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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, May 07, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

765/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of officers who were initially involved in the investigation activities initiated after the Easter Sunday attacks;
 - (ii) out of those officers, of the number of officers who were later removed from those investigations;
 - (iii) of the reasons for removing the said officers from the investigation activities; and
 - (iv) whether steps are taken to re-engage the officers mentioned in (ii) above for the investigation activities?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

815/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of individuals who got registered with the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment and departed for overseas employment as housemaids each year from 2015 to the present, separately;
 - (ii) of the number of them as per each country, separately;
 - (iii) whether the details of such individuals have been entered into the data system of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment;

(2)

- (iv) of those individuals, the number who died, committed suicide, or suffered from various accidents, separately; and
- (v) of the measures that will be taken by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment with regard to the welfare of them?

(b) If not, why?

3.

840/2025

Hon. Mujibur Rahman,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,—(2)

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) of the number of students currently studying in the Dhammarathana Vidyalaya, Lakshapathiya Shikshadhana Vidyalaya and Sunandopananda Primary School in Moratuwa, separately;
- (ii) whether she is aware that these schools are currently in a state leading to closure; and
- (iii) if so, what measures will be taken in this regard?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1016/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) the number of cybercrime cases relating to offences against women that have been resolved and those that remain pending investigation or prosecution, separately for each province in last 03 years;
- (ii) the average time taken for the resolution of such cases;
- (iii) whether dedicated cybercrime units have been established in each province, including the Northern Province;
- (iv) whether any steps have been taken to strengthen digital safety for women, including use of AI-based monitoring systems, public awareness programmes, and stricter enforcement measures; and
- (v) if so, of the details of such initiatives?

(b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

1188/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Civil Security Department maintains agricultural farms in the districts of Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Vavuniya and Mannar;
 - (ii) of the location of those farms separately according to each District and Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (iii) of the extent of each farm and the number of personnel employed therein, separately, according to each district?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is interference by the security forces in the daily lives of the people in the Northern and Eastern Provinces;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not handing over the farms that should have been handed over to the Northern Provincial Council, out of such farms maintained with the intervention of the military; and
 - (iii) of the time frame during which the relevant farms will be thus handed over?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

1337/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the Sports Officers serving in the 20 Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the Ampara District, separately by each Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that there are 13 vacancies in the post of Sports Officer in the said District for a long time; and
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken to fill the vacancies referred to above?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that despite the fact that a District Youth Service Officer (Sinhala) and a District Youth Service Officer (Tamil) had been appointed respectively for the areas where the Sinhalese population is predominant and for areas where Tamil population is predominant from Dehiattakandiya to Panama in the Ampara District, there is presently no District Youth Service Officer (Tamil); and

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(ii) if so, whether a District Youth Service Officer (Tamil) will be appointed for those areas?

(c) If not, why?

7.

1457/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) approved cadre, the number of officers currently in service, and the number of vacancies in the post offices of Mullaitivu, Mannar, and Vavuniya Districts, separately;

(ii) measures that will be taken to fill the said vacancies;

(iii) districts in which Divisional Superintendent of Post Offices have not yet been established; and

(iv) steps that have been taken to relocate the Mullaitivu District Divisional Superintendent of Post Offices in Mullaitivu, which is currently being operated in Vavuniya?

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

(i) of the districts where vehicle facilities for mail delivery are not presently available; and

(ii) of the steps that will be taken to provide vehicle/transport facilities to the above districts to ensure an efficient postal service?

(c) If not, why?

8.

1471/2025

Hon. Chanaka Madugoda,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that the waste disposal is not being carried out properly at the National Zoological Gardens, Dehiwala;

(ii) whether the existing dining facilities for zoo visitors are considered fit for their intended purpose;

(iii) if not, whether it is intended to construct a suitable place for that purpose;

(iv) separately, of the monthly income and expenditure of the zoo; and

(v) of the future renovation work to be carried out at the zoo?

(b) If not, why?

9.

1823/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether community water supply projects are being implemented in the Vavuniya District;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such projects currently in operation;
 - (iii) of the details of the projects;
 - (iv) of the number of projects providing water to the public out of those projects;
 - (v) of the areas benefiting from the water projects referred to above;
 - (vi) whether there are any water supply projects that are not currently operational;
 - (vii) if so, of such projects;
 - (viii) of the reasons for those projects not being operational;
 - (ix) whether action will be taken to bring those non-operational projects into operation; and
 - (x) if so, of the date?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1854/2026

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) a housing complex belonging to the Food Commissioner's Department exists in the Dhanyagama area of the Trincomalee Town and Gravets Divisional Secretariat Division in the Trincomalee District; and
 - (ii) the said housing complex is not being properly administered?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of housing units currently available in the said housing complex; and
 - (ii) procedure followed and the criteria applied in the allocation of those housing units?
- (c) If not, why?
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(6)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 3, 4 and 5 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 27 of the Parliament.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on Friday, May 08th, 2026 shall be 11.35 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 11.35 a.m. on Friday, May 08th, 2026.

5.

Hon. M.A.M. Thahir,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Mass Foundation”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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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*2.

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.)

*3.

The Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— Regulations under the Immigrants and Emigrants Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs under Section 52 read with Section 23 of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act (Chapter 351) on 23rd April 2026, which were presented on 05.05.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Essential Public Services Act,— That the Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2486/13 and dated 28th April, 2026 and schedule thereto, by virtue of the powers vested in President in terms of Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979, which was presented on 06.05.2026 be approved.

*6.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

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

*13.

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.”

14.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

15.

Online Safety (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

16.

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.”
