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Tuesday, May 05, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

107/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the profit earned or loss incurred by the Ceylon Electricity Board from the year 2015 up to now, separately for each year;
 - (ii) if losses were incurred, of the reasons for such losses; and
 - (iii) if the Ceylon Electricity Board is earning a profit at present, whether steps will be taken to provide some relief to electricity consumers?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount of money that has been paid to the companies by the Ceylon Electricity Board from the year 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) whether a review or an evaluation has been conducted in respect of the agreements entered into with those companies; and
 - (iii) if so, of the stance of the Ministry in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

233/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the recommendation made to establish a Provincial High Court exercising civil appellate jurisdiction for the Western Province at the Panadura Courts Complex;
 - (ii) of the steps that have been taken to implement that recommendation; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to establish the ‘Civil Appellate High Court’ in Panadura as soon as possible?
- (b) If not, why?

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361/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the then State Minister in charge of the subject stated in Parliament on 10.02.2021 that the approval of the Cabinet had been sought to restructure 'The Finance Company'; and
 - (ii) the date on which the said approval was granted and the date on which a suitable investor was called?
- (b) Will he admit that —
 - (i) the CBSL filed a case in the Commercial High Court on 15.02.2021 to liquidate the said institution; and
 - (ii) it is inconsistent with the above statement?
- (c) Will he also state —
 - (i) the date on which the Sri Lanka Deposit Insurance and Liquidity Support Scheme pays Rs. 500,000/- to each aggrieved depositor;
 - (ii) whether the total amount due to the depositors can be paid using the money from the above fund;
 - (iii) if not, what the reasons are;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that in January 2019, the Central Bank allowed 'The Finance Company' to earn a sum exceeding Rs. 950M under the Special Standing Deposit Facility Rate system—at a rate of one billion rupees per month—and subsequently cancelled its license; and
 - (v) if so, the action that will be taken with regard to this?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

467/2025

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

- (a) Will he state separately of the —
 - (i) number of registered star class hotels, years in operation, room capacity, direct and indirect employees in each District from 2020 to date;
 - (ii) number of Airbnb registered websites for the said period;

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- (iii) tourists arrivals, total earnings and per capita earnings from 2010 to date;
 - (iv) number of Booking.com institutions operating; and
 - (v) amount earned and taxes paid by them?
- (b) Will he also state of the —
- (i) average stay of tourists visiting;
 - (ii) number of annual repeat visitors; and
 - (iii) number of arrivals from Singapore, Thailand, Japan, USA, China, UK, Malaysia, Dubai, India, Turkiye, Indonesia, Australia, Vietnam, France and Canada in each year from 2020 to date separately?
- (c) Will he further state of the —
- (i) weaknesses of the tourist industry;
 - (ii) negative impacts thereof; and
 - (iii) steps taken to ameliorate such weaknesses?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

568/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) has obtained loans from the State banks as at the year 2024;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of those banks;
 - (iii) of the outstanding amount of those loans; and
 - (iv) of the measures being taken by the Ministry to minimize the obtaining loans from bank by the CEB?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

642/2025

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that a nationwide power failure occurred in Sri Lanka on 09.02.2025;
 - (ii) of the number of committees appointed by the Ministry of Energy and the Ceylon Electricity Board to investigate causes of the power failure, separately;

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- (iii) of the names of the members of each of those committees, separately;
- (iv) of the facts revealed in the findings in the reports of the committees;
- (v) of the names and designations of the officials directly responsible for the power failure; and
- (vi) of the actions that will be taken in relation to the findings of the committee reports?

(b) If not, why?

7.

1176/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— 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 number of employees on the personal staff of the present Speaker, their official designations and their educational qualifications;
- (ii) whether the ‘Speaker’s Residence’ is used as the official residence of the Speaker; and
- (iii) of the number of employees appointed by the Speaker to the aforesaid official residence, their names, positions and educational qualifications?

(b) Will she also inform this House —

- (i) of the number of vehicles provided for the use of the Speaker and his staff;
- (ii) separately, as per each aforesaid vehicle, of the registration number, the model and the monthly fuel quota; and
- (iii) of the procedure by which the fuel is procured for the aforementioned vehicles?

(c) Will she further inform this House —

- (i) whether the Speaker has used an apartment within the apartment complex belonging to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, and Local Government, located at the Loris Lane, Colombo 04;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid house is still being used; and
- (iii) of the responsible parties for the payment of rent, electricity and water bills of the aforesaid house?

(d) If not, why?

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8.

1632/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House, separately, as per each year of the —
 - (i) total number of students who sat for the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination, in the last 03 years;
 - (ii) number of students who sat for the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination out of the aforesaid number of students; and
 - (iii) percentage of the students mentioned in (i) and (ii) above, calculated against the total number of students admitted to the Primary section in the relevant years?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1935/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka is the authority responsible for the freshwater fisheries, shrimp and ornamental fish industries in the country;
 - (ii) if so, whether the said Authority has provided the necessary facilities for the above sectors during previous administrations;
 - (iii) of the number of fish and shrimp breeding centres owned by the Authority; and
 - (iv) whether the Authority has the capacity to provide sufficient fish and shrimp fry for aquaculture activities in the country?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether financial irregularities have occurred within the Authority during the recent past; and
 - (ii) whether the Authority has a programme to develop the aquaculture sector?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

1947/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) total loss incurred by the Sri Lankan Airlines from 1st January 2019, up to now;

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- (ii) operation loss, out of aforesaid loss;
 - (iii) annual lease instalment/loan instalment, paid for the aircraft by the Sri Lankan Airlines; and
 - (iv) number of aircraft for which aforesaid lease instalment/loan instalment is paid?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
- (i) total amount of the loan, obtained by the Sri Lankan Airlines;
 - (ii) total loan instalment, payable annually for the aforesaid loan; and
 - (iii) instalment capital and the interest of aforesaid loan instalment, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Prevention of Money Laundering (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, No. 5 of 2006.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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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*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

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

*16.

Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme,— Adjourned debate on question (10th April 2025) Motion made and question proposed,— “Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme, which was tabled in Parliament on 14th March 2025, be considered by Parliament.”

17.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

18.

Online Safety (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

19.

Institute of Facilities Management Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1969/2026

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;

(10)

- (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?

2.

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 02 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;
- (vi) of the annual revenue collected through the National Tourism Development Levy for each of the last 04 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?

3.

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;

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- (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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