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FOR

Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1503/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) extent of land under pepper cultivation and the pepper production in Sri Lanka from 2015 to date, separately by district and by year;
 - (ii) income earned from the export of pepper during the aforesaid period, separately for each year; and
 - (iii) measures being taken to further encourage the pepper cultivators?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

1546/2025

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

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

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1637/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately, of the number of houses that had been planned for construction and the number of houses that have been fully completed in the Monaragala District under the ‘Semata Sevana’ project;
 - (ii) of the source of funds by which the project had been financed;
 - (iii) of the criteria used in selecting the beneficiaries for this housing project;
 - (iv) of the number of houses that have been constructed in the Buttala Divisional Secretariat Division of the Monaragala District under this project; and
 - (v) separately, of the amount allocated for the constructions and the actual amount spent?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1641/2025

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

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

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1673/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the government has not conducted surveys and issued deeds for the lands owned by individuals operating holiday resorts in tourist areas such as Sinna Ullai, Arugam Bay, Sarvodayapura, Jalaldeen Square, Kudakalliya, Whisky Point, Kottukal and Light House in the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat;
 - (ii) whether he admits that holiday resorts lacking such documentation cannot be registered with the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that, as a result, the Pottuvil Pradeshiya Sabha has been unable to levy the relevant business tax;
 - (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to provide an opportunity, under the approval of the Divisional Secretary, for land surveys to be carried out by private surveyors in order to expedite the issuance of 'Urumaya' deeds; and
 - (v) whether such lands can be included in the 'Urumaya' scheme using the survey plans prepared in the said manner?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1831/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the present status of the Small and Medium Scale Industrial Zone proposed for the Batticaloa District for the year 2025/2026;
 - (ii) of the number of local entrepreneurs who have received industrial training through the Batticaloa Branch of the Industrial Development Board during this year;
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken to facilitate market opportunities for small and medium handloom industries in the Batticaloa District;
 - (iv) of the total value of the low interest loans that have been issued to small and medium scale industries;
 - (v) whether steps have been taken to provide special tax concessions to small and medium scale industries related to agricultural products in the Eastern Province;

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

(b) If not, why?

7.

1920/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

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

(b) If not, why?

8.

1993/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

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

(b) If not, why?

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. G.G. Ponnambalam, M.P. on 21st May, 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.

2.

Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka,— Privileges (No. 2),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. S.M. Marikkar, M.P. on 13th 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.

3.

Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka,— Privileges (No. 3),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. (Dr.) Ramanathan Archchuna, M.P. on 10th 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.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

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 05th March 2026, which was presented on 09.06.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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

*4.

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

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*5.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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 11th April 2026, which were presented on 12.06.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Protection of Occupants Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Rent (Repeal) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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

*10.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Finance (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*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.

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14.

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

15.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

16.

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.

887/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah, — To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the landless persons have applied to the Eravurpattu, Chenkalady Divisional Secretariat with the aim of acquiring land during the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2025;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such persons and their names and relevant details;
 - (iii) whether such persons have been issued with Deeds of Grant or Land Permits; and
 - (iv) if so, of the number of such persons along with their names and relevant details?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the majority of the persons who have settled down in government lands in the Eravurpattu, Chenkalady Divisional Secretariat Division have not been issued with Deeds of Grant or Land Permits so far;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such persons and their names and relevant details; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for not issuing Deeds of Grant or Land Permits to the aforementioned persons so far?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

888/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah, — To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform the House —

- (i) of the number of people who applied for 'Urumaya' freehold deeds in the Eravurpattu, Chenkalady Divisional Secretariat Division, Batticaloa from 01.01.2019 to 31.03.2025 and their names;
- (ii) whether 'Urumaya' freehold deeds have been granted to the persons referred to above 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, so far?

(b) If not, why?

3.

889/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah, — To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that persons are residing on state lands in the Eravurpattu, Chenkalady Divisional Secretariat Division of the Batticaloa district without a 'Deed of Grant' or a 'Land Permit' awarded by the government;
- (ii) if so, of the number of such individuals, their names and relevant details;
- (iii) whether the respective Divisional Secretary has filed action at the court of law against them during the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2025 to legally evict those individuals from the state lands referred to above;
- (iv) if so, of the number of such individuals, their names and their relevant details;

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- (v) of the number of evicted individuals from the state lands on court orders during the said period along with their names and relevant details, out of the total number of individuals prosecuted by the relevant Divisional Secretary;
- (vi) whether there are persons against whom the Divisional Secretary has not filed action although he should have;
- (vii) if so, of the number of such persons, and their names and other relevant details; and
- (viii) of the reasons for filing action against only a few of them while not filing action against most?

(b) If not, why?

4.

2058/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (2)

- (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?
- (b) If not, why?
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