whereas the practice of political parties crediting the monthly salaries, allowances and vehicle permits, etc. of elected public representatives of their party, to party funds is detrimental to the independence of such representatives, and whereas such action poses a serious challenge to democracy.

P. 87/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Establishment of a Rehabilitation Centre in each District for Drug Addicts,— That this Parliament resolves that at least one rehabilitation centre be established in each district with all facilities, whereas a rapid increase in the number of users of drugs such as heroin is observed at present, whereas the fact that addicts are not limited to one area, but are spread throughout the country and are promoting the drug use has led to this increase, and whereas the fact that rehabilitation centers for drug addicts are found only in a few locations across the country poses a serious problem in controlling the growth of the number of drug users.

P. 88/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— Formulation of a National Policy and Methodology for the Wildlife Management in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that a practical and modern policy and methodology be formulated and implemented, whereas Sri Lanka is internationally recognized as a country with high biodiversity, whereas due to deforestation, human encroachment, illegal wildlife trade, and escalating human-wildlife conflicts, both these wildlife as well as human lives are lost in large numbers annually, whereas the formulation of a National Wildlife Management Policy through new policies and plans is a sustainable development objective, and whereas this would result in protection of animal habitats, reduction of human-wildlife conflicts, and improvement of the economic status and social life of the farming communities.

P. 89/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— More productive use of agricultural lands in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that lands be used in a more productive manner to increase agricultural production by 30% over the next few years, thereby increasing farmers' incomes, expanding commercial agriculture, and establishing a baseline database containing information on land type, crop suitability, water and cultivation by exploring all agricultural lands, with the goal of ensuring national food security and improving the living standards of farmers, whereas the agricultural sector is a prominent entity in Sri Lanka's economy, whereas only about 40% of agricultural lands are used in the production process annually, and the remaining lands are not used due to improper planning, lack of water resources, lack of technical knowledge and lack of innovation, and whereas a large amount of money is spent annually on importing food due to the low level of production.

P. 90/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Improving the sea transport facilities for residents of the offshore islands in the Jaffna District,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate action to provide modern, safe, fast and reliable sea transportation for the residents of the offshore islands, particularly Neduntheevu, Nainatheevu, Eluvaithivu and Analaitivu in the Jaffna District, whereas the residents of these islands have been deprived of adequate sea transport facilities for several decades, whereas, as a result, they are compelled to spend several hours travelling by sea, whereas patients, pregnant women, the elderly, school staff and employees of non-governmental organisations face severe difficulties and risks while undertaking these journeys, and whereas it is acknowledged that "The development of villages is the development of the Nation".

P. 91/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Commencing the Talaimannar - Rameswaram ferry service,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate actions to commence the Talaimannar-Rameswaram ferry service, whereas it would increase tourist arrivals particularly from India, and whereas it enables the public to travel to Tamil Nadu at a lower cost and purchase essential goods at affordable prices subject to the prevailing laws and regulations, thereby improving their livelihoods.

P. 93/2025

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— Establishment of a special Development Fund dedicated to reduce regional disparities in development,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government of Sri Lanka should take steps to; establish a National Development Fund for lagging regions such as Northern Province, Eastern Province, Monaragala District, and Nuwara Eliya District, to mobilize contributions from government, bilateral and multilateral partners, private investors, and philanthropic donors, with a target size of USD 250 million over a 10+2 year program tenure; deploy the Fund strategically to revive rural livelihoods through agriculture, fisheries, and cottage industries, to develop infrastructure for promoting employment and women's socio-economic empowerment, to activate idle assets and support SMEs and cooperatives, to invest in renewable energy and other commercially viable ventures, to initiate capacity building and educating women and youth; facilitate the establishment of a Technical Assistance Facility (TAF) to build local capacity, close viability gaps in investments, and ensure effective and transparent utilization of funds; ensure gender inclusivity across all investment areas, with measurable targets to promote women's participation in economic activities and decision-making; mandate relevant Ministries, Provincial Councils, and local authorities to coordinate with the Fund to ensure equitable regional coverage, accountability, and sustainability in project implementation, by considering the establishment of the Fund an urgent national measure towards inclusive growth, reconciliation, and sustainable development of Sri Lanka, whereas these lagging regions are continuing to face severe economic deprivation due to the effects of the protracted civil conflict and historical neglect over the past decades; whereas the present economic crisis has further aggravated these disparities, placing disproportionate burdens on the livelihoods of the people in these lagging regions; and whereas it is necessary to establish a dedicated national initiative to address these concerns, with the objective of promoting equitable growth, sustainable development, and gender empowerment in economically deprived areas.

P. 94/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Developing a programme to protect the mangrove ecosystem,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme should be developed to protect the mangrove ecosystem which is extremely important for environmental balance and the fishing industry.

P. 95/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — Regularization of the procedure for issuing permits for private buses,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be developed to prevent corruption in the process of issuing permits for private buses carried out by the Provincial Road Passenger Transport Authority whereas the said procedure has become extremely corrupt.

P. 97/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Providing an incentive to family units to increase the number of births in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary measures to introduce an attractive incentive for family units with a view of increasing the number of births in Sri Lanka whereas it has been observed that the annual number of births in Sri Lanka has been continuously declining since 2018, whereas the youth population of Sri Lanka will definitely decline in the future as a result, and whereas such a decline in the youth population will have a severely detrimental impact on the economic development process of the country.

P. 98/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera, — Promoting the 'Sooryabala Sangramaya' Project, — That this Parliament resolves that the 'Sooryabala Sangramaya' (Battle for Solar Energy) Project should be further promoted and protected as a method of reducing the price of a unit of electricity and a strategy of protecting the environment, whereas solar energy has been identified as a profitable and environmentally friendly energy source out of the energy sources in Sri Lanka, and whereas over 2000 MW of electricity generated from solar energy has been already added to the national grid under the 'Sooryabala Sangramaya' Project which was launched on 06.09.2016.

P. 99/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Promotion of the 'Kalutara Coastal Zone' as a Special Economic Zone,— That this Parliament resolves that the 'Kalutara Coastal Zone,' which includes the new land created due to the shifting of the Kalu River estuary and the Calido beach, should be promoted and developed as a Special Economic Zone, both for the purpose of developing a tourist zone based around the Kalutara town and as a strategy for the protection of the Kalu River estuary and the coast.

P. 100/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Expediting the Construction of the 'Millaniya Export Processing Zone',— That this Parliament resolves that the government should consider the construction of the 'Millaniya Export Processing Zone' a priority project and take the necessary steps accordingly, whereas a total of 240 acres of land have already been acquired for the construction of the said Export Processing Zone in the Kalutara district, whereas the government has already spent nearly one billion rupees to provide expressway access, piped water, and electricity for the project, and whereas the land selected for the Export Processing Zone has already been identified by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka as suitable for the proposed project.

P. 101/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Promotion of Providing Secondary Education in English,— That this Parliament resolves that English medium education should be implemented in all secondary schools in Sri Lanka and that the government should prioritize adequate investment for the initiative, whereas 'English' has been recognized as the Link Language of Sri Lanka in terms of Article 18(3) of the Constitution, whereas 'English', as an international language, is a crucial means of acquiring knowledge for citizens, whereas it is essential for

all Sri Lankans to achieve proficiency in English as the link language to live together in one country, regardless of linguistic or ethnic differences, whereas the system of providing secondary education in English within the Central College system of Sri Lanka which emerged under the concept of free education and in a number of other schools has been successful, and whereas education in English is extremely important for Sri Lankan citizens to access international employment opportunities.

P. 102/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Establishment of a Faculty of Engineering for Uva Wellassa University,— That this Parliament resolves that an Engineering Faculty be established for Uva Wellassa University, taking into account the growing needs of the construction, mechanical, industrial, and information technology sectors in Sri Lanka, as well as global requirements, whereas considering that Uva Wellassa University is an institution that supplies graduates with modern technical skills who fulfill the requirements of both the domestic and foreign job markets.

P. 103/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Designing a programme to improve swimming skills,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be established to promote the exceptional swimming skills possessed by our ancestors, who developed a highly advanced irrigation civilization, among the current generation whereas the number of individuals drowning in water has been observed to be steadily increasing in recent times.

P. 106/2026

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— Establishment of a Faculty of Medicine for South Eastern University of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that a Medical Faculty be established for the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, taking into account the growing needs of the medical sectors in Sri Lanka, as well as global requirements, whereas considering that South Eastern University of Sri Lanka is an institution that supplies graduates with modern technical skills who fulfil requirements of both the domestic and foreign job markets.

P. 108/2026

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva,— Protection of the Diyagama Forest,— That this Parliament resolves that, urgent action should be taken to immediately halt all clearance and development activities within the Diyagama Forest, to gazette it as a protected area under the Fauna and Flora Protection Act (FFPA), to place it under the jurisdiction of the Department of Wildlife Conservation, and to ensure the strongest possible legal protection against future encroachment and unsustainable development; whereas the Diyagama Forest is one of the last remaining urban lowland rainforest near Colombo and the closest rainforest fragment to the city; whereas it plays a vital role as a natural flood buffer by regulating water flow through its wetlands and streams that feed the Bolgoda River, thereby protecting surrounding communities from flooding; whereas this forest is home to over 220 species of flora and fauna, including endangered species such as the Red Slender Loris, Purple-faced Langur, and Fishing Cat; whereas it constitutes a critical biodiversity hotspot serving as a last refuge for approximately 12.6% endemic flora and 11.58% endemic fauna, many of

which are increasingly threatened by urban expansion; whereas the Diayagama Forest is internationally recognized for its Loris population, attracting foreign visitors and presenting strong potential for sustainable eco-tourism; whereas the protection of this forest is essential for safeguarding biodiversity, climate resilience, and community safety; and whereas the loss of the Diyagama Forest would be irreversible, making its immediate conservation imperative for future generations and in fulfillment of Sri Lanka's national and international conservation commitments.

P. 109/2026

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Establishment of a Truth Commission,— That this Parliament resolves that a Truth Commission be established to strengthen the process of investigating the loss of life, disappearances, and other destruction caused by the war in the North and East which spanned over twenty-six years, and to identify the future steps that can be taken toward establishing national unity.

P. 110/2026

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Introducing a legal mechanism to restrict the use of social media for children under the age of 15,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken to introduce a legal mechanism to restrict the use of social media for children under the age of 15, whereas issues such as increased mental pressure and stress, decline in educational performance, cyberbullying, and exposure to indecent and unsafe content among children are rising due to excessive social media use; and whereas developed countries such as Australia, France, and Denmark have already introduced laws to restrict social media use for children; and whereas it is necessary to protect the mental health, safety, and educational development of children by implementing measures such as setting the minimum age for opening social media accounts at 15 years, making age verification methods mandatory for social media companies, imposing fines and taking legal action against entities that violate the law, and taking appropriate measures regarding children who access social media using the accounts of adults; .

P. 112/2026

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— Repeal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act,— That this Parliament resolves that, the Government of Sri Lanka should take immediate steps to repeal the Prevention of Terrorism Act, No. 48 of 1979 (PTA) in its entirety, without introducing any replacement legislation containing similar provisions, whereas the PTA has been used for over 40 years to enable prolonged arbitrary detention, to extract false confessions through torture, and to target minority communities and civil society groups and whereas a state of emergency may be declared when absolutely necessary, and terrorism-related offences are already prosecutable under the Penal Code, and whereas there is no justification for a permanent counter-terrorism law with sweeping powers.

Hon. Sujeewa Dissanayake,— Abolishing the additional six percent pension deduction from the salaries of Pirivena Teachers,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary measures be taken, to abolish the deduction of an additional six percent from the salaries for the pension of Pirivena Teachers, who play a key role in Pirivena education with effect from 1 April 2026, whereas the traditional Pirivena education system, in parallel with the modern school system, holds a prominent place in the country's education sector and whereas the privileges and recognition afforded to the modern school education system, its teachers, and students are not equally extended to the Pirivena education system and its teachers and lay and monastic students.

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

120/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that an audit report has been issued regarding the import of organic fertilizer from China;
 - (ii) of the financial loss that has been caused by the import of organic fertilizer from China as per the said audit report;
 - (iii) of the recommendations that have been made in the audit report concerned; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to implement the said recommendations?
- (b) If not, why?

363/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) whether he is aware that there is no post office in the Mankadu area of the Eruvilpattu Divisional Secretariat Division, Manmunai South in Batticaloa District, and therefore the people of the area go to the Settupalayam Post Office, which is located about one kilometer away; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that will be taken to establish a post office in the Mankadu area?
- (b) Will he also state —
- (i) whether he is aware that the Kaluwanchikudy Post Office, which is located in a private building, does not have adequate facilities;

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- (ii) whether he is aware that the building belonging to the Postal Department is currently in an unusable condition; and
- (iii) if so, whether steps will be taken to renovate the above building and hand it over to the Postal Department?
- (c) Will he further state —
 - (i) whether he is aware that a part of the land on which the post office is located in Palayativattai village in Vellavelli Divisional Secretariat Division, Poratheevu Pattu is still under military control; and
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to free the said land from military control?
- (d) If not, why?

588/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he admits that the Department of Wildlife Conservation is a very important department;
 - (ii) of the approved cadre for the said department and the number of employees currently serving there;
 - (iii) of the number of vacancies in the said department, separately in each position at present; and
 - (iv) of the measures being taken to fill those vacancies and provide other necessary resources to the department at a time when the human-elephant conflict is escalating?
- (b) If not, why?

1886/2026

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

- (a) Is he aware that the —
 - (i) Kalmunai Municipal Council is facing operational problems at present;
 - (ii) shortage of essential machinery, vehicles and technical equipment has led to the said problems; and
 - (iii) public services including solid waste management, road maintenance, drainage works and public health services have been hampered due to the said shortages?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether an official estimate has been prepared to identify the machinery and capacity requirements of the aforementioned Municipal Council;

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- (ii) if so, of the requirements that have been identified in the said estimate;
 - (iii) of the time frame that has been prepared for providing the necessary resources; and
 - (iv) whether expedite or long-term plans have been prepared to provide the necessary vehicles and machinery to the Municipal Council to ensure the delivery of a proper and consistent service?
- (c) If not, why?

1921/2026

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of families without title deeds in the Kotte Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) of the number of unauthorized families without title deeds;
 - (iii) whether a programme has been implemented to grant title deeds to those families; and
 - (iv) if not, whether measures will be taken to provide title deeds to those families?
- (b) If not, why?

1925/2026

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

- (a) Will she state —
- (i) whether school committees have been established to implement compulsory education regulations for children between the ages of 05–16 years in government schools in the Western Province;
 - (ii) whether students who attend school intermittently, those who are absent for prolonged periods and those who have dropped out of school have been identified; and
 - (iii) if so, of the number of such students, separately?
- (b) Will she also state —
- (i) whether students with low levels of achievement and those with special educational needs in government schools in the Western Province have been identified;
 - (ii) of the officers who have been appointed to identify such children;
 - (iii) of the number of students identified as having low achievement levels;

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- (iv) of the programme implemented for children who require special education;
 - (v) whether there is a regulatory programme for the readmission of students who leave school; and
 - (vi) if so, what the said programme is?
- (c) If not, why?

1949/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the manner in which the Fatima Road playground in Mabola within the Wattala Divisional Secretariat Division, was acquired by the Wattala Mabola Urban Council;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the aforesaid land was owned by the former Chairman of the Wattala Mabola Urban Council; and
 - (iii) whether it is permissible for a Chairman of an Urban Council to sell a land owned by him to the same Council during his tenure of office?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the aforesaid land, which was originally a marshy area, was sold by preparing forged deeds;
 - (ii) if so, of the amount of money that was spent by the Urban Council to purchase the aforesaid land;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid purchase is legal; and
 - (iv) if not, of the action that will be taken against the officers involved in the relevant purchase?
- (c) If not, why?

1975/2026

Hon. Sugath Wasantha de Silva,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) of the number of children with disabilities in Sri Lanka between the ages of 3 to 5 years;
 - (ii) of the percentage of the children, out of the aforesaid number, who have got enrolled in preschools;
 - (iii) whether a formal arrangement would be made to provide equal and fair opportunities for the early childhood development of those children;

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- (iv) of the measures taken to direct the children with disabilities from low-income households to preschool education;
 - (v) whether formal facilities and services are provided for the children with disabilities studying in public and private preschools;
 - (vi) if so, of the aforesaid services and facilities;
 - (vii) of the guidelines and circulars issued for the admission of the children with disabilities to preschools; and
 - (viii) of the training programmes provided to preschool teachers to enable them to work with children with special educational needs?
- (b) If not, why?

1981/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Kandy District of the —
- (i) major destructions that have occurred due to Cyclone Ditwah;
 - (ii) losses of land, damages to houses and damages to businesses separately in each Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iii) religious places that have been damaged and the financial assessment of such damages separately;
 - (iv) number of people living in rented houses due to the loss of their own houses;
 - (v) total compensation paid to the families that have lost their houses;
 - (vi) number of new housing projects proposed for the damaged houses and of the number of projects that have been initiated so far;
 - (vii) number of families that have been provided with alternative lands so far; and
 - (viii) number that has been compensated so far, out of the businessmen in the Gampola town of the Udapalatha Divisional Secretariat, due to the disruption of businesses?
- (b) If not, why?

1988/2026

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) year in which the Irrigation Training Institute, Galgamuwa was established;

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- (ii) objectives for which the said institution was established;
 - (iii) extent of land allocated for the said institution;
 - (iv) number of buildings presently situated within the said land; and
 - (v) number of staff currently employed at this institute?
- (b) Will he also state this House —
- (i) of the courses conducted at this institute;
 - (ii) of the year in which the said institute first enrolled students;
 - (iii) of the number of students so enrolled;
 - (iv) of the number of students who have successfully completed the courses to date;
 - (v) of the most recent year in which students were enrolled to the said courses;
 - (vi) whether there are any government or private institutions that conduct similar courses; and
 - (vii) if so, of the names of such institutions?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

230/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a pledge has been made through the manifesto 'A Thriving Nation - A Beautiful Life' to establish Provincial Directorate of Public Prosecution external to the Attorney General's Department to undertake prosecution matters on behalf of the government;
 - (ii) whether it is acknowledged that the above policy is correct; and
 - (iii) if so, of the reasons for not establishing Provincial Directorates of Public Prosecution for each province of Sri Lanka outside the Attorney General's Department as per the above pledge, so far?
- (b) If not, why?

460/2025

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether situations have arisen in which essential drug suppliers are being discredited and removed from supply by deliberate creation of quality failures in relation to several major pharmaceutical products; and

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- (ii) of the occasions where life-saving/expensive drugs, that are required to be stored at a temperature between 2-8°C have been withdrawn from use due to various reasons, during last 05 years?
- (b) Is he aware —
 - (i) that the removal of long-term suppliers through the creation of quality problems in drugs is also taking place at the regional hospital level;
 - (ii) that those suppliers refuse to submit estimates for tenders of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation due to the said reason; and
 - (iii) of the number of drugs removed, batch withdrawals or product withdrawals done by the National Medicines Regulatory Authority?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that those removed drugs are being sold in the private market;
 - (ii) whether there is a separate division to lodge complaints regarding such irregularities; and
 - (iii) if so, of the number of such complaints received in the year 2024?
- (d) If not, why?

468/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of staff members currently employed at the Road Development Authority;
 - (ii) total distance of roads in the country, under the central government and the Provincial Councils, separately in kilometers;
 - (iii) annual cost incurred for the maintenance of each of the last 05 years, separately;
 - (iv) cost per kilometer for the construction of new roads; and
 - (v) cost per kilometer, when such construction work is tendered out to private companies?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) number and names of the expressways currently in operation;
 - (ii) distance and annual maintenance cost of the expressways referred to in (i) above;
 - (iii) total revenue for the government from these expressways;
 - (iv) return on investment for each of these expressways; and
 - (v) names of the new expressways currently under construction and those planned for construction in future, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

553/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the wife and children of Mr. Rohana Wijeweera, the founding leader of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna;
 - (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 people, 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, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

643/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the extent of land under cultivation of black gram in the Mahaweli “H” zone this season;
 - (ii) of the number of farmers who have so cultivated black gram as is mentioned above;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that these farmers are facing difficulties in selling their produce at a fair market price; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to resolve the aforesaid problem?
- (b) If not, why?

673/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) date on which the free trade agreement between Sri Lanka and Pakistan was signed;
 - (ii) objectives of signing the said agreement;

(30)

- (iii) respective values of imports and exports made by Sri Lanka under the above agreement in each year from 2020 to 2024, separately; and
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to review this agreement?
- (b) If not, why?

886/2025

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) whether he is aware that people have settled in the state lands for which ‘deeds of grant’ or ‘land permits’ of the state were given during the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2025 out of the state lands situated in the Divisional Secretariat Division of Eravurpattu, Chenkaladi in the Batticaloa District; and
 - (ii) if so, of total number of such people and their names and other relevant information?
- (b) If not, why?

1248/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) whether the proposed new educational reforms will be implemented from 2026;
 - (ii) of the main steps incorporated in this programme;
 - (iii) whether she accepts that the training of principals, teachers, and education officers, which is a vital component of this programme, should be conducted first;
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to secure the contribution of teachers, principals, and officers to this programme efficiently and effectively;
 - (v) whether she accepts that, due to the module system incorporated in this programme, teachers are expected to teach several subjects;
 - (vi) if so, how the module system will be practically implemented in the school system; and
 - (vii) of the method for procuring competent teachers to implement the Vocational Education stream within the school system, in line with the new educational reforms?

- (b) Will she also inform this House of the —
- (i) districts in which the new educational reforms programme has been initiated;
 - (ii) number of schools that have been selected from each of these districts separately; and
 - (iii) names of such selected schools?
- (c) If not, why?

1633/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of dairy farmers currently registered and engaged in cattle farming in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) approximate number of cattles owned by the said farmers; and
 - (iii) extent of grazing land provided to farmers for cattle grazing?
- (b) If not, why?

1936/2026

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

- (a) Is he aware that the —
- (i) Ceylon Fisheries Corporation is an institution that provides services to both the fishing community and the consumers; and
 - (ii) functions of the Corporation have been impaired during the previous regime?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether any financial irregularities have occurred in the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation;
 - (ii) of the number of ice plants belonging to the Corporation;
 - (iii) of the current operational status of the machinery in those ice plants;
 - (iv) whether there is a plan for the development of the Corporation; and
 - (v) if so, of the current progress achieved in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, May 21, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

746/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,—To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of officers of the Attorney General's Department who have left Sri Lanka in each year from 2015 up to date each year, separately;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that because of the current shortage of officers with special talents in the Attorney General's Department, one officer has to handle approximately 200–300 files;
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to minimize the delay caused because of the above reason; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to fill the vacancies existing in the Attorney General's Department?
- (b) If not, why?

773/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,—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 workers who have gone abroad for employment and suffered various forms of harassment since 2015, to date separately for each country;
 - (ii) number of persons among them who have been repatriated to Sri Lanka by now; and
 - (iii) interventions and measures being taken for the workers who are subjected to such harassment?
- (b) If not, why?

841/2025

Hon. Mujibur Rahman,—To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date of closure on which the Colombo National Art Gallery, which is managed by the Department of Cultural Affairs, for renovation;

- (ii) whether he is aware that the said renovation activities have not yet been completed;
 - (iii) of the amount of money that has been spent on the said renovation activities so far;
 - (iv) whether he admits that 42 invaluable ancient paintings which had been kept at the National Art Gallery have disappeared; and,
 - (v) of the measures that are to be taken in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

921/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a pension is paid to the widows of military personnel killed in action, from the date of the death of such military personnel up to the date on which they would have reached retirement; and
 - (ii) whether a fixed monthly allowance is paid to such widows after the said date of retirement?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether a fixed monthly allowance is paid to the widows of military personnel who reported missing during the war, effective from the date on which such personnel would have reached their retirement age;
 - (ii) if not, whether the payment of such allowance is denied on the grounds of the entry ‘missing due to a terrorist attack’ in the death certificate;
 - (iii) if so, whether he admits that it constitutes an injustice caused to the widows of such war heroes; and
 - (iv) whether there is a possibility of making legal provision to pay the fixed monthly allowance to the widows of such war heroes, taking into account the period they have been missing?
- (c) If not, why?

1013/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the number of financial cybercrime cases, currently pending, under investigation, in which legal action is being taken and those that have been resolved, separately by province and year;

(34)

- (ii) the average time taken to investigate and prosecute financial cybercrime cases;
- (iii) whether dedicated cybercrime investigation units with expertise in financial fraud have been established in all provinces;
- (iv) the Government's stance on the use of advanced technologies, such as AI-based fraud detection systems, for investigating financial cybercrimes; and
- (v) of the steps the Government has taken to prevent financial cybercrimes, including collaboration with financial institutions and the use of advanced technologies such as AI-based fraud detection systems?

(b) If not, why?

1303/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,—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 names of the officers attached to the education zones who are currently serving as In-Service Advisors and Resource Persons on an acting basis;
- (ii) of the names of the officers who have been appointed as In-Service Advisors and Resource Persons on acting basis by the Secretary to the Provincial Ministry of Education for the Eastern Province, the Provincial Director of Education for the Eastern Province, and Zonal Directors of Education for the Eastern Province; and
- (iii) whether steps will be taken to confirm the In-Service Advisors and Resource Persons who have been serving in their respective posts on an acting basis for a prolonged period?

(b) If not, why?

1371/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House of the —

- (i) date on which the Suraksha Student Insurance Scheme was launched;
- (ii) initial objectives of the said insurance scheme;
- (iii) number of school children who have benefited from the said insurance scheme each year separately, since its inception;

(35)

- (iv) name of the insurance company that implements the said insurance scheme; and
 - (v) current position of the government on the said insurance scheme?
- (b) If not, why?

1469/2025

Hon. Chanaka Madugoda,—To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) reason for not hitherto commencing the legal proceedings in the new court complex in Beligaha, Galle, in spite of the fact that it was declared open on 19th July 2024;
 - (ii) expected dates for the commencement of legal proceedings in the said court complex;
 - (iii) purposes for which the ancient buildings and premises of the Galle Fort courts complex, where judicial proceedings are currently being conducted, are expected to be used, after the commencement of the duties at the aforesaid new complex; and
 - (iv) loss incurred by not making use of the buildings and land of the new court complex in Beligaha, Galle to date?
- (b) If not, why?

1770/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,—To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the objective of introducing a QR system on distributing fertilizer subsidy for tea plantations has been fulfilled;
 - (ii) if so, of the available data to demonstrate such success;
 - (iii) of the practical limitations of the current QR code system;
 - (iv) whether there have been instances where the objectives were not achieved by implementing this system;
 - (v) if so, of the main reasons for such an outcome;
 - (vi) of the alternative facilities or relief provided by the Government to the tea planters who were placed at a disadvantage by the said QR code system;
 - (vii) whether the Government is to take prompt measures to improve or enhance the efficiency of the said QR code system; and
 - (viii) if so, of such measures that will be taken?
- (b) If not, why?

1771/2025

Hon. Sunil Rathnasiri,—To ask the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Rural Development Bureau is implementing development projects in the Muruththanai Grama Niladhari Division of the Koralaipattu South Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the aforesaid projects;
 - (iii) of the total amount allocated for the said projects; and
 - (iv) of the current progress of the said projects?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, May 22, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1186/2025

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

- (a) Will she admit that —
 - (i) there is a national school known as Kili/Kilinochchi Central College in the Karachchi Divisional Secretariat Division of the Kilinochchi District;
 - (ii) the standard of education in the above school, which is one of the two national schools in the Kilinochchi District, has now declined;
 - (iii) there exist vacancies for both academic and non-academic staff, and a shortage of resources, including furniture, at the school; and
 - (iv) the standard of education for the students cannot be improved without filling the vacancies referred to above?
- (b) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the availability of the principal, deputy principals, teachers and non-academic staff serving at present in the above school;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not filling the vacancies in the non-academic staff of the above school up to date;
 - (iii) of the date on which all the vacancies in the said school will be completely filled; and

(37)

(iv) of the dates on which the needs related to the buildings and furniture of the above school will be fulfilled?

(c) If not, why?

1360/2025

Hon. Thuraiyasa Ravikaran,—To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that, since the lands that belong to the people of Mullikulam have been under the control of the military since 2007, the displaced people from the said area have not been able to return to their villages;

(ii) of the reasons as to why the said people have been unable to resettle in their places of residence;

(iii) as there are more than 300 displaced families in the said area who lack proper housing facilities, livelihood opportunities, and basic amenities, of the relief that has so far been provided by the government to those people;

(iv) whether the ancestral lands, houses, schools and religious places that belong to the people of Mullikulam are currently under the control of the Navy;

(v) if so, of the steps that will be taken to release them and return them to the people;

(vi) whether there is a sustainable plan or a specific time frame for the resettlement of the said displaced people in their permanent residences; and

(vii) if so, of the expected time frame for the completion of the said process?

(b) If not, why?

1407/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,—To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that the National Housing Development Authority should issue land grants for the 125 plots of land of 20 perches each in Omanthai/Veppankulam area in the Vavuniya District, which were handed over to the National Housing Development Authority by the Vavuniya Divisional Secretariat and which were distributed among public sector employees in 2011;

(38)

- (ii) whether the current value of the said lands, which were distributed among the public sector employees 14 years ago as undeveloped lands, have been estimated after development of those lands;
- (iii) if so, whether the said lands will be revalued taking into account the value of those lands at the time of their distribution;
- (iv) of the time frame in which such revaluation will be done; and
- (v) of the time frame in which land permits can be issued to the occupants of these lands after revaluation?

(b) If not, why?

1514/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the operating profit/loss of the Trincomalee Port in each year, separately, from 2010 to 2024;
- (ii) whether the jetties or terminals owned by the Trincomalee Port have been given to various private companies on a lease or on any other basis;
- (iii) if so, of the names of the companies referred to above;
- (iv) whether the said companies have properly paid the taxes or other payments owed to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority; and
- (v) if so, of the details of the above payments from 2005 to 2024, separately for each year?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether the Trincomalee Port currently has any jetties or terminals that are fully or partially owned by the government?
- (ii) if so, of the said jetties or terminals; and
- (iii) of the plans available for the development of the Trincomalee Port?

(c) If not, why?

1547/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that electrical poles and electrical cables are installed unsafely in rural areas of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so, whether a proper investigation has been conducted in this regard; and
- (iii) of the measures that are taken to expand low-capacity cable systems?

(b) If not, why?

1643/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the areas in the Trincomalee District that have been provided with drinking water by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board;
 - (ii) of the areas in the said District that have not yet been provided with drinking water;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that 4,000 families living in the areas of Kuchchaveli, Pudawaikkattu, Thiriyaya and Salappeyaru are facing difficulties in obtaining drinking water as drinking water has not been provided to the said areas; and
 - (iv) whether a plan will be implemented forthwith to provide drinking water to the said areas?
- (b) If not, why?

1716/2025

Hon. R.G.Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (3)

- (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?

1757/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately in relation to the below mentioned Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the —
 - (i) number of farmers who have submitted applications under Circular No. 2008/04 from the Lahugala Divisional Secretariat Division and, out of them, of the number of those who belong to the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) number of new land permits that have been issued to the above-mentioned farmers;

(40)

- (iii) total number of new permits that have been issued by the Lahugala Divisional Secretariat during the last 17 years in accordance with the said circular;
 - (iv) number of land permits that have been applied for under the said circular, but have not yet been issued; and
 - (v) number of permits that have been recommended by the Land Title Settlement Department of the Eastern Province and have been forwarded to the Lahugala Divisional Secretariat, but have not yet been issued?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the reasons that have led to the retention of the said land permits without being issued; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to issue the said land permits to the eligible persons expeditiously?
- (c) If not, why?

1908/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the extent of land under *Garcinia* (*Goraka*) cultivation in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he admits that cultivators are adversely affected by the frequent fluctuations in the price of *Garcinia*; and
 - (iii) if so, of the measures that will be taken to address the issues faced by them?
- (b) If not, why?

1990/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether sufficient rice stocks can be released to the market during the festive season;
 - (ii) of the controlled prices of all types of rice by type, separately;
 - (iii) of the arrangements made to distribute rice through Lanka Sathosa Limited;
 - (iv) of the types of rice imported; and
 - (v) of the current prices of such rice by type, separately?

(41)

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether sufficient stocks of essential food are stored within the country;
 - (ii) whether such food is imported solely by the private sector;
 - (iii) if not, in what manner the public sector intervenes in this regard;
 - (iv) whether the Consumer Affairs Authority intervenes adequately to control the prices of rice and other essential food items; and
 - (v) of the details can be provided on the manner in which the Authority intervenes in price control?
- (c) If not, why?
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