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**ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 3
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Tuesday, June 09, 2026

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 5 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2477/22 of 24th February 2026, which was presented on 19.05.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2478/05 of 03rd March 2026, which was presented on 19.05.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2478/06 of 03rd March 2026, which was presented on 19.05.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Value Added Tax Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 2A of the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2478/07 of 03rd March 2026, which was presented on 19.05.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Rules under the Central Bank of Sri Lanka Act,— That the Rules made by the Chairman of the Governing Board and Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka under Section 105 read with Sections 106 and 78(b) of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka Act, No. 16 of 2023 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2479/54 of 12th March 2026, which were presented on 22.05.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Order under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice and National Integration under Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 in respect of the Treaty between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of Maldives signed in July, 2025 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2470/04 of 05th January 2026, which was presented on 19.05.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, June 09, 2026)

1972/2026

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) of the officially assessed national housing deficit as at 2026, disaggregated by low-income, middle-income, rural, estate and urban underserved categories, separately;
- (ii) of the projected unit delivery target for 2026-2029 and the estimated average construction cost per unit by housing type;
- (iii) of the proportion of beneficiaries below the national median household income;

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- (iv) whether affordability has been benchmarked against prevailing mortgage rates, inflation and construction cost escalation;
 - (v) of the objective eligibility criteria and digital verification systems applied in beneficiary selection;
 - (vi) of the number of allocation decisions during 2024-2025 that were reviewed, appealed or cancelled due to irregularities;
 - (vii) whether a transparent, publicly accessible beneficiary registry is in place to prevent politicization and duplication;
 - (viii) whether a middle-class housing scheme is being implemented; and
 - (ix) if so, its location and expected completion date of the scheme?
- (b) If not, why?

2000/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of Government-constructed high-rise housing complexes currently occupied under the National Housing Development Authority or related urban regeneration programmes;
 - (ii) of the total number of lifts installed in such complexes, lifts presently inoperative and the average downtime per lift during the year 2025;
 - (iii) of the total maintenance allocation for the years 2024 and 2025, and the amount actually utilized in each year;
 - (iv) whether maintenance contracts were awarded through a competitive procurement process and any such contracts have been terminated due to non-performance;
 - (v) whether independent structural and fire-safety audits have been conducted since 2023;
 - (vi) if so, whether the findings will be tabled in Parliament;
 - (vii) of the contingency measures in place for elderly and disabled residents when lift systems remain inoperative for extended periods; and
 - (viii) whether any building has been declared unsafe, partially condemned or in need of urgent capital rehabilitation?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

2003/2026

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

- (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 have been 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
 - (vii) whether responsibility has been fixed on any officer or agency in respect of prolonged delays affecting citizens' property rights?
- (b) If not, why?

2057/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House in relation to each year from 2015 to 2025 disaggregated by the subject of the —
- (i) number of candidates who sat the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination in the subjects of Sinhala and Tamil (as the First Language) and English (as the Second Language);
 - (ii) number of candidates who failed in the said subjects; and
 - (iii) number of candidates referred to in (ii) above as a percentage of the total number of candidates who sat the respective subject?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of the measures that will be taken to develop language education in schools in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

2058/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to each year from 2015 to 2025 of the —
 - (i) number of childbirths reported in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) percentage decrease in the number of childbirths reported compared to each preceding year?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the identified reasons for the continuous decline in the number of childbirths in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the optimal number of childbirths that should be maintained; and
 - (iii) whether it is intended to provide reliefs or incentives to families expecting children in order to increase the number of childbirths?
- (c) If not, why?

2059/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House in relation to the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination in each year from 2015 to 2025 disaggregated by each subject of the number of —
 - (i) candidates who sat the subjects of Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity and Islam at the said examination;
 - (ii) candidates who failed in the said subjects; and
 - (iii) candidates referred to in (ii) above as a percentage of the total number of candidates who sat the respective subject?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of the measures that have been taken to develop religious education in schools in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

2084/2026

Hon. Arjuna Sujeewa Senasinghe, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether any approved/gazetted development plan under the Urban Development Authority Law, No. 41 of 1978, or any other applicable law, is in force within the areas of the Ja-Ela Urban Council, Ja-Ela Dadugam Peruma Pradeshiya Sabha, Minuwangoda Urban Council, Katunayake-Seeduwa Urban Council, Negombo Municipal Council, Katana Pradeshiya Sabha and Gampaha Municipal Council;

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- (ii) if so, of the name, legal basis and date of approval/gazetting of each such plan;
 - (iii) whether copies of those plans will be tabled;
 - (iv) whether any draft development plan has been submitted for those areas;
 - (v) if so, of the current status and the authority to which such plans have been submitted;
 - (vi) whether copies thereof will be tabled;
 - (vii) whether any zoning plans or regulations (approved, gazetted or in draft form) are applicable for those areas;
 - (viii) if so, of their legal authority and approval status; and
 - (ix) whether copies thereof will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, June 23, 2026)

2001/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of national ‘Grow More Food’ or similar agricultural development programmes were implemented between the years 2000 and 2026, and under the Ministries or institutional frameworks under which they were administered;
 - (ii) of the total public expenditure incurred under such programmes on a year-wise basis, including allocations for fertilizer subsidies, irrigation expansion, seed development, extension services, marketing and storage infrastructure;
 - (iii) whether independent performance audits or impact assessments have been conducted in respect of these programmes;
 - (iv) if so, whether such reports have been tabled in Parliament;
 - (v) of the trends observed during this period in farmer profitability, cultivated acreage, crop yields per hectare, cost of production and estimated post-harvest losses; and

(7)

- (vi) of the structural constraints-including fertilizer policy shifts, irrigation deficiencies, inadequate storage, supply-chain inefficiencies, market distortions, pricing uncertainty, or limited access to affordable credit-that have prevented sustainable import substitution and domestic agricultural resilience?

(b) If not, why?

Tuesday, July 07, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

766/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the designations that are legally entitled to receive police security and the names of the persons holding such designations;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that, as pointed out by the media, police security has been provided in the past to persons and institutions that are not entitled to receive such security; and
 - (iii) if so, of the details pertaining thereto?
- (b) If not, why?

774/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a problematic situation has arisen regarding the provision of employment opportunities in South Korea under the E-8 visa category;
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that have been taken to regulate the provision of the said employment opportunities; and
 - (iii) of the methodology adopted in providing the relevant employment opportunities?
- (b) If not, why?

844/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankans who have been sent abroad for domestic service without the provision of residential training since 2020;

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- (ii) of the countries to which they have been sent abroad;
- (iii) whether he is aware that the provision of residential training for Sri Lankans going abroad for domestic service is mandatory under the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment Act, No. 21 of 1985;
- (iv) of the amount of revenue lost to the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment since 2020 up to now as a result of Sri Lankans being sent abroad for domestic service without being provided with the residential training; and
- (v) of the measures taken to ensure the provision of residential training to all Sri Lankans who go abroad for domestic service?

(b) If not, why?

884/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,—(2)

(a) Will he inform the House —

- (i) of the number of people and their names, who applied for 'Urumaya' freehold deeds in the Koralaipattu, Valaichenai Divisional Secretariat Division, Batticaloa District from 01.01.2019 to 31.03.2025;
- (ii) whether 'Urumaya' freehold deeds have been granted to the persons referred to above during the above time period under a special programme of the then government;
- (iii) if so, of the number of such persons and their names;
- (iv) whether he is aware that some of the persons who applied for 'Urumaya' freehold deeds have not been granted the deeds concerned;
- (v) if so, of the number of such persons and their names; and
- (vi) of the reasons for not granting 'Urumaya' freehold deeds to them?

(b) If not, why?

1019/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the current number of Development Officers and Management Service Officers employed in the public service;
- (ii) whether any recent review has been conducted on the distribution of Development Officers across departments and provinces;

(9)

- (iii) if so, the key findings thereof;
 - (iv) whether the Development Officer Service has not yet been issued with a formally approved service minute; and
 - (v) if so, the reasons for such delay?
- (b) If not, why?

1031/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) of the objectives of establishing the National Child Protection Authority;
 - (ii) of the approved cadre for the aforesaid Authority;
 - (iii) of the number of employees currently serving at the said Authority and the number of vacancies existing at present;
 - (iv) whether the Authority has any legal authority regarding children who become victims of abuse;
 - (v) if so, as to how the aforesaid legal authority is exercised; and
 - (vi) of the measures that will be taken to strengthen the said institution?
- (b) If not, why?

1249/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the Department of Agriculture has a methodology to test soil;
 - (ii) if so, of the said methodology;
 - (iii) of the purpose of testing soil;
 - (iv) of the number of laboratories that have been established for soil testing at present;
 - (v) of the locations where the said laboratories have been established; and
 - (vi) of the number of soil samples that have been tested since 2024 up to now, separately by the locations from which the said soil samples were obtained?
- (b) If not, why?

1318/2025

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are more than 2,500 Ayurvedic doctors in Sri Lanka who have been unable to obtain government appointments for a long period; and
 - (ii) an injustice has been caused to Unani Medical Officers due to the failure to include their appointments among the 61 Ayurvedic Medical Officer appointments granted in 2023?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to grant government appointments to the Ayurvedic doctors mentioned above in (a) (i)?
- (c) If not, why?

1375/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindrane Kiriella, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of tame elephants living in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the owners of those elephants;
 - (iii) of the criteria that are taken into consideration in issuing licenses to keep such elephants in possession;
 - (iv) whether follow-up and regular enquiries are made regarding those elephants; and
 - (v) if so, of the mechanism that is in place in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

1803/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the post offices located in the Matara District separately by category;
 - (ii) of the number of lands and buildings belonging to the Department of Posts in the said district;
 - (iii) separately, of the names of the locations where the said lands and buildings are located;
 - (iv) whether a decision has been taken to close down the post offices in the said district either permanently or temporarily;
 - (v) whether he is aware that some post offices have already been closed down by now;

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- (vi) if so, of the reasons for closing them down;
 - (vii) of the steps that will be taken regarding the said matter;
 - (viii) of the measures that will be taken to restore the postal service in the said district; and
 - (ix) of the time that will be taken for such restoration?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether it has been reported that there are administrative flaws on the part of the Postmaster of the Akuressa Post Office;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the employees are protesting against the said officer;
 - (iii) whether any disciplinary action has been taken against him; and
 - (iv) if not, why?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, July 08, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1189/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of cricket associations currently functioning in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether 25 cricket associations covering all 25 districts thus function;
 - (iii) of the reasons for not granting approval to establish a cricket association in the Kilinochchi district so far;
 - (iv) of the reasons for not registering the association with Sri Lanka Cricket in spite of the fact that the cricket association of the said district has applied for registration with Sri Lanka Cricket on several occasions; and
 - (v) of the assistance and facilities provided by the Ministry to the Kilinochchi District Cricket Association after 2010?
- (b) If not, why?

1409/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately, of the number of investment projects in the public sector and private sector that have been initiated to provide employment opportunities in the Vanni electoral district since 2009 up to date;

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- (ii) of the concessions provided by the government to attract investors;
 - (iii) whether a simple procedure has been introduced for investors to obtain state lands without difficulty;
 - (iv) whether plans have been made to establish special units by the Board of Investment within District Secretariats to provide all services in one place; and
 - (v) if so, of the date on which such units will be put into operation?
- (b) If not, why?

1494/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of Development Officers currently in service, separately for each district?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the number of approved Development Officers, the number currently in service and the corresponding surplus/deficit, separately for each district and place of service in the Northern province;
 - (ii) of the number of Development Officers who have been serving in the same place of service for more than 05 years, separately for each district in the said province;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that requests for transfers of Development Officers serving in difficult areas for a long time are cancelled due to the lack of replacements in the said province; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to implement a fair and transparent transfer policy for Development Officers in the said province?
- (c) If not, why?

1656/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, for the year 2025 —
- (i) whether decentralized funds have been provided to the Members of Parliament;
 - (ii) if so, of the amount provided to each Member of Parliament;
 - (iii) of the number of Members of Parliament who have been provided with the decentralized funds;
 - (iv) of the criteria, adopted in providing aforesaid funds to the Members of Parliament;

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- (v) of the reasons for not providing decentralized funds to the Opposition Members of Parliament; and
 - (vi) whether steps will be taken to provide the aforementioned funds to the Opposition Members of Parliament as well, in the future?
- (b) If not, why?

1854/2026

Hon. Roshan Akmeemana,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,—(2)

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

Thursday, July 09, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1543/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the reasons for the failure to repair the Yatiyanthota–Nawalapitiya road via Seepoth and Nagastenna in the Kegalle District for about 20 years;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the above-mentioned road can be used as an alternative route from Colombo to Nawalapitiya;
 - (iii) whether the Road Development Authority had planned to develop the said road from kilometer 9 onwards;
 - (iv) of the amount allocated for the said development;
 - (v) whether the said development tasks have been carried out properly;

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- (vi) whether the prescribed procurement procedures have been duly adopted in that regard; and
- (vii) whether the development of the said road will be carried out expeditiously?

(b) If not, why?

1642/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of international cricket stadiums situated in each province in Sri Lanka, separately;
 - (ii) whether plans have been made to construct new cricket stadiums in the Northern and Eastern Provinces in the future; and
 - (iii) if so, of the areas in which the aforesaid stadiums are to be constructed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that there are talented cricket players in the Northern and Eastern Provinces; and
 - (ii) if so, of the programme available to identify them and include them in the national team?
- (c) If not, why?

1740/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Is she aware that the —
 - (i) people affected by the Tsunami disaster that occurred on 26.12.2004 in the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat Division lost their homes;
 - (ii) Government and non-governmental organizations have constructed and provided alternative houses on private lands and government lands for those people; and
 - (iii) aforesaid alternative houses have been constructed on government lands in the Grama Niladhari Divisions of Sarvodayapuram, Senkamam, Hijra Nagar, Kanahar Village, Komari 1 and Komari 2?
- (b) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) reasons for the relevant land deeds not yet having been granted to the aforesaid people, even though a period of more than 18 years has elapsed; and
 - (ii) steps that have been taken or will be taken in the future to grant land deeds to those people expeditiously?
- (c) If not, why?

1789/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of estate villages in the Ratnapura District;
 - (ii) names of those estate villages;
 - (iii) number of families living in those estate villages separately in respect of each village; and
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to improve the infrastructure facilities in those estate villages?
- (b) If not, why?

1888/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether he is aware that —
 - (i) the residents of the EHED Tsunami Resettlement, Islamabad, and Periyaniawanai Housing Schemes in the Bolivarian Village are experiencing significant difficulties due to their dilapidated condition, where essential facilities and basic amenities have become non-operational;
 - (ii) persistent flooding has led to serious health concerns, including mosquito breeding and the spread of diseases, as stagnant water is mixed with toilets pits and sewage systems;
 - (iii) as a consequence, vulnerable groups, including the elderly, women, children, and those with health conditions have been adversely affected; and
 - (iv) the condominium property committees that functioned in the said housing schemes have remained dormant for a considerable period?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the immediate measures that will be taken to address the prevailing health, drainage, and flooding issues in the above-mentioned housing schemes;
 - (ii) whether a practical and sustainable solution has been proposed for the renovation or reconstruction of the said housing schemes;
 - (iii) if so, of the proposed time period for the same; and
 - (iv) of the period of time that will be taken for reactivating the currently dormant condominium property committees?
- (c) If not, why?

1906/2026

Hon. R.G. Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the area where 43 families reside in the Pallemaluwa Grama Niladhari Division of the Hanguranketha Divisional Secretariat has been gazetted as an archaeological conservation zone;
 - (ii) whether he accepts that the ordinary life of the people in that area has been disrupted due to the matter in question;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the delay in issuing the deeds for those lands by the Land Reform Commission is attributable to the lack of consent from the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs; and
 - (iv) whether any remedial action will be taken in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

1940/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the methodology adopted in implementing community water supply projects;
 - (ii) of the government's intervention and the contribution of rural communities in initiating such projects;
 - (iii) of the structure and responsibilities of the community water committees/ societies that maintain such projects;
 - (iv) whether there is a mechanism for the intervention of government institutions, including Divisional Secretariats and local authorities in those projects; and
 - (v) if not, of the reasons for that?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the methodology followed to regulate and audit community water supply projects;
 - (ii) whether measures have been taken regarding the findings revealed by the audits conducted thus far; and
 - (iii) if so, of such measures taken?
- (c) If not, why?

2025/2026

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the International Health Assessment Centre (IHAC) was established by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in 2018/2019 to assess the health of foreigners arriving in Sri Lanka on resident visas;
 - (ii) the said Centre was established on the understanding that it would be taken over by the Ministry of Health after the recovery of the initial set-up costs;
 - (iii) the COVID-19 pandemic delayed the takeover process; and
 - (iv) despite assurances to take over the IHAC in 2025 and 2026, no progress appears to have been made?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a definite plan and timeline exist for the takeover of the IHAC by the Ministry of Health;
 - (ii) whether the Ministry intends to forgo the annual revenue generated through the said Centre; and
 - (iii) of the manner that the 15% revenue share received by the Ministry has been utilized thus far?
- (c) If not, why?

2035/2026

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) whether a service minute is in force for the Sri Lanka Teacher Advisors' Service;
 - (ii) of the cadre strength prescribed under the said service minute;
 - (iii) of the role of Teacher Advisors in terms of the said service minute; and
 - (iv) whether a special role has been assigned to Teacher Advisors in the implementation of the new education reforms?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of vacancies in the Teacher Advisors' Service disaggregated by province and subject; and
 - (ii) of the arrangements that have been made to cover the relevant duties in view of the existing vacancies in the Teacher Advisors' Service?
- (c) If not, why?

2052/2026

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that railway services from Colombo to Kandy and to Nawalapitiya are not currently in operation;
 - (ii) of the number of locations on the said railway line that sustained damages due to Cyclone ‘Ditwah’;
 - (iii) of the number of identified locations of which the damage sustained has been estimated;
 - (iv) of the measures that have been taken so far to repair such damages;
 - (v) of the expected time frame for the restoration and development of all the affected locations; and
 - (vi) whether it is possible to restore the said railway line and recommence train services up to Kandy within a period of 06 months?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, July 10, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

28/2024

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the public faces significant hardships at night due to the absence of street lights at certain places; and
 - (ii) street lights are installed based on personal needs instead of installing them at the required places?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the name of the institution responsible for the installation of street lights;
 - (ii) of the basic requirements that must be met for the installation of street lights;
 - (iii) whether it is possible for the public to obtain street lamps for the places that meet the requirements; and
 - (iv) if so, of the procedure to be followed in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

136/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of liquor licenses issued by the Excise Department in each year from the year 2015 up to now at the Divisional Secretariat Division level, separately;
 - (ii) methodology followed in issuing the said liquor licenses;
 - (iii) revenue generated from issuing the above licenses in each year, separately; and
 - (iv) steps that will be taken to change that situation in light of the significant social protest that occurred in the past regarding the methodology for issuing liquor licenses?
- (b) If not, why?

657/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware of the existence of a fund designated as the 'Cooperative Fund';
 - (ii) of the objectives of establishing the said Fund;
 - (iii) of the aggregate value of the aforesaid Fund at present;
 - (iv) of the sources of income of the said Fund; and
 - (v) of the activities for which monies from the aforesaid fund can be used?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether —
- (i) he is aware that rural banks owned by the Multipurpose Cooperative Societies of Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia and Maharagama have currently collapsed; and
 - (ii) steps can be taken to provide some relief to the depositors of those rural banks under the 'Cooperative Fund'?
- (c) If not, why?

1410/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of unguarded level crossings found in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of unguarded level crossings found in the Batticaloa District;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of permanent employees and temporary employees serving at the said unguarded level crossings; and
 - (iv) of the date on which the said temporary employees will be given permanent appointments?
- (b) If not, why?

1978/2026

Hon. Sugath Wasantha de Silva,—To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) solutions that are provided to persons who are unable to construct a house due to disability; and
 - (ii) measures that are taken to resolve the housing problem of persons with disabilities who own a land but do not have a house?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the criteria that are considered in providing a house under the policy- 'Leaving No One Behind';
 - (ii) whether the said criteria have been formulated to include the entire community with disabilities;
 - (iii) whether there is a system for allocating a certain percentage of houses to persons with disabilities in the housing schemes constructed by the government; and
 - (iv) if not, whether such a system for allocating houses will be introduced in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

1994/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of pensioners in Sri Lanka who are currently receiving pensions;

(21)

- (ii) whether he is aware that the organizations of pensioners point out that pension anomalies increase whenever the salaries in the public service are revised; and
 - (iii) of the measures that have been taken so far and the measures that are proposed to be taken by the present government to minimize the said pension anomalies?
- (b) If not, why?

2012/2026

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

- (a) Will he state the —
- (i) number of registered consumers who obtain water supplied by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board in the Colombo District;
 - (ii) total volume of water that is required for the said consumers; and
 - (iii) average number of applications that are received daily for new water connections in the District?
- (b) Will he also state —
- (i) whether he is aware that there are consumers in certain areas of the District who are experiencing inconveniences due to insufficient supply of water caused by low water pressure every day;
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to supply water at adequate pressure to the said areas;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the water tank at Rukmalgama, although constructed in 1985 with a large storage capacity, is currently in a non-functional condition;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the majority of the water consumers in the Rukmalgama Housing Project, which consists of 501 housing units, and many families in the Vijayapura area are suffering hardships due to the said reason; and
 - (v) the reasons for the inability to restore the said water tank?
- (c) If not, why?

2038/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the year in which the Janatha Estate Development Board was established;

(22)

- (ii) of the total extent of lands owned by the Board at present; and
 - (iii) whether lands owned by the Board are located in the Kandy District?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the total extent of lands owned by the Board in the Hanthana Forest Reserve in acres;
 - (ii) whether there is a land called Ukuwela Wattha located in the said forest reserve;
 - (iii) whether the said land located in the Hanthana Forest Reserve has been transferred in exchange for a land in the Balangoda area; and
 - (iv) if so, of the current owner of that land?
- (c) If not, why?

2056/2026

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

- (a) Will he admit that —
- (i) in many shops in Sri Lanka, traders sell goods by determining prices at their own discretion without any reasonable basis; and
 - (ii) consumers are subjected to unfair treatment as a result of the reason referred to above?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of officers deployed by the Consumer Affairs Authority to conduct raids on such establishments;
 - (ii) whether the Authority has in place a mechanism to control the sale of goods at unreasonable prices in this manner; and
 - (iii) if not, of the measures that will be taken to formulate such a mechanism?
- (c) If not, why?

2086/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the year and date on which the ‘China-Sri Lanka Friendship Nephrology Specialized Hospital’ in the Polonnaruwa District was established;
 - (ii) whether the said hospital and its service units were established after conducting a feasibility study;

(23)

- (iii) of the names of the units that have been established for patient care services; and
 - (iv) of the services provided by each patient care unit separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately of the —
- (i) types of laboratories established in the said hospital; and
 - (ii) number of tests conducted by the diagnostic laboratories and the number of research studies conducted by the laboratories established for research purposes since the date of establishment of the said hospital up to now?
- (c) If not, why?
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