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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, July 07, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

766/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the designations that are legally entitled to receive police security and the names of the persons holding such designations, separately;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that, as pointed out by the media, police security has been provided in the past to persons and institutions that are not entitled to receive such security; and
 - (iii) if so, of the details pertaining thereto?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

774/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that a problematic situation has arisen regarding the provision of employment opportunities in South Korea under the E-8 visa category;
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that have been taken to regulate the provision of the said employment opportunities; and
 - (iii) of the methodology adopted in providing the relevant employment opportunities?
- (b) If not, why?

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3.

844/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankans who have been sent abroad for domestic service without the provision of residential training since 2020 up to now;
 - (ii) of the countries to which they have been sent abroad;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the provision of residential training for Sri Lankans going abroad for domestic service is mandatory under the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment Act, No. 21 of 1985;
 - (iv) of the amount of revenue lost to the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment since 2020 up to now as a result of Sri Lankans being sent abroad for domestic service without being provided with the residential training; and
 - (v) of the measures taken to ensure the provision of residential training to all Sri Lankans who go abroad for domestic service?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

884/2025

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 and their names, who applied for 'Urumaya' freehold deeds in the Koralaipattu, Valaichenai Divisional Secretariat Division, Batticaloa District from 01.01.2019 to 31.03.2025;
 - (ii) whether 'Urumaya' freehold deeds have been granted to the persons referred to above during the above time period 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?
- (b) If not, why?

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5.

1019/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the current number of Development Officers and Management Service Officers employed in the public service;
 - (ii) whether any recent review has been conducted on the distribution of Development Officers across departments and provinces;
 - (iii) if so, the key findings thereof;
 - (iv) whether the Development Officer Service has not yet been issued with a formally approved service minute; and
 - (v) if so, the reasons for such delay?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1031/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the objectives of establishing the National Child Protection Authority;
 - (ii) of the approved cadre for the aforesaid Authority;
 - (iii) of the number of employees currently serving at the said Authority and the number of vacancies existing at present;
 - (iv) whether the Authority has any legal authority regarding children who become victims of abuse;
 - (v) if so, as to how the aforesaid legal authority is exercised; and
 - (vi) of the measures that will be taken to strengthen the said institution?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1249/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Department of Agriculture has a methodology to test soil;
 - (ii) if so, of the said methodology;

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- (iii) of the purpose of testing soil;
- (iv) of the number of laboratories that have been established for soil testing at present;
- (v) of the locations where the said laboratories have been established; and
- (vi) of the number of soil samples that have been tested since 2024 up to now, separately by the locations from which the said soil samples were obtained?

(b) If not, why?

8.

1318/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (2)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) at present there are more than 2,500 Ayurvedic doctors in Sri Lanka who have been unable to obtain government appointments for a long period; and
- (ii) an injustice has been caused to Unani Medical Officers due to the failure to include their appointments among the 61 Ayurvedic Medical Officer appointments granted in 2023?

(b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to grant government appointments to the Ayurvedic doctors mentioned above in (a) (i)?

(c) If not, why?

9.

1375/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of tame elephants living in Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) of the names and addresses of the owners of those elephants;
- (iii) of the criteria that are taken into consideration in issuing licenses to keep such elephants in possession;
- (iv) whether follow-up and regular enquiries are made regarding those elephants; and
- (v) if so, of the mechanism that is in place in that regard?

(b) If not, why?

10.

1803/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the names of the post offices located in the Matara District separately by category;
 - (ii) of the number of lands and buildings belonging to the Department of Posts in the said district;
 - (iii) separately, of the names of the locations where the said lands and buildings are located;
 - (iv) whether a decision has been taken to close down the post offices in the said district either permanently or temporarily;
 - (v) whether he is aware that some post offices have already been closed down by now;
 - (vi) if so, of the reasons for closing them down;
 - (vii) of the steps that will be taken regarding the said matter;
 - (viii) of the measures that will be taken to restore the postal service in the said district; and
 - (ix) of the time that will be taken for such restoration?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether it has been reported that there are administrative flaws on the part of the Postmaster of the Akuressa Post Office;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the employees are protesting against the said officer;
 - (iii) whether any disciplinary action has been taken against him; and
 - (iv) if not, why?
- (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

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

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The 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.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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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*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The 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 the 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.

*13.

The 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 the 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.

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 Project.
				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.

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	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 Bimputh 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. Syndicate Loan of 9 million US dollars provided by the Bank to a Maldivian company named RPI Private Limited.

*14.

Protection of Occupants Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

Rent (Repeal) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

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

*17.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

Finance (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

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.”

20.

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

21.

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

22.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

23.

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.

896/2025

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 Koralaipattu South, Kiran Divisional Secretariat Division 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?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

897/2025

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 Koralaipattu South, Kiran 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 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?
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