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

Issued on Friday, May 08, 2026

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Prevention of Money Laundering (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 20 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2481/02 of 23rd March 2026, which were presented on 05.05.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 20 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2482/08 of 31st March 2026, which were presented on 05.05.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 20 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2482/12 of 02nd April 2026, which were presented on 05.05.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Leader of the House of Parliament,— Decision under the Standing Orders of Parliament,— That this Parliament determines under the provisions of Standing Order 119(4) of Parliament, that the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts, published as Parliamentary Series No. 243 and tabled in Parliament on July 25, 2025 which contains facts regarding the investigations conducted by the Committee on Public Accounts on 10.03.2025 and 21.03.2025 concerning the Department of Motor Traffic shall be referred to the Attorney-General for observations and necessary action.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Finance (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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National Environmental (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Friday, June 12, 2026

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 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

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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. Hesha 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.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. 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. 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. 41/2025

Hon. Hesha 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

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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. 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. 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. 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. Heshu 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.

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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. 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 Expeditiously 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 Diyagama 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.

P. 113/2026

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, June 23, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1184/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
- (i) whether she is aware that there was a school called Tamilcholai Vidyalaya in the Kilinochchi District;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which the said school was established;
 - (iii) of the years in which the students of the said school had last sat for the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination and the Grade 05 Scholarship examination, separately;
 - (iv) of the name of the said school at present;
 - (v) of the name of the individuals who took steps to change the name of the said school;
 - (vi) of the reasons for changing the name of the said school;
 - (vii) of the date on which the above-mentioned change was made; and
 - (viii) whether it is possible to name the said school after the founder of the said school or a person who pioneered in the establishment of the school?
- (b) If not, why?

1363/2025

Hon. Thurairasa Ravikaran,— 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 principals who have been serving in a school for more than eight years, separately for each province;
 - (ii) of the problems that have been arisen because of a principal has served in the same school continuously for more than eight years;
 - (iii) whether she is aware that while promotions have been given to those who have been absorbed as principals on supernumerary basis in 2012, they have not received the administrative allowances related to their service;
 - (iv) of the obstacles for that;
 - (v) of the obstacles preventing principals on supernumerary basis from applying for the vacant posts of principals in schools; and
 - (vi) of the possibility of granting transfers to principals who have been serving in the same school on supernumerary basis for more than eight years?
- (b) If not, why?

1408/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

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

1470/2025

Hon. Chanaka Madugoda,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that the —
 - (i) rural level sportsmen are faced with severe difficulties due to the rapid increase in the prices of sports items in the market; and
 - (ii) prices of sports items affect the development of sports in rural areas?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) measures that have been taken to provide sportsmen with sports items at subsidized rates; and
 - (ii) measures that have been taken to manufacture sports items in Sri Lanka instead of importing them?
- (c) If not, why?

1473/2025

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that there are two abandoned buildings under the Cooperative Village Project in the Tarapuram West Grama Niladhari Division on the Talaimannar Main Road in the Mannar District;
 - (ii) whether the approval of the Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha has been obtained for the aforesaid constructions;
 - (iii) of the purpose for which the said buildings were constructed;
 - (iv) whether all the approvals including the feasibility study report have been obtained for the said project;
 - (v) whether any investigation has been conducted regarding the said project; and
 - (vi) if so, whether the report of the investigation will be submitted?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that these buildings have been constructed on a land illegally acquired by the Sri Lanka Entrepreneurship Development Cooperative Society Ltd. through a deed of declaration;
 - (ii) of the registered address, date of registration and registration number of this non-operational society, which has been established exclusively for the above project and registered with the same Ministry;

(21)

- (iii) whether a copy of its constitution will be submitted;
 - (iv) of the details of its Chairperson and other members, including their names and personal addresses; and
 - (v) of the details of the projects so far implemented by the said society?
- (c) If not, why?

1475/2025

Hon. Roshan Akmeemana,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) extent of forest reserves gazetted or identified under the Forest Conservation Department in the Trincomalee District and the extent of forests proposed to be converted into forest reserves in hectares;
 - (ii) extent of lands that have been settled or used for cultivation for a long time but have subsequently been taken under the Department of Forest Conservation separately for each Divisional Secretariat Division in the said district;
 - (iii) extent of lands recommended to return from the said lands separately for each Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (iv) programme that has been prepared to control the human-elephant conflict in the Trincomalee District?
- (b) If not, why?

1786/2025

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately, as per each vehicle category, of the number of vehicles, registered in Sri Lanka, at present;
 - (ii) separately, as per each institution, of the annual revenue received by the government from the institutions that conduct vehicle emission tests; and
 - (iii) of the plans formulated to minimize traffic congestion in the future?
- (b) If not, why?

1855/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the year in which the Department of Sri Lanka Railways was established;

(22)

- (ii) of the number of trains owned by the Department at its inception and at present, separately;
 - (iii) of the total route mileage of the railway system at its inception and at present, separately;
 - (iv) whether the current expansion of the fleet and the rail network is deemed sufficient to meet the present demand; and
 - (v) if not, whether attention has been paid to increase the number of trains and extend the railway network?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
- (i) estimated provision allocated in the 2026 budget to reduce road accidents; and
 - (ii) regulations currently in place to minimize accidents and prevent any form of abuse that may occur to children during the transportation of schoolchildren?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
- (i) whether there is a programme to regularize illegal constructions in urban areas; and
 - (ii) if so, of the amount allocated for the purpose referred to above?
- (d) If not, why?

1907/2026

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the celebration of the National Milad-un-Nabi Festival at district level commenced during the tenure of the late Minister M. H. Mohamed;
 - (ii) the National Milad-un-Nabi Festival was celebrated in a grand manner during the tenure of the late Minister A. H. M. Azwar;
 - (iii) thereafter, the said festival continued to be celebrated at district level; and
 - (iv) through such celebrations, mosques in need of renovation were restored, and development initiatives were implemented in Muslim villages?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the district and the area selected for the celebration of the National Milad-un-Nabi Festival in 2026; and

(23)

- (ii) whether the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs has informed the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs to hold the said festival at Temple Trees?

(c) If not, why?

1939/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the total extent of railway reserve land belonging to the Sri Lanka Railways;
- (ii) of the manner in which the aforesaid land is utilized along with the methodology adopted for that purpose;
- (iii) of the extent of reserve land set aside on both sides of the railway line;
- (iv) of the measures that have been taken to protect, clean and maintain those reserve areas;
- (v) whether he is aware of the problematic situations that arise in the development of the roads maintained by local government institutions, which pass through reserves; and
- (vi) of the methodology adopted for the repair of those roads?

(b) If not, why?

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1503/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

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

(b) If not, why?

1546/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of estate line houses in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether a proper inspection has been carried out to ensure that the said line houses have a conducive environment for the people to live there;
 - (iii) whether the relevant estate companies have taken the necessary measures to maintain the said line houses properly; and
 - (iv) of the measures taken regarding the line houses that have not been properly maintained?
- (b) If not, why?

1576/2025

Hon. Kitnan Selvaraj,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Government of India provided ‘City Rider’ buses to the Malayaga people in the year 2016;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of buses referred to above;
 - (iii) of the purpose of providing those buses;
 - (iv) of the names of the organizations that provided those buses and the Ministers who received them;
 - (v) separately, of the number of buses provided to the Badulla and Nuwara Eliya districts, out of the said busses;
 - (vi) of the current condition of those buses; and
 - (vii) of the parties who are currently using those buses and the purposes they are being used?
- (b) If not, why?

1637/2025

Hon. Ruwan Wijeweera,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the number of houses that had been planned for construction and the number of houses that have been fully completed in the Monaragala District under the ‘Semata Sevana’ project;

(25)

- (ii) of the source of funds by which the project had been financed;
 - (iii) of the criteria used in selecting the beneficiaries for this housing project;
 - (iv) of the number of houses that have been constructed in the Buttala Divisional Secretariat Division of the Monaragala District under this project; and
 - (v) separately, of the amount allocated for the constructions and the actual amount spent?
- (b) If not, why?

1641/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of depots belonging to the Sri Lanka Transport Board operating in the Trincomalee District;
 - (ii) of the names of the said depots;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of buses available in those depots that are in operational condition at present;
 - (iv) separately, of the number of vacancies in the staff of each of those depots; and
 - (v) of the steps that have been taken or will be taken in the future to improve the bus fleets and the human resources in the depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board in the Trincomalee District?
- (b) If not, why?

1673/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the government has not conducted surveys and issued deeds for the lands owned by individuals operating holiday resorts in tourist areas such as Sinna Ullai, Arugam Bay, Sarvodayapura, Jalaldeen Square, Kudakalliya, Whisky Point, Kottukal and Light House in the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat;
 - (ii) whether he admits that holiday resorts lacking such documentation cannot be registered with the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that, as a result, the Pottuvil Pradeshiya Sabha has been unable to levy the relevant business tax;

(26)

- (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to provide an opportunity, under the approval of the Divisional Secretary, for land surveys to be carried out by private surveyors in order to expedite the issuance of 'Urumaya' deeds; and
- (v) whether such lands can be included in the 'Urumaya' scheme using the survey plans prepared in the said manner?

(b) If not, why?

1717/2025

Hon. R.G. Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he admits that the economic development rate and inflation rate had been altered by distorting the national economic data (Data Massage) in the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014;
- (ii) if not, why;
- (iii) whether it has been acted strategically to obtain domestic and foreign debts at high interest rates by altering the basic data of the Sri Lankan economy during the period from 2004 to 2014, indicating an accelerated annual growth rate of national income and artificially presenting a low income economy; and
- (iv) whether there is a connection between the economic hitmen who committed these corruption, fraud and irregularities during the period from 2004 to 2015 and the country's bankruptcy in the year 2022?

(b) If not, why?

1831/2026

Hon. Kanthasamy Prabu,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the present status of the Small and Medium Scale Industrial Zone proposed for the Batticaloa District for the year 2025/2026;
- (ii) of the number of local entrepreneurs who have received industrial training through the Batticaloa Branch of the Industrial Development Board during this year;
- (iii) of the steps that have been taken to facilitate market opportunities for small and medium handloom industries in the Batticaloa District;
- (iv) of the total value of the low interest loans that have been issued to small and medium scale industries;

(27)

- (v) whether steps have been taken to provide special tax concessions to small and medium scale industries related to agricultural products in the Eastern Province;
- (vi) of the current progress of the 'SME Credit Guarantee Fund' for entrepreneurs facing difficulties in the Batticaloa District;
- (vii) whether there is a plan in place to construct a regional packaging centre in the said district; and
- (viii) of the steps that will be taken to protect local, small and medium scale industries from import substitutes?

(b) If not, why?

1920/2026

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) a new bridge is being constructed across the Nawala Canal in Rajagiriya, connecting Angampitiya Road of Ethulkotte with School Lane of Rajagiriya at Nawala;
- (ii) the location where the said bridge is being constructed is a highly sensitivity zone in terms of biodiversity and archaeology; and
- (iii) if so, whether the necessary reports on environmental impact, traffic congestion, socio-economic impact, and archaeological impact have been obtained for the construction of the said bridge?

(b) If not, why?

1993/2026

Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he accepts that a significant number of public servants are a part of the Provincial Public Service, which operates under the Provincial Councils;
- (ii) of the approved cadre for the North Western Provincial Public Service;
- (iii) separately, of the number of vacancies currently existing in aforesaid service, categorized separately by position; and
- (iv) of the measures expected to be taken to fill the existing vacancies and to streamline the process?

(b) If not, why ?

Thursday, June 25, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

27/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) every Pradeshiya Sabha should have a document about of its property; and
 - (ii) most of the Pradeshiya Sabhas do not have such a document?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

135/2024

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of bungalows and official residences currently allocated to Ministers of the Cabinet, Deputy Ministers and Members of Parliament;
 - (ii) name and the portfolio of the Minister/Deputy Minister/ Member of Parliament/people's representative who uses each of the said bungalow/official residence; and
 - (iii) Government's position on granting privileges/ facilities to people's representatives at a time when there is a great opposition from the society against granting them to people's representatives?
- (b) If not, why?

1412/2025

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he accepts that services provided by the Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) and the private sector engaged in passenger transport services in the Batticaloa District should be implemented in an integrated manner; and
 - (ii) if so, of the steps that will be taken for the said purpose?

(29)

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that public transport services, including bus and train services in the said district, are in an unsatisfactory state; and
 - (ii) if so, of the steps that will be taken to rectify such situation?
- (c) If not, why?

1887/2026

Hon. Aboobucker Athambawa,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a large extent of land, including public playgrounds and internal roads, has been destroyed due to coastal erosion in several coastal areas of the Ampara District; and
 - (ii) as cemeteries located in those areas have been affected by coastal erosion, there is a situation where corpses are exposed to the external environment, causing residents to face social and environmental problems?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the short - term, long – term, and permanent measures that have been taken and are expected to be taken to prevent further sea erosion in the aforementioned areas, separately; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to construct coastal protection constructions such as stone bunds and stone walls to prevent the destruction of the aforementioned places?
- (c) If not, why?

1977/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) steps taken to improve the active participation of players with disabilities in sports;
 - (ii) access facilities and opportunities for participation provided at the school and national levels for the aforesaid purpose; and
 - (iii) measures taken to provide the necessary equipment to those players and to ensure access facilities at the stadiums?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of national level competitions in which players with disabilities participated last year;
 - (ii) of the progress in the achievements made by those players;

(30)

- (iii) whether the criteria to ensure fair and equal access in competitions at the zonal, provincial and national levels, are implemented;
 - (iv) if so, of the said criteria; and
 - (v) of the measures taken to identify their talents and direct them to international competitions?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
- (i) whether expert coaches and sports instructors have been assigned to promote the talents of the players with disabilities;
 - (ii) whether there are any competitions specially organized for those players; and
 - (iii) if so, of the names of the institutions that organize such competitions?
- (d) If not, why?

2011/2026

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

- (a) Will he also inform this House of the number of —
- (i) persons engaged in three-wheeler passenger transport, transport of school children and office staff transport services as a livelihood in the Colombo District in the year 2025, separately; and
 - (ii) informal employment opportunities generated in the Colombo District in the year 2025 in connection with the said transport services?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the steps that have been taken to provide legal protection, secure rights and improve the standard of living of the persons engaged in the above-mentioned employment sectors, in order to develop them as productive citizens; and
 - (ii) if not, of the future steps expected to be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

2034/2026

Hon. Sunil Rajapaksha,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of villages established for families who were evacuated from high-risk landslide-prone areas in the Rathnapura District prior to Cyclone Ditwah;

(31)

- (ii) number of families who were allocated plots of land in such villages but have not received the sum of Rs. 1,600,000 granted for the construction of houses;
- (iii) date on which the said payments will be made to those who did not receive; and
- (iv) measures taken to address infrastructure-related issues, including road access, water supply, electricity, and waste disposal, in the said villages;

(b) If not, why?

2037/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the objectives of establishing economic centres have been met;
- (ii) whether he is aware that an economic centre has been established in the Wariyapola area;
- (iii) if so, of the expenditure incurred on its construction;
- (iv) of the institutions operating therein; and
- (v) of the amount of revenue received by the government from the said centre to date?

(b) If not, why?

2040/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of filling stations managed by co-operative societies in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether a commission is paid by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the fuel sold through those filling stations;
- (iii) if so, of the amount of such commission; and
- (iv) of the party that pays the VAT applicable to the purchase price of the fuel?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that co-operative societies are required to pay VAT on the difference between the purchase price and the selling price;
- (ii) whether he is aware that, due to this reason, co-operative fuel stations are at risk of closing down as they are unable to generate a profit; and

(32)

(iii) if so, of the steps that will be taken to implement a relief programme to sustain these filling stations?

(c) If not, why?

2051/2026

Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the number of estate health centres —

(i) currently in operation in the Nuwara Eliya District;

(ii) that have already been taken over by the Government; and

(iii) that have been planned to be taken over by the Government in the future?

(b) If not, why?

Friday, June 26, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

193/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether eggs have been imported into this country up to now since the year 2015;

(ii) if so, of the quantity of eggs imported during that period and the amount of money spent on it in each year, separately; and

(iii) of the measures that have been taken to maintain the price of eggs at a stable level?

(b) If not, why?

232/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the policy statement ‘A Thriving Nation – A Beautiful Life’ pledged to appoint a ‘Special Parliamentary Ombudsman’ to enable the aggrieved parties to present their grievances regarding the activities of the Attorney General’s Department;

(ii) if so, of the name and the office address of the Ombudsman, appointed in keeping with aforesaid promise; and

(iii) of the reasons, if the aforesaid appointment has not been made yet?

(b) If not, why?

308/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately in LKR and USD, from year 2015 to date of the —
 - (i) value of exports of goods and income therefrom;
 - (ii) value of imports of goods and expenditure thereon;
 - (iii) trade balance; and
 - (iv) value of exports as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately in LKR and USD, from year 2015 to date of the—
 - (i) export earnings from the services sector, indicating ten main categories;
 - (ii) value of payments for services overseas;
 - (iii) services trade balance;
 - (iv) services as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product; and
 - (v) balance of payments surplus or deficit?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the —
 - (i) areas targeted to improve the balance of payments deficit;
 - (ii) fifteen export items mentioned in (a)(i);
 - (iii) value of export proceeds retained overseas without repatriation, over the last 10 years, separately; and
 - (iv) permitted retention period;
- (d) If not, why?

599/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the monthly salary paid by the Government to a Medical Officer and a Specialist Medical Officers;
 - (ii) of the number of Medical Officers and Specialist Medical Officers, separately, who are currently abroad having obtained leave or having resigned from the public service;
 - (iii) of the total number of doctors who have migrated annually from the year 2020 to 2025;
 - (iv) of the reasons for aforesaid migration;

(34)

- (v) of the number of doctors who have applied to go abroad so far;
- (vi) whether the government has taken steps to increase the salaries of the doctors; and
- (vii) of the programme of the current government to mitigate the migration of medical professionals?

(b) If not, why?

656/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the criteria rules and regularities that were considered by the Paddy Marketing Board during the last Maha season when purchasing paddy;
- (ii) whether he is aware that the farmers' organizations were not so pleased with the said criteria rules and regularities; and
- (iii) if so, of the measures that will be taken to review the said criteria and regularities for the coming seasons?

(b) If not, why?

828/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the Ministry has submitted a plan on the advancement of renewable energy for the next five years; and
- (ii) if so, of the details of future renewable energy projects as per the said plan?

(b) If not, why?

1217/2025

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the operation of private buses on Route No. 155 (Mattakkuliya - Mount Lavinia) and Route No. 140 (Kollupitiya - Wellampitiya) has been completely stopped at present;
- (ii) whether an alternative arrangement has been prepared in order to provide transport facilities to the passengers travelling on the said routes;

(35)

- (iii) if so, of the nature of such arrangement; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to improve the public transport services within the Colombo Metropolitan Area?
- (b) If not, why?

1634/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of —
- (i) military personnel engaged in permanent and temporary service in the Tri Forces separately;
 - (ii) occasions on which general amnesties have been granted for personnel to legally resign from military service during the last 05 years; and
 - (iii) military personnel who have legally resigned from military service during the aforementioned amnesty periods?
- (b) If not, why?

1937/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the purpose of establishing the Cey-Nor Foundation Ltd and its functions;
 - (ii) whether the said Foundation has manufactured quality nets and boats, sold and exported ocean products during the previous administration; and
 - (iii) if so, of the manner in which those activities have been carried out?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the functions of the Foundation were impaired during the previous administration;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for the said impairment;
 - (iii) whether any financial fraud has occurred in the Foundation;
 - (iv) whether there is a plan for the development of the Cey-Nor Foundation Ltd; and
 - (v) if so, of the programme for the development of the Foundation?
- (c) If not, why?

2042/2026

Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the purpose of establishing the Rakna Arakshaka Lanka Ltd;
 - (ii) whether a commercial office complex named ‘Rakna Arakshaka Lanka Towers Project’ has been constructed;
 - (iii) if so, of the year of commencement of the said project and of the names of the persons who have granted approval for the same;
 - (iv) of the amount that is invested in the said project, of the areas on which investments have been made and of the funding sources for such investments;
 - (v) whether a market survey was conducted prior to the investments; and
 - (vi) if not, of the reasons therefor?
- (b) Will he also state —
- (i) whether an audit has been conducted regarding the disbursement of funds of the said project;
 - (ii) if not, the reasons therefor;
 - (iii) whether procurement guidelines and financial regulations have been followed therein;
 - (iv) if not, the areas in which such guidelines and regulations have not been followed; and
 - (v) whether the details of payments that have been made to contractors will be presented?
- (c) Will he also state —
- (i) whether a financial loss has occurred as far as the cost of the said project is compared with the assets of the said company;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of such loss;
 - (iii) whether the said company can afford such a loss;
 - (iv) whether a supervisory authority has been appointed in relation to the said project;
 - (v) whether the said project is still in operation;
 - (vi) whether the objectives of the said project have been achieved; and
 - (vii) the future action that will be taken regarding the said project?
- (d) If not, why?
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