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FOR

Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1190/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the construction of the public sports complex, located in the centre of the Kilinochchi town, was commenced in the year 2010 and has not yet been handed over for the use of the athletes;
 - (ii) of the level to which the sports complex has been planned to be constructed;
 - (iii) of the amount of funds, allocated for the construction of aforesaid sports complex so far;
 - (iv) of the amount, spent from aforesaid funds during the last 10 years;
 - (v) of the number of contractors engaged so far for the construction of the sports complex; and
 - (vi) of the names of the contractors, currently carrying out the construction?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) impact this construction delay has had on the sportsmen and sportswomen of the district; and
 - (ii) measures that have been taken for the development of the sports sector in the Kilinochchi district?
- (c) If not, why?

(2)

2.

1526/2025

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 Mullaitivu District, which is endowed with numerous tourist attractions, remain as an underdeveloped District in terms of the tourism industry;
- (ii) of the special projects implemented in the Mullaitivu District to promote domestic and foreign tourist arrivals;
- (iii) of the plans to improve basic infrastructure facilities including roads, accommodation facilities, tourist resorts and observation centres to attract tourists;
- (iv) of the measures that will be taken to encourage private sector investment in the tourism sector in the said district;
- (v) whether there is any plan to train and employ the youth of the Mullaitivu District as tour guides, eco-tourism facility providers or professionals in the hospitality sector; and
- (vi) whether consideration will be given to declare several selected areas in the Mullaitivu District as Special Tourism Zones under the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority?

(b) If not, why?

3.

1548/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the length in kilometers, of the road from Poonugala to Wewelthalawa (Weviyethalawa) within the Yatiyanthota Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) whether he is aware that the said road had deteriorated to such an extent that it is virtually impassable for not only vehicles but also pedestrians alike;
- (iii) of the number of years that have elapsed since the section of the said road from Poonugala to Wewelthalawa was last repaired;
- (iv) whether he admits that the failure to repair the said road is an obstacle to the daily activities of the residents of the Wewelthalawa Estate;

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- (v) of the measures that have been taken so far to repair the said road; and
- (vi) of the agreement between the relevant estate company and the government in repairing the said road?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1644/2025

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— 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 approved cadre of teachers for government schools in the Trincomalee District;
- (ii) number of approved cadre of teachers for each subject, separately;
- (iii) total number of teachers currently serving in the said District;
- (iv) number of existing teacher vacancies for each subject, separately; and
- (v) steps that will be taken to fill those vacancies?

(b) If not, why?

5.

1657/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of Regional Cinnamon Development Officers belonging to the Department of Cinnamon Development;
- (ii) separately, of the names of the Districts and Divisional Secretariat Divisions where those officers are stationed;
- (iii) of the organizational structure of the said Department and its regional offices;
- (iv) whether plans have been made to establish this Department as a statutory body by an Act of Parliament;
- (v) whether the human resources required for the efficient functioning of the Department are adequately available; and
- (vi) if not, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?

(b) If not, why?

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6.

1756/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that circular no. 2008/4 is currently in force for the allocation of lands to landless persons and for the issuance of permits in respect of such lands;
- (ii) if so, of the number of persons who have applied under phases 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 within the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat Division as per the said circular and of the number of new land permits issued under each phase, separately;
- (iii) of the total number of new permits that have been issued by the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat during the last 17 years as per the said circular;
- (iv) of the number of land permits that have been applied for under the said circular, but have not yet been issued;
- (v) of the number of permits that have been recommended by the Land Title Settlement Department of the Eastern Province and have been forwarded to the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat, but have not yet been issued;
- (vi) of the reasons that have led to the retention of the said land permits without being issued; and
- (vii) whether steps will be taken to issue the said permits to the eligible persons expeditiously?

(b) If not, why?

7.

1790/2025

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) of the number of Tamil medium schools located in the Ratnapura District;
- (ii) of the names of the said schools;
- (iii) separately, of the number of teacher vacancies existing in the said schools for each subject; and
- (iv) of the measures that will be taken to fill the said vacancies?

(b) If not, why?

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8.

1824/2026

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether rehabilitation centres have been established under the Provincial Ministry of Health of Northern Province for the rehabilitation of individuals addicted to alcohol and drugs;
 - (ii) if so, of the districts in which the rehabilitation centres have been established;
 - (iii) whether services are currently being rendered from the above centres;
 - (iv) if so, of the districts in which services are rendered;
 - (v) if not, of the reasons therefor; and
 - (vi) of the time frame within which these centers are expected to become functional?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1990/2026

Hon. Thilina Samarakoon,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether sufficient rice stocks can be released to the market during the festive season;
 - (ii) of the controlled prices of all types of rice by type, separately;
 - (iii) of the arrangements made to distribute rice through Lanka Sathosa Limited;
 - (iv) of the types of rice imported; and
 - (v) of the current prices of such rice by type, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether sufficient stocks of essential food are stored within the country;
 - (ii) whether such food is imported solely by the private sector;
 - (iii) if not, in what manner the public sector intervenes in this regard;

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- (iv) whether the Consumer Affairs Authority intervenes adequately to control the prices of rice and other essential food items; and
- (v) of the details can be provided on the manner in which the Authority intervenes in price control?

(c) If not, why?

10.

2092/2026

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) of the number of 'Gemidiriya' companies that have been established in the Ratnapura District;
- (ii) of the number of such companies that are operational at present;
- (iii) of the custodian of the immovable, movable and the financial assets of the operational and the non-operational companies;
- (iv) whether the assets and the transactions of those companies are audited annually;
- (v) if so, of the name of the auditing authority; and
- (vi) of the actions that have been taken against the irregularities that have been committed by the officers of those companies?

(b) If not, why?

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 2.30 p.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 20 read with Sections 4(1), 6 and 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2493/03 of 15th June 2026, which were presented on 10.07.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 20 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2493/39 of 18th June 2026, which were presented on 10.07.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Protection of Occupants Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Rent (Repeal) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

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

*6.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Finance (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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.”

9.

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

10.

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

11.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

12.

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

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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, Vakarai 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;

(9)

- (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, 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?

2.

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, their names and relevant details?

(b) If not, why?

3.

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