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No. 3(15).]

**ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 3
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PARLIAMENT**

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 17 read with Section 11 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, No. 28 of 2005 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2468/06 of 23rd December 2025, which were presented on 23.06.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 24.06.2026, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2478/03 of 03rd March 2026).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Leader of the House of Parliament,— Decision under the Standing Orders of Parliament (No. 1),— 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. 318, and tabled in Parliament on 24th October 2025 which contains facts regarding the examination conducted by the Committee on Public Accounts on 02.04.2025 concerning “the scheme implemented during the period from 01st May 2022 to 15th September 2023 to provide fully-electric Vehicle Permits for Sri Lankans employed abroad based on their foreign remittances” shall be referred to the Attorney-General for observations and necessary action.

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Leader of the House of Parliament,— Decision under the Standing Orders of Parliament (No. 2),— That this Parliament determines under the provisions of Standing Order 120 (4) of Parliament, that the incidents specified in the Annexure attached hereto, which have been identified from the reports contained in the Parliamentary Series presented to Parliament in relation to the examinations conducted by the Committee on Public Enterprises into the relevant institutions during the meetings of the said Committee shall be referred to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption for necessary action:-

Annexure:

Serial No.	Institution	Date on which the Committee Meeting was held	The date on which the report was tabled in Parliament and the Parliamentary Series No.	Specific Incident/ Incidents
1.	National Gem and Jewellery Authority	05.03.2025 and 27.03.2025	04.06.2025 PS 212	1. Rough Sapphire Cluster weighing 510 Kilogramme
				2. Project to extricate the gem-bearing gravel (Illama) in Heraniyawaka.
				3. Renting a building for the National Gem and Jewellery Authority.
2.	Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital Board	15.05.2025	24.07.2025 PS 242	1. Connecting the equipment brought for the safety of the electrical system to the main system.
				2. Irregularities in paying allowances and recruitment schemes.
				3. Recruitment to Posts without Approval from the Department of Management Services.

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3.	Land Reform Commission	08.05.2025 and 17.07.2025	18.12.2025 PS 391	1. Expenditure of funds from the Land Reform Commission's Fund for the Organic Fertilizer
				2. Grant of land to Mr. S. R. Renganathan (Matale Baygroup Estate).
				3. Grant of land to Mrs. Malani Nanayakkara (Imbulgaswadiya, Katana).
				4. Granting of lands to employees of the Land Reform Commission.
4.	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	04.06.2025	18.12.2025 PS 392	1. Construction of the university's new library building.
				2. Irregularities occurred during the construction of the housing complex for the university staff.
				3. Purchasing library books for the Faculty of Technology during the year 2021.
				4. Unauthorized excavation of soil from the university premises.
				5. Providing a house owned by the Vice-Chancellor for a student dormitory on a lease basis.

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5.	Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka	20.08.2025	18.12.2025 PS 394	1. Renovation of the Weerawila Circuit Bungalow.
6.	Lanka Sathosa Limited ⁸	10.10.2025	18.12.2025 PS 397	1. Payment of employee incentive allowances.
				2. Leasing out a 15,000 sq. ft. building owned by the company located in Kilinochchi town.
				3. Performance allowances and professional allowances.
				4. Transport allowances.
7.	Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau	27.02.2025 and 23.05.2025	08.01.2026 PS 435	1. The Bureau incurred losses due to the practice of sending housemaids abroad without providing them with residential training.
				2. Appointment of officers to Foreign Missions.
				3. "Glocal Fair" (Jayagamu Sri Lanka) program.
				4. Obtaining trade stalls for the "Glocal Fair" (Jayagamu Sri Lanka) program.
				5. Conducting the "Vigamanika Harasara" (Migrant Tribute) program.

8.	National Savings Bank	19.11.2025 and 26.11.2025	19.02.2026 PS 476	1. Loan granted to Bimpuh Finance PLC.
				2. Joint Property Loan of Rs. 164.73 million granted to two individuals on 23, December, 2020.
				3. Granting a loan of Rs. 12.6 million to a borrower without considering the irregular repayment of the 10 credit facilities indicated in the report of the Credit Information Bureau.
				4. Syndicated Loan of 9 million US dollars provided by the Bank to a Maldivian company named RPI Private Limited.

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The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development under Sections 141, 143, 144, 157A, 168 and 190 read with Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2480/22 of 19th March 2026, which were presented on 23.06.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 regarding CESS levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2478/04 of 03rd March 2026, which was presented on 24.06.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 regarding the rates of CESS levy to be levied and paid, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2479/38 of 10th March 2026, which was presented on 24.06.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Regulations under the Anti-Corruption Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice and National Integration in consultation with the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption under Section 156 read with Section 82 and Section 92 of the Anti-Corruption Act, No. 9 of 2023 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2482/03 of 30th March 2026, which were presented on 26.06.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Regulations under the Anti-Corruption Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice and National Integration in consultation with the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption under Section 156 read with paragraph (ee) of subsection (1) of Section 80 of the Anti-Corruption Act, No. 9 of 2023 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2482/04 of 30th March 2026, which were presented on 26.06.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, July 09, 2026)

2117/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the number and total value of loans approved under the 'Jaya Isura' Programme since inception;
 - (ii) whether the concessionary interest subsidy of 4% - 5% has been paid;
 - (iii) if so, the number of beneficiaries and the benefits derived through the programme;

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- (iv) whether participating commercial banks complied with the programme and received the relevant interest differential from the Ministry;
 - (v) whether borrowers who settled their loans through other commercial banks remained eligible for the subsidy;
 - (vi) if so, whether it was granted; and
 - (vii) whether he is aware of any disparity between the Programme's objectives and the benefits received by intended beneficiaries?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether approvals were granted through Sampath Bank between April and November 2019;
 - (ii) if so, their number and value; and
 - (iii) the status of the application submitted by Glenrock (Pvt) Ltd., and if approved, the reasons for not granting the relevant benefits?
- (c) If not, why?

2119/2026

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 of the —
- (i) responsibilities entrusted in the Delimitation Commission by the Constitution;
 - (ii) individuals that served as members of the said Commission during the period from the year 2015 to the year 2025;
 - (iii) tasks performed by the Commission during the said period; and
 - (iv) total amount spent on the salaries, allowances, facilities, and the rent for the office of the members of the Commission during the aforesaid period of time?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of the —
- (i) number of employees serving in the Commission;
 - (ii) breakdown of the said number according to each post, separately;
 - (iii) amount spent on employee salaries from the year 2015 to the year 2025; and
 - (iv) necessity for maintaining the said Commission as a permanent commission?
- (c) If not, why?

2120/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the government has taken a policy decision to extend the retirement age of the Judges of the Supreme Court from 65 years to 67 years, and that of the Judges of the Court of Appeal from 63 years to 65 years;
 - (ii) if so, whether the Cabinet of Ministers has granted approval in principle to draft a Constitutional Amendment Bill for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether the Minister or the Secretary to the Ministry has instructed the Legal Draftsman's Department to prepare such a draft bill; and
 - (iv) of the grounds on which the extension of the retirement age of superior court judges is justified?
 - (b) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, July 10, 2026)

2121/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) name of the present Secretary to the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development;
 - (ii) date on which he was appointed to that position; and
 - (iii) academic and the professional qualifications he possesses which made him qualified to hold that position?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the present Secretary to the Ministry is a citizen of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he has acquired citizenship of this country by birth or by registration;
 - (iii) whether he had been a citizen of Australia;
 - (iv) whether he held a dual citizenship;
 - (v) of the date on which he renounced his Australian citizenship;

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- (vi) whether he has obtained Sri Lankan citizenship again after renouncing Australian citizenship; and
- (vii) if so, of the said date?
- (c) Will he further inform this House whether he accepts that a person who is not a citizen of Sri Lanka cannot hold the office of the Secretary to the Ministry?
- (d) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, July 21, 2026)

887/2025

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

- (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?

888/2025

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 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?

889/2025

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

- (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 relevant details;
 - (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;

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- (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?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, July 22, 2026)

890/2025

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) 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, Vakara 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,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the landless persons have applied to the Koralaipattu North, Vakara 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?

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- (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?

892/2025

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 who applied for ‘Urumaya’ freehold deeds in the Koralaipattu North, Vakaraï 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?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, July 23, 2026)

893/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that persons are residing on state lands in the Koralaipattu North, Vakaraï Divisional Secretariat Division of the Batticaloa district without a ‘Deed of Grant’ or a ‘Land Permit’ awarded by the government;

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- (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 relevant details;
- (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 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?

894/2025

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) 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 South, Kiran in the Batticaloa District; and
- (ii) if so, of total number of such people and their names and relevant details?

(b) If not, why?

895/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the landless persons have applied to the Koralaipattu South, Kiran Divisional Secretariat with the aim of acquiring land during the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2025;

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- (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 South, Kiran 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?

Tuesday, August 04, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

235/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) definition given by the Government of Sri Lanka for the term political prisoner;
 - (ii) number of political prisoners currently in the custody of the Government of Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) name of each of the political prisoners and the reason for his or her arrest, separately; and
 - (iv) timeframe for the release of the said political prisoners?
- (b) If not, why?

469/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the railway lines currently operating in Sri Lanka with their lengths in kilometers, separately;
 - (ii) of the annual total maintenance cost of these railway lines;

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- (iii) of the total number of staff, and the total annual expenditure on salaries and emoluments;
 - (iv) of the total revenue, total cost and, resulting profit or loss of the Department of Sri Lanka Railways for each of the last 05 years, separately;
 - (v) whether railway tracks are shared with the private sector;
 - (vi) if so, of the private operators involved and the annual revenue earned from such track sharing;
 - (vii) of the total asset value of the Department;
 - (viii) of the proposed modernization plans;
 - (ix) of the measures intended to improve efficiency and value for money service; and
 - (x) of the annual earnings from railway transportation, for each of the last 05 years, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

608/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— 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 positions approved for lecturers and professors for the entire university system, indicating the number of currently filled and vacant, separately;
 - (ii) departments with the highest number of vacancies;
 - (iii) reasons for the creation of the aforesaid vacancies;
 - (iv) impact made on the university students due to the existence of the aforesaid vacancies; and
 - (v) steps that will be taken to fill the said vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

675/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the losses incurred by Sri Lankan Airlines from 2015 to date, separately for each year;

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- (ii) of the amounts provided to Sri Lankan Airlines by the General Treasury to cover those losses, separately for each year;
 - (iii) of the date that government decided to continue operating Sri Lankan Airlines as a State-owned entity at a time when it is incurring losses;
 - (iv) of the reasons that led to that decision; and
 - (v) whether the decision to operate it as a government institution will be reconsidered?
- (b) If not, why?

831/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of businessmen who have been engaged in granite quarrying on lands belonging to the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority since year 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) amount of money that has been collected as land use fee during the said period;
 - (iii) amount of money that is still outstanding; and
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to recover the said outstanding amount?
- (b) If not, why?

1106/2025

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) total value of the foreign direct investments that have been received by Sri Lanka from 01.10.2024 up to now in US dollars;
 - (ii) names of the investment projects related thereto;
 - (iii) nature of each of those investment projects and the amount invested in each project in US dollars, separately; and
 - (iv) date on which each of the said investment projects initiated was/ will be initiated, the date of completion and the number of employment opportunities generated by each project separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1666/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the qualifications required for the post of General Manager and the post of Legal Officer of the National Film Corporation separately; and
 - (ii) whether the officer currently serving as the Legal Officer of the Corporation has fulfilled the aforementioned qualifications?
- (b) If not, why?

1963/2026

Hon. Ajith Gihan,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that the —
 - (i) coastal belt in the Puttalam District is undergoing severe erosion; and
 - (ii) boat and fishing craft landing sites have eroded into the sea to the extent that it has become impossible to carry out fishing activities there?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether necessary provisions have been allocated for the construction of rock revetments to prevent coastal erosion;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to provide the Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management with the machinery required for coast conservation; and
 - (iii) whether the causes of coastal erosion around the island will be provided based on scientific information and data?
- (c) If not, why?

2105/2026

Hon. U.P. Abeywickrama, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he accept that, although the drug addicts are successfully rehabilitated through Government-operated or approved rehabilitation centres, there is a tendency for such persons to relapse into drug use or become involved in criminal networks due to factors such as unemployment, obstacles encountered in seeking foreign employment, difficulties in obtaining police clearance certificates, exclusion from the society, and being treated as suspects by security divisions?

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of recognized rehabilitation centres currently in operation;
 - (ii) of the average number of persons rehabilitated annually through such centres;
 - (iii) of the procedures adopted for referring persons to the rehabilitation process;
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to prevent relapse into drug use and re-involvement in crimes after rehabilitation;
 - (v) whether there is a possibility of introducing a mechanism whereby persons charged with minor offences may, upon the successful completion of a prescribed rehabilitation process and a specified probationary period, be exonerated from such criminal records and the purpose of issuing police clearance certificates; and
 - (vi) if not, of the reasons therefor?
- (c) If not, why?

2106/2026

Hon. (Mrs.) M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of rest houses belonging to the Ministry that are located within the Wellawaya Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) extent of land of such rest houses, separately;
 - (iii) period for which such rest houses have been leased; and
 - (iv) names of the persons by whom such rest houses have been leased?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the rest house located on Ella road, Wellawaya, has been sub-leased;
 - (ii) if so, of the name of the sub-lessee;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the original lessee of the said rest house, while misappropriating the assets thereof, has cut down and sold 08 teak trees on two occasions without obtaining any permission; and
 - (iv) of the legal measures that have been taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, August 05, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

883/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the landless persons have applied to the Koralaipattu, Valaichchenai 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 Koralai Pattu, Valaichchenai 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?

1036/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— 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 undergraduates currently enrolled in state university system in Sri Lanka who receive the Mahapola Scholarship and Bursary payments, separately;
 - (ii) amount received per student under each of the aforesaid schemes at present, separately; and
 - (iii) measures taken to ensure that these allowances are disbursed to students duly and on time?
- (b) If not, why?

1281/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total number of Offices of the Regional Medical Officers of Health established in the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) whether there are any vacancies for medical officers in the said offices;
 - (iii) if so, of the number of vacancies;
 - (iv) of the number of maternity clinics and child clinics functioning under each of the above-mentioned Offices of the Regional Medical Officers of Health, separately;
 - (v) whether the number of maternity clinics and child clinics that are required to be established in each division of the Regional Medical Officers of Health in the Anuradhapura District has been identified; and
 - (vi) if so, of the said number of clinics separately in terms of each division?
- (b) If not, why?

1377/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of domesticated elephants and tuskers in Sri Lanka at present; and
 - (ii) measures that will be taken to resolve the problems faced by those domesticated elephants/ tuskers and their owners?
- (b) If not, why?

1828/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to introduce a pension scheme and insurance coverage for regional correspondents;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to introduce a concessional loan scheme to purchase media equipment or to provide transport facilities (such as electric motorcycles);

(21)

- (iii) whether there is a plan to formulate a permanent salary structure or a formal allowance scheme for journalists registered with the Department of Government Information who have completed a minimum of 10 years of service;
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to increase the 'minimum fee paid for a news story' by the media institution and to ensure due recognition to the media identity card; and
 - (v) if not, of the actions that will be taken forthwith to address the economic difficulties faced by these journalists?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, August 06, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

783/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that a bus service was operated as Wattala-Bambalapitiya on route no. 104 a few years ago;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the said bus service is not operational at present; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to restart the said bus service by deploying a bus from the Ja Ela depot and a bus from the Ratmalana depot?
- (b) If not, why?

907/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the buildings of the Government Maternity Hospital, Rajamalwatta, Modara are currently in a dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) of the measures that will be taken to develop the buildings and the other facilities of the said hospital?
- (b) If not, why?

945/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which a Senior Assistant Secretary to the President sent a letter to the Land Reform Commission, instructing it ‘not to alienate’ the lands owned by the Commission;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the lands have been alienated even after receiving the aforesaid letter;
 - (iii) if so, of the extent of the lands, so alienated;
 - (iv) of the reason for such alienation of lands;
 - (v) of the names of the individuals to whom aforesaid lands have been allocated; and
 - (vi) of the measures that will be taken to bring the lands owned by the Commission under proper regulation?
- (b) If not, why?

1021/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether there are established distinctions in job roles between Development Officers and Management Service Officers in practice; and
 - (ii) if so, how such distinctions are implemented within ministries and departments?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether only Management Service Officers are eligible for postings to Sri Lankan Foreign Missions through a structured examination and interview process;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for not introducing a similar mechanism for Development Officers; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to ensure equal professional development opportunities, including overseas employment opportunities, for Development Officers on par with Management Service Officers?
- (c) If not, why?

1192/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) length of the bridge constructed from Velanaithurai in the Velanai Divisional Secretariat Division of the Jaffna District to Pungudutivu, Madaththuveli;
 - (ii) year in which the said bridge was last renovated and the source of funds used for the purpose; and
 - (iii) total cost of its renovation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that travelling on the said bridge is very risky and that accidents occur as a result;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for the occurrence of such accidents; and
 - (iii) of the date on which the said bridge will be fully renovated?
- (c) If not, why?

1355/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that 130 applications submitted to the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs for the purpose of registering Arabic schools, have not been approved by the said Department in the last 04 years; and
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to register the 130 Arabic schools referred to above?
- (b) If not, why?

1527/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Kokkilai and Nayar lagoons in the Mullaitivu district, of facilities including and the wetlands and bird habitats near them are suitable environments for the development of eco-tourism;
 - (ii) of the current situation regarding eco-friendly accommodation (Eco-Hotels) for tourists in those areas;

(24)

- (iii) whether a feasibility study or a master plan has been prepared to develop those areas as eco-tourism destinations and attract more tourists;
- (iv) of the measures that are being taken to promote sustainable eco-tourism, and protect the biodiversity and habitats of migratory birds in those areas; and
- (v) of the livelihood opportunities currently being implemented and planned to be initiated in the future, including training of local people in the fields of eco-tourism guidance, boat services and accommodation facilities?

(b) If not, why?

1658/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total extent of land of the old Mahamodara Maternity Hospital in Galle;
 - (ii) of the government properties currently remaining on the said hospital premises;
 - (iii) whether health services are currently being conducted within the said hospital building;
 - (iv) whether there are plans to utilize the said premises for any other purpose;
 - (v) if so, of the nature of the planned activity; and
 - (vi) of the services and facilities provided by the 'Helmut Kohl Memorial Maternity (Teaching) Hospital' in Karapitiya compared to the old Mahamodara Maternity Hospital?

(b) If not, why?

1825/2026

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that unauthorized buildings have been constructed by encroaching on reservation lands of roads and railways maintained by the Road Development Authority and the Department of Sri Lanka Railways;
 - (ii) of the measures that will be taken to remove the buildings referred to above;

(25)

- (iii) of the institutions responsible for the maintenance and cleaning of the canals that facilitate the drainage of rainwater on the roads maintained by the institutes mentioned above;
- (iv) of the measures that will be taken to prevent flooding caused by the obstruction of the canals that facilitate the drainage of rainwater; and
- (v) of the institutions that should implement the measures referred to above?

(b) If not, why?

2109/2026

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of staff employed in the Department of Pensions at present; and
- (ii) measures that have been taken to ensure the data security of the said Department?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the number of public officers who have been sent on retirement as at 31.12.2019, from 01.01.2020 to 31.12.2024 and from 01.01.2025 to 30.04.2026 separately;
- (ii) of the total public sector pension payments as a percentage of the gross national product;
- (iii) whether the pensions increased in the 2025 budget have been paid to all pensioners by now;
- (iv) if not, of the number of pensioners who are yet to be paid such payments;
- (v) of the reasons for such delay and of the expected time frame for making those payments;
- (vi) whether the pension increase is also applicable to those who were sent on retirement prior to 2026;
- (vii) of the number of pensioners who have not received financial benefits from this pension increase; and
- (viii) of the reasons for not receiving such financial benefits?

(c) If not, why?

Friday, August 07, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1549/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a forest reserve along the Poonugala - Wewelthalawa Estate Road in the Yatiyanthota Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) of the biodiversity of the said forest reserve and its unique characteristics;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that there is an unauthorized construction in the said forest reserve;
 - (iv) of the measures taken by the relevant plantation company and the police to control the illegal activities carried out in the said forest reserve; and
 - (v) of the measures taken by the relevant plantation company and the government separately to protect the said forest reserve?
- (b) If not, why?

1645/2025

Hon. Imran Maharoo,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there is a delay in issuing licenses for vessels engaged in the ring net fishing industry in the Northern and Eastern provinces;
 - (ii) owing to the delay, it has not been possible to harvest fish that are available only at a specific time; and
 - (iii) fishermen, fishing gear and vessels engaged in fishing activities without licenses are apprehended by Navy officers and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Department officers, produced before the courts and fined?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons for the delay in issuing the licenses mentioned in (a) (i) above; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to issue licenses within the stipulated time in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

1758/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of persons that applied to obtain deeds under the 'Urumaya' programme in the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat Division from 01.01.2020 to 01.01.2025 and their names;
 - (ii) whether deeds were provided under the aforesaid 'Urumaya' programme to the persons who applied for deeds during the period mentioned above;
 - (iii) if so, of the number of those applicants and their names;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that most of the 'Urumaya' applicants have not received the deeds;
 - (v) if so, of the number of those persons and their names; and
 - (vi) of the reasons for not issuing the deeds to those persons up to now?
- (b) If not, why?

1883/2026

Hon. Sunil Rajapaksha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

- (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 mandatory 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?

1909/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) annual revenue earned from cinnamon exports in each year from the year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) number of families that are currently engaged in cinnamon cultivation; and
 - (iii) measures that will be taken to resolve the problems faced by cinnamon cultivators and to promote cinnamon cultivation?
- (b) If not, why?

1924/2026

Hon. Dewananda Suraweera,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of school children belonging to families of migrant workers in the Colombo District;
 - (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 instances where the grant of school equipment is refused; and
 - (iii) if so, of the criteria in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

1926/2026

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (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?

2062/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) qualifications that must be fulfilled to enter the Sri Lanka Administrative Service;
 - (ii) procedure for the recruitment of officers to that service;
 - (iii) designations to which the officers of that service are appointed;
 - (iv) designations or acting designations that belong to the Administrative Service but are currently held by officers belonging to other services along with their places of work; and
 - (v) measures that will be taken to place the said officers in appropriate work places in order to maintain the Administrative Service as a proper public service?
- (b) If not, why?

2112/2026

Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) additional Divisional Secretariats have been established in the Nuwara Eliya District; and
 - (ii) nearly 120,000 people reside in each of the Hanguranketha, Walapane and Kotmale areas, and that only one Pradeshiya Sabha has been established in each of those areas to provide services to their residents?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether it is possible to establish 02 Pradeshiya Sabhas in such areas by delimitation in accordance with the population of the respective areas; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measure that will be taken therefor?
- (c) If not, why?

2134/2026

Hon. Kitnan Selvaraj,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of cultural centres registered under the Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs;
 - (ii) of the manner in which the administrative structure (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer) of the said centres is constituted;
 - (iii) whether the financial statements (statement of accounts) of the above centres are audited annually;
 - (iv) whether the said centres are functioning in a manner suitable for public use;
 - (v) whether the cultural centres located in the Badulla and Nuwara Eliya districts are functioning under government administration; and
 - (vi) of the amount of money spent by the government for Hindu cultural centres through the Department in the year 2025?
 - (b) If not, why?
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