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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

27/2024

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

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) every Pradeshiya Sabha should have a document about its property; and
 - (ii) most of the Pradeshiya Sabhas do not have such a document?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

135/2024

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of bungalows and official residences currently allocated to Ministers of the Cabinet, Deputy Ministers and Members of Parliament;
 - (ii) name and the portfolio of the Minister/Deputy Minister/ Member of Parliament/people's representative who uses each of the said bungalow/official residence, separately; and
 - (iii) Government's position on granting privileges/ facilities to people's representatives at a time when there is a great opposition from the society against granting them to people's representatives?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

1412/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he accepts that services provided by the Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) and the private sector engaged in passenger transport services in the Batticaloa District should be implemented in an integrated manner; and
 - (ii) if so, of the steps that will be taken for the said purpose?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that public transport services, including bus and train services in the said district, are in an unsatisfactory state; and
 - (ii) if so, of the steps that will be taken to rectify such situation?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1887/2026

Hon. Aboobucker Athambawa,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a large extent of land, including public playgrounds and internal roads, has been destroyed due to coastal erosion in several coastal areas of the Ampara District; and
 - (ii) as cemeteries located in those areas have been affected by coastal erosion, there is a situation where corpses are exposed to the external environment, causing residents to face social and environmental problems?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the short - term, long – term, and permanent measures that have been taken and are expected to be taken to prevent further sea erosion in the aforementioned areas, separately; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to construct coastal protection constructions such as stone bunds and stone walls to prevent the destruction of the aforementioned places?
- (c) If not, why?

(3)

5.

1977/2026

Hon. Sugath Wasantha de Silva,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) steps taken to improve the active participation of players with disabilities in sports;
 - (ii) access facilities and opportunities for participation provided at the school and national levels for the aforesaid purpose; and
 - (iii) measures taken to provide the necessary equipment to those players and to ensure access facilities at the stadiums?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of national level competitions in which players with disabilities participated last year;
 - (ii) of the progress in the achievements made by those players;
 - (iii) whether the criteria to ensure fair and equal access in competitions at the zonal, provincial and national levels, are implemented;
 - (iv) if so, of the said criteria; and
 - (v) of the measures taken to identify their talents and direct them to international competitions?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) whether expert coaches and sports instructors have been assigned to promote the talents of the players with disabilities;
 - (ii) whether there are any competitions specially organized for those players; and
 - (iii) if so, of the names of the institutions that organize such competitions?
- (d) If not, why?

6.

2011/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of —
 - (i) persons engaged in three-wheeler passenger transport, transport of school children and office staff transport services as a livelihood in the Colombo District in the year 2025, separately; and
 - (ii) informal employment opportunities generated in the Colombo District in the year 2025 in connection with the said transport services?

(4)

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the steps that have been taken to provide legal protection, secure rights and improve the standard of living of the persons engaged in the above-mentioned employment sectors, in order to develop them as productive citizens; and
 - (ii) if not, of the future steps expected to be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

2034/2026

Hon. Sunil Rajapaksha,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of villages established for families who were evacuated from high-risk landslide-prone areas in the Rathnapura District prior to Cyclone Ditwah;
 - (ii) number of families who were allocated plots of land in such villages but have not received the sum of Rs. 1,600,000 granted for the construction of houses;
 - (iii) date on which the said payments will be made to those who did not receive; and
 - (iv) measures taken to address infrastructure - related issues, including road access, water supply, electricity, and waste disposal, in the said villages?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

2037/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the objectives of establishing economic centres have been met;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that an economic centre has been established in the Wariyapola area;
 - (iii) if so, of the expenditure incurred on its construction;
 - (iv) of the institutions operating therein; and
 - (v) of the amount of revenue received by the government from the said centre to date?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

2040/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of filling stations managed by co-operative societies in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether a commission is paid by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the fuel sold through those filling stations;
 - (iii) if so, of the amount of such commission; and
 - (iv) of the party that pays the VAT applicable to the purchase price of the fuel?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that co-operative societies are required to pay VAT on the difference between the purchase price and the selling price;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that, due to this reason, co-operative fuel stations are at risk of closing down as they are unable to generate a profit; and
 - (iii) if so, of the steps that will be taken to implement a relief programme to sustain these filling stations?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

2051/2026

Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of estate health centres —
 - (i) currently in operation in the Nuwara Eliya District;
 - (ii) that have already been taken over by the Government; and
 - (iii) that have been planned to be taken over by the Government in the future?
 - (b) If not, why?
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(6)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

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 11.30 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

2.

Hon. (Dr.) Janaka Senarathna,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Pharmaceutical Society of Sri Lanka.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

Protection of Occupants Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Rent (Repeal) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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

*9.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Finance (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

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.”

12.

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

13.

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

14.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

15.

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

* *Indicates Government Business.*

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

890/2025

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, people have settled in the state lands for which 'Deeds of Grant' or 'Land Permits' were given during the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2025 out of the state lands situated in the Divisional Secretariat Division of Koralaipattu North, Vakaraï in the Batticaloa District; and
 - (ii) if so, of total number of such people and their names and relevant details?
- (b) If not, why?

891/2025

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 Koralaipattu North, Vakaraï Divisional Secretariat by 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 Koralaipattu North, Vakaraï 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?

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) of the number of people who applied for ‘Urumaya’ freehold deeds in the Koralaipattu North, Vakara 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?
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