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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1883/2026

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) of the state educational institutions in Sri Lanka that offer Bachelor of Education degree programme;
 - (ii) of the non-state educational institutions that offer the said degree;
 - (iii) whether the Bachelor of Education degrees offered by state and non-state institutions are recognized as equivalent qualifications in the recruitment of teachers;
 - (iv) if not, why;
 - (v) whether the duration and content of the Bachelor of Education courses offered by state and non-state institutions are the same;
 - (vi) if not, why;
 - (vii) whether completion of a practical teacher training is a mandatory requirement for the Bachelor of Education degree programmes offered by the relevant institutions; and
 - (viii) if so, of the duration of the said training?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

1885/2026

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the reservoirs in the localities of Karaitivu, Sainthamaruthu and Kalmunai in the coastal areas of the Ampara District have been contaminated due to excessive nutrients, having been invaded by various types of aquatic weeds, and rendered non-operational;

(2)

- (ii) the depth of those reservoirs has been reduced due to extensive siltation; and
- (iii) due to the aforementioned conditions, their water retention capacity has diminished, thereby exacerbating flooding during the rainy season?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether a proper assessment has been conducted regarding environmental degradation and siltation in the reservoirs in the above-mentioned areas;
- (ii) whether there is a plan to implement a coordinated restoration programme to remove silt and invasive aquatic vegetation and to sustainably restore the said aquatic ecosystems; and
- (iii) if so, of the expected date of commencement of such programmes in the said areas?

(c) If not, why?

3.

1919/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that arrangements have been made to remove the unauthorized settlers residing on the Edirisinghe Road in the Gangodawila area, Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte and to resettle them in another area;
- (ii) if so, of the number of such families;
- (iii) how many out of those families will receive houses;
- (iv) whether he is aware that arrangements are being made to provide houses in the Maligawatta area instead of providing houses in the Colombage Mawatha or Kalinga Mawatha areas for the said families; and
- (v) if so, of the reasons for the above arrangement?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1924/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of school children belonging to families of migrant workers in the Colombo District;

(3)

- (ii) whether a programme to provide school equipment for the children referred to above is being implemented;
 - (iii) if so, whether the said programme is being implemented by the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau;
 - (iv) of the number of Foreign Service Officers serving attached to the Divisional Secretariats;
 - (v) of the number of school children in the age groups of 2-5, 6-10 and 11-18 years, separately, as reported by the said officers; and
 - (vi) of the quantity of school equipment provided for the year 2025?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether the officers referred to in (a) (iv) above have the ability to obtain a report containing the above information based on the data provided by the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau;
 - (ii) whether there are any instances where the grant of school equipment is refused; and
 - (iii) if so, of the criteria in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1926/2026

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he accepts that the ‘Apthop Watta’ land in the Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division of the Galle District is a state land;
 - (ii) of the manner in which the said land has been transferred from the past to the present;
 - (iii) of the extent of the said land;
 - (iv) of the number of residents that reside on the said land at present;
 - (v) of the extent of the land that is occupied by the said residents;
 - (vi) of the number of persons who are not settled, but only carry out cultivation activities on the said land;
 - (vii) of the extent of the land that is in their possession at present; and
 - (viii) whether the rough plan of the said land will be presented?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether disaster-prone areas identified by the National Building Research Organization (NBRO) are located within the said land?
- (c) If not, why?

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6.

1931/2026

Hon. M. Nizam Kariapper, PC,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) total number of plantation estates owned by the Government or coming under Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation that have been leased to private companies for management;
 - (ii) names of the companies concerned and the names of the plantation estates so leased;
 - (iii) period of lease of each such estate, separately; and
 - (iv) total number of employees in each estate, by category?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the total land extent of each said estate, including roads, factories and line rooms, as a percentage of the total plantation area of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the profit or loss incurred by each said private company for the last five (05) financial years, separately;
 - (iii) whether audited financial statements relating thereto are available; and
 - (iv) if so, whether those financial statements will be tabled in Parliament?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

1938/2026

Hon. (Ms.) Krishnan Kalaichelvi,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the manner in which salary increases have been made for estate workers from time to time since 1998;
 - (ii) of the number of estate workers currently employed on a permanent and temporary basis, separately;
 - (iii) of the number of estate workers who are entitled to the salary increase made by the budget for the year 2026;
 - (iv) of the amount that has been paid to that group so far after the salary increase;
 - (v) whether action has been taken to provide the salary increase made for estate workers even to the estate workers employed on a temporary basis; and
 - (vi) if not, the action that will be taken in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

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8.

1992/2026

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 services that fall under the category of combined services;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid services;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of vacancies currently existing in each of the aforesaid services;
 - (iv) whether he accepts that filling the vacancies existing in the combined services is essential for the proper functioning of the public administration sector; and
 - (v) if so, of the measures that the present government has taken thus far, and those intended to be taken in the future in this regard ?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

2022/2026

Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the number of estate families affected by the cyclone Ditwah in each district;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of houses in the estates that have been completely and partially damaged;
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken in this regard so far; and
 - (iv) separately, of the number of houses proposed to be constructed in the estates in each district so far ?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

2039/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, whether —
 - (i) he is aware that the licence authorising cooperative rural banks to conduct gold jewellery pawning transactions was held by the People's Bank;

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- (ii) he is aware that the said licence was cancelled with effect from 2026;
 - (iii) the said licence has thereafter been brought under the purview of the Divisional Secretary;
 - (iv) he is aware that, as a result, co-operative societies have faced various difficulties; and
 - (v) measures will be taken to restore the licence to the People's Bank or to the Sri Lanka Co-operative Rural Banks Federation Limited?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item No. 6 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 27 of the Parliament.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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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*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.

*6.

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

*7.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Finance (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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

*13.

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

*14.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

National Environmental (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

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

*17.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

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

*20.

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.”

21.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

22.

Online Safety (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

23.

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

24.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

25.

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.

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;
- (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?

2.

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;

(11)

- (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?

3.

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?

4.

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 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 Sinhala and Tamil (as the First Language) and English (as the Second Language);
 - (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 will be taken to develop language education in schools in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

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?

6.

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;

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- (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?

7.

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;
 - (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?
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