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Friday, May 22, 2026 at 09.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1186/2025

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

(a) Will she admit that —

- (i) there is a national school known as Kili/Kilinochchi Central College in the Karachchi Divisional Secretariat Division of the Kilinochchi District;
- (ii) the standard of education in the above school, which is one of the two national schools in the Kilinochchi District, has now declined;
- (iii) there exist vacancies for both academic and non-academic staff, and a shortage of resources, including furniture, at the school; and
- (iv) the standard of education for the students cannot be improved without filling the vacancies referred to above?

(b) Will she inform this House —

- (i) separately, of the number of the principal, deputy principals, teachers and non-academic staff serving at present in the above school;
- (ii) of the reasons for not filling the vacancies in the non-academic staff of the above school up to date;
- (iii) of the date on which all the vacancies in the said school will be completely filled; and
- (iv) of the dates on which the needs related to the buildings and furniture of the above school will be fulfilled?

(c) If not, why?

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1360/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that, since the lands that belong to the people of Mullikulam have been under the control of the military since 2007, the displaced people from the said area have not been able to return to their villages;
 - (ii) of the reasons as to why the said people have been unable to resettle in their places of residence;
 - (iii) as there are more than 300 displaced families in the said area who lack proper housing facilities, livelihood opportunities, and basic amenities, of the relief that has so far been provided by the government to those people;
 - (iv) whether the ancestral lands, houses, schools and religious places that belong to the people of Mullikulam are currently under the control of the Navy;
 - (v) if so, of the steps that will be taken to release them and return them to the people;
 - (vi) whether there is a sustainable plan or a specific time frame for the resettlement of the said displaced people in their permanent residences; and
 - (vii) if so, of the expected time frame for the completion of the said process?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1407/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the National Housing Development Authority should issue land grants for the 125 plots of land of 20 perches each in Omanthai-Veppankulam area in the Vavuniya District, which were handed over to the National Housing Development Authority by the Vavuniya Divisional Secretariat and which were distributed among public sector employees in 2011;
 - (ii) whether the current value of the said lands, which were distributed among the public sector employees 14 years ago as undeveloped lands, have been estimated after development of those lands;

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- (iii) if so, whether the said lands will be revalued taking into account the value of those lands at the time of their distribution;
- (iv) of the time frame in which such revaluation will be done; and
- (v) of the time frame in which land permits can be issued to the occupants of these lands after revaluation?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1514/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

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

(b) Will he also inform this House —

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

(c) If not, why?

5.

1547/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

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

(b) If not, why?

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1643/2025

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

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

7.

1716/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that an officer who served in the National Accounts Division of the Department of Census and Statistics during the years 2012 and 2013 was interdicted;
 - (ii) if so, of the name of the said officer; and
 - (iii) whether justice and fairness be served to the said officer?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the procedure to prevent the distortion of highly sensitive data on the economy of the current government?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

1757/2025

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

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

(5)

- (ii) number of new land permits that have been issued to the above-mentioned farmers;
- (iii) total number of new permits that have been issued by the Lahugala Divisional Secretariat during the last 17 years in accordance with the said circular;
- (iv) number of land permits that have been applied for under the said circular, but have not yet been issued; and
- (v) number of permits that have been recommended by the Land Title Settlement Department of the Eastern Province and have been forwarded to the Lahugala Divisional Secretariat, but have not yet been issued?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the reasons that have led to the retention of the said land permits without being issued; and
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to issue the said land permits to the eligible persons expeditiously?

(c) If not, why?

9.

1908/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the extent of land under *Garcinia* (Goraka) cultivation in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether he admits that cultivators are adversely affected by the frequent fluctuations in the price of *Garcinia*; and
- (iii) if so, of the measures that will be taken to address the issues faced by them?

(b) If not, why?

10.

1990/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether sufficient rice stocks can be released to the market during the festive season;
- (ii) of the controlled prices of all types of rice by type, separately;

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

- (i) The late Hon. (Prof) Tissa Vitarana, ex-Member of Parliament.
 - (ii) The late Hon. S.C. Muthukumarana, ex-Member of Parliament.
 - (iii) The late Hon. Chandradasa Galappaththi, ex-Member of Parliament.
 - (iv) The late Hon. Nandana Gunathilake, ex-Member of Parliament.
 - (v) The late Hon. Janak Mahendra Adhikari, ex-Member of Parliament.
 - (vi) The late Hon. T. Kanagasabai, ex-Member of Parliament.
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.

- *2.
Prevention of Money Laundering (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *3.
Financial Transactions Reporting (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *4.
Convention on the Suppression of Terrorist Financing (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *5.
Mediation (Civil and Commercial Disputes) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *6.
Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *7.
Finance (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *8.
National Environmental (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *9.
Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *10.
Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *11.
Penal Code (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned debate on question (24th September 2025) [1].
- *12.
Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme,— Adjourned debate on question (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.”

13.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

14.

Online Safety (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

15.

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

16.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

17.

Kodhagoda Gunarathana Nahimi Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

2003/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the total number of housing units constructed and allocated by the National Housing Development Authority as at 31 December 2025, separately, within the Colombo Municipal Council limits and island-wide;
- (ii) of the number of beneficiaries among the aforesaid who have not been issued legally executed and registrable freehold deeds or transfer instruments;
- (iii) of the number of such beneficiaries, separately project-wise and each district-wise;
- (iv) of the precise legal, cadastral, land acquisition or documentation deficiencies preventing issuance of deeds;
- (v) of the number of files that are pending for last 03 years;
- (vi) of the time-bound action plan, including monthly targets, to clear the backlog of pending deeds during 2026; and

(9)

(vii) whether responsibility has been fixed on any Officer or Agency in respect of prolonged delays affecting citizens' property rights?

(b) If not, why?

2.

2004/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) total installed hydropower capacity under the Mahaweli Scheme and the annual generation from 2020 to date;

(ii) date on which such hydropower facilities were constructed and commissioned, and the President who approved the construction;

(iii) current sedimentation levels in major reservoirs, including Victoria, Randenigala and Kotmale Dam and its impact on storage capacity;

(iv) funds allocated for dam safety and rehabilitation during the last 05 years; and

(v) steps taken to balance agricultural irrigation, drinking water supply and power generation under changing rainfall patterns?

(b) Will he also inform this house whether a climate resilience assessment has been conducted on irrigation reliability and flood management capacity?

(c) If not, why?
