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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1543/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the reasons for the failure to repair the Yatiyanthota–Nawalapitiya road via Seepoth and Nagastenna in the Kegalle District for about 20 years;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the above-mentioned road can be used as an alternative route from Colombo to Nawalapitiya;
 - (iii) whether the Road Development Authority had planned to develop the said road from kilometer 9 onwards;
 - (iv) of the amount allocated for the said development;
 - (v) whether the said development tasks have been carried out properly;
 - (vi) whether the prescribed procurement procedures have been duly adopted in that regard; and
 - (vii) whether the development of the said road will be carried out expeditiously?
- (b) If not, why?

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1642/2025

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of international cricket stadiums situated in each province in Sri Lanka, separately;
 - (ii) whether plans have been made to construct new cricket stadiums in the Northern and Eastern Provinces in the future; and
 - (iii) if so, of the areas in which the aforesaid stadiums are to be constructed?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that there are talented cricket players in the Northern and Eastern Provinces; and
 - (ii) if so, of the programme available to identify them and include them in the national team?
- (c) If not, why?

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1740/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Is she aware that the —
 - (i) people affected by the Tsunami disaster that occurred on 26.12.2004 in the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat Division lost their homes;
 - (ii) Government and non-governmental organizations have constructed and provided alternative houses on private lands and state lands for those people; and
 - (iii) aforesaid alternative houses have been constructed on state lands in the Grama Niladhari Divisions of Sarvodayapuram, Senkamam, Hijra Nagar, Kanahar Village, Komari 1 and Komari 2?
- (b) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) reasons for the relevant land deeds not yet having been granted to the aforesaid people, even though a period of more than 18 years has elapsed; and
 - (ii) steps that have been taken or will be taken in the future to grant land deeds to those people expeditiously?
- (c) If not, why?

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1789/2025

Hon. B. Ariyawansha,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of estate villages in the Ratnapura District;
 - (ii) names of those estate villages;
 - (iii) number of families living in those estate villages separately in respect of each village; and
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to improve the infrastructure facilities in those estate villages?
- (b) If not, why?

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1888/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether he is aware that —
 - (i) the residents of the EHED Tsunami Resettlement, Islamabad, and Periyaniawanai Housing Schemes in the Bolivarian Village are experiencing significant difficulties due to their dilapidated condition, where basic amenities have become non-operational;
 - (ii) persistent flooding has led to serious health concerns, including mosquito breeding and the spread of diseases, as stagnant water is mixed with toilets pits and sewage systems;
 - (iii) as a consequence, vulnerable groups, including the elderly, women, children, and those with health conditions have been adversely affected; and
 - (iv) the condominium property committees that functioned in the said housing schemes have remained dormant for a considerable period?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the immediate measures that will be taken to address the prevailing health, drainage, and flooding issues in the above-mentioned housing schemes;
 - (ii) whether a practical and permanent solution has been proposed for the renovation or reconstruction of the said housing schemes;
 - (iii) if so, of the proposed time period for the same; and
 - (iv) of the period of time that will be taken for reactivating the currently dormant condominium property committees?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

1906/2026

Hon. R.G. Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the area where 43 families reside in the Pallemaluwa Grama Niladhari Division of the Hanguranketha Divisional Secretariat has been gazetted as an archaeological conservation zone;
 - (ii) whether he accepts that the ordinary life of the people in that area has been disrupted due to the matter in question;

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- (iii) whether he is aware that the delay in issuing the deeds for those lands by the Land Reform Commission is attributable to the lack of consent from the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs; and
- (iv) whether any remedial action will be taken in this regard?

(b) If not, why?

7.

1940/2026

Hon. Dharmapriya Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the methodology adopted in implementing community water supply projects;
- (ii) of the government's intervention and the contribution of rural communities in initiating such projects;
- (iii) of the structure and responsibilities of the community water committees/ societies that maintain such projects;
- (iv) whether there is a mechanism for the intervention of government institutions, including Divisional Secretariats and local authorities in those projects; and
- (v) if not, of the reasons therefor?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the methodology followed to regulate and audit community water supply projects;
- (ii) whether measures have been taken regarding the findings revealed by the audits conducted thus far; and
- (iii) if so, of such measures taken?

(c) If not, why?

8.

2025/2026

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the International Health Assessment Centre (IHAC) was established by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in 2018/2019 to assess the health of foreigners arriving in Sri Lanka on resident visas;
- (ii) the said Centre was established on the understanding that it would be taken over by the Ministry of Health after the recovery of the initial set-up costs;

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- (iii) the COVID-19 pandemic delayed the takeover process; and
- (iv) despite assurances to take over the IHAC in 2025 and 2026, no progress appears to have been made?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a definite plan and timeline exist for the takeover of the IHAC by the Ministry of Health;
 - (ii) whether the Ministry intends to forgo the annual revenue generated through the said Centre; and
 - (iii) of the manner that the 15% revenue share received by the Ministry has been utilized thus far?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

2035/2026

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) whether a service minute is in force for the Sri Lanka Teacher Advisors' Service;
 - (ii) of the cadre strength prescribed under the said service minute;
 - (iii) of the role of Teacher Advisors in terms of the said service minute; and
 - (iv) whether a special role has been assigned to Teacher Advisors in the implementation of the new education reforms?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of vacancies in the Teacher Advisors' Service disaggregated by province and subject; and
 - (ii) of the arrangements that have been made to cover the relevant duties in view of the existing vacancies in the Teacher Advisors' Service?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

2052/2026

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that railway services from Colombo to Kandy and to Nawalapitiya are not currently in operation;
 - (ii) of the number of locations on the said railway line that sustained damages due to Cyclone 'Ditwah';

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- (iii) of the number of identified locations of which the damage sustained has been estimated;
 - (iv) of the measures that have been taken so far to repair such damages;
 - (v) of the expected time frame for the restoration and development of all the affected locations; and
 - (vi) whether it is possible to restore the said railway line and recommence train services up to Kandy within a period of 06 months?
- (b) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

Hon. G.G. Ponnambalam,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Calvary Church of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Act, No. 2 of 1999.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

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

*3.

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

*4.

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.

*5.

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

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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.

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;
- (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

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- (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?

2.

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 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 2025; and
 - (iv) necessity for maintaining the said Commission as a permanent commission?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

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

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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?
