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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1184/2025

Hon. Sivagnanam Shriritharan,— 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 named 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?

2.

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;

(2)

- (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?

3.

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?

4.

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?

(3)

- (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?

5.

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;
  - (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?

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6.

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 Department of Forest Conservation 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?

7.

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;
  - (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?

(5)

- (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?

8.

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
  - (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?

9.

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 Department of 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;

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- (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?

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Motions**

1.

Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka,— Privileges (No. 1),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. S.M. Marikkar, M.P. on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 118 of the Parliament.

2.

Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka,— Privileges (No. 2),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. (Dr.) Ramanathan Archchuna, M.P. on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 118 of the Parliament.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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

\*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2482/09 of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, which was presented on 09.06.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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\*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2487/02 of 04<sup>th</sup> May 2026, which was presented on 09.06.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— 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. 2487/29 of 07<sup>th</sup> May 2026, which were presented on 09.06.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

5.

Online Safety (Repeal) Bill,— Second Reading.

\*6.

National Environmental (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*7.

The Minister of Energy,— Order under the Sri Lanka Electricity Act,— That the Order made by the then Minister of Energy under Section 1(2) of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 36 of 2024 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.2478/41 of 05<sup>th</sup> March 2026, which was presented on 09.06.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— Regulations under the Antiquities Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs under Section 47 read with Section 46 of the Antiquities Ordinance (Chapter 188) on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026, which were presented on 12.06.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*12.

Protection of Occupants Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*13.

Rent (Repeal) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*14.

Penal Code (Amendment) Bill,— Adjourned debate on question (24<sup>th</sup> September 2025) [1].

\*15.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*16.

Finance (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*17.

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 (10<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025, be considered by Parliament.”

18.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

19.

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

20.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

21.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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[1].

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

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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 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
  - (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?
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