



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 4(3).]

**ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 4
OF
PARLIAMENT**

Issued on Friday, July 24, 2026

Tuesday, August 04, 2026

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 240— Programme 02— †That this Parliament resolves that an additional sum not exceeding Rupees Seventy One Thousand Seven Hundred million (Rs. 71,700,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or any other fund or finances possessed by the Government, or any loan obtained by the Government at the discretion of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, for the services of the financial year commencing on 01st January, 2026, and ending on 31st December, 2026, and that the said sum may be expended in the manner specified in the schedule hereto:-

SCHEDULE

Head 240	-	Department of National Budget	
Programme 02	-	Development Activities	
		Recurrent Expenditure	<u>Rs. 71,700,000,000</u>
		Total Expenditure	<u>Rs. 71,700,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 3 of 2026 presented on 24th July, 2026

Total of Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1 and 2 Rs. 520,000,000,000

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Determination under the Constitution,— Whereas Mrs. L. S. I. Jayarathna has been appointed as the Auditor-General with effect from 05.02.2026, as per the approval of the Constitutional Council in terms of Articles 153(1) and 41c(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;

(2)

And whereas the duties and functions of the Auditor-General have been determined in terms of Article 154 of the Constitution, and the salary shall be determined by Parliament and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of the Article 153(2) of the Constitution;

And whereas the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted, according to the Cabinet Decision No. අම/26/1258/801/020 and dated 06.07.2026 pursuant to the Cabinet Memorandum of 20.06.2026 submitted by the President to pay salaries to Mrs. L. S. I. Jayarathna, Auditor-General as follows:-

- (a) To place Auditor-General Mrs. L. S. I. Jayarathna, on the 5th salary step of the SL-4 salary scale (175,000 - 12x5, 300 - 238,600) in accordance with the Public Administration Circular No. 10/2025 with effect from the date of her appointment on 05.02.2026, and accordingly to pay the salary placing at the salary step of Rs. 170,528/- in terms of Schedule III compatible to the salary step of Rs. 196,200/- under Schedule II of the said circular; and
- (b) To pay annual salary increments as indicated in the said salary scale and make salary conversion subject to the amendments made from time to time in the above circular.

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines that Mrs. L. S. I. Jayarathna, Auditor-General be paid the aforesaid monthly salary to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Article 153(2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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Animals (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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National Water Supply and Drainage Board (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

** Indicates Government Business.*

Wednesday, August 05, 2026

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Chartered Institute of Media Professionals of Sri Lanka Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

** Indicates Government Business.*

Friday, August 07, 2026

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P. 128/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Providing solutions to the shortage of teachers and to the issues relating to digital education in schools in the Vanni and island areas of Jaffna in the Northern Province,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken to fill the teacher vacancies existing for the subjects of Mathematics, Science and English in schools in the Vanni and island areas of Jaffna by making recruitments at district level, to provide modern computer laboratories and proper internet facilities to develop the information technology literacy of the students in those areas, and to implement special scholarship schemes to provide additional educational opportunities to students from families below the poverty line.

P. 129/2026

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,— Promotion of Traditional Industries in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that, in view of the significant contribution that traditional industries utilizing the stems, pseudo-stems and leaves of plants such as bamboo, cane, reed and palm can make to the industrial and tourism sectors of Sri Lanka, and in line with the current revival of those sectors, the government should take steps to establish an appropriate institutional mechanism to provide the necessary technical assistance for the promotion of such traditional industries, expand markets for their products, grant official recognition to such industries, promote the cultivation of the raw materials required for the development of large-scale industries, encourage entrepreneurs to engage in such industries, ensure greater value for the labour and skills of the artisans engaged therein, and formulate a programme to safeguard their lives on retirement.

P. 130/2026

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— Formulation of a programme to increase train services on the Puttalam Railway Line,— That this Parliament resolves that, in view of the increase in fuel prices consequent to the prevailing situation in the Middle East region, and the growing reliance on public transportation among the large number of commuters traveling daily on the Puttalam railway line for employment and business purposes, a programme be formulated to increase train services between Puttalam and Colombo to provide an adequate service to the passenger community.

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Tuesday, August 18, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1184/2025

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (3)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether she is aware that there was a school named Tamilcholai Vidyalaya in the Kilinochchi District;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which the said school was established;
 - (iii) of the years in which the students of the said school had last sat for the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination and the Grade 05 Scholarship examination, separately;
 - (iv) of the name of the said school at present;
 - (v) of the name of the individuals who took steps to change the name of the said school;
 - (vi) of the reasons for changing the name of the said school;
 - (vii) of the date on which the above-mentioned change was made; and
 - (viii) whether it is possible to name the said school after the founder of the said school or a person who pioneered in the establishment of the school?
- (b) If not, why?

1673/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the government has not conducted surveys and issued deeds for the lands owned by individuals operating holiday resorts in tourist areas such as Sinna Ullai, Arugam Bay, Sarvodayapura, Jalaldeen Square, Kudakalliya, Whisky Point, Kottukal and Light House in the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat;
 - (ii) whether he admits that holiday resorts lacking such documentation cannot be registered with the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that, as a result, the Pottuvil Pradeshiya Sabha has been unable to levy the relevant business tax;
 - (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to provide an opportunity, under the approval of the Divisional Secretary, for land surveys to be carried out by private surveyors in order to expedite the issuance of 'Urumaya' deeds; and

(5)

- (v) whether such lands can be included in the 'Urumaya' scheme using the survey plans prepared in the said manner?

(b) If not, why?

1681/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the year in which the Postal Department was established;
- (ii) separately, of the number of main post offices and sub-post offices currently located in the country;
- (iii) of the number of employees currently serving in the Postal Department;
- (iv) of the number of vacancies currently existing in the said Department; and
- (v) of the measures taken to fill those vacancies?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that there is a request to provide motorcycles to postal employees for the delivery of mail; and
- (ii) if so, of the government's stance regarding the said request?

(c) If not, why?

1910/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of varieties of fruits cultivated in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) names of such fruit varieties;
- (iii) names of the fruit varieties among the aforesaid fruits that are in short supply in the local market due to exportation;
- (iv) income earned from exporting fruits from 2015 to date; and
- (v) measures that will be taken to promote fruit cultivation in the country?

(b) If not, why?

2027/2026

Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of co-operative societies registered with the Department of Co-operative Development in the Kegalle district;
 - (ii) year in which the first Co-operative Society in the said District was registered;
 - (iii) number of Co-operative Rural Banks (CRB) belonging to those Co-operative Societies; and
 - (iv) active and inactive Co-operative Rural Banks (CRB) and Co-operative outlets separately, at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the years in which the Bulathkohupitiya and Yatiyanthota Co-operative Societies were registered, separately;
 - (ii) of the number of outlets, rural banks and Co-op cities belonging to those Societies, separately;
 - (iii) of the active and inactive outlets belonging to those societies, at present;
 - (iv) of the reasons that led to the said outlets becoming inactive;
 - (v) whether the annual audits of those Co-operative Societies have been properly conducted during the last 10 years; and
 - (vi) if not, what measures will be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

2094/2026

Hon. Dewananda Suraweera,— To ask the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— (1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether a mechanism is available to identify elderly persons in the Colombo District who have no close relatives, have no permanent livelihood, and live in rented houses;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such elderly persons identified so far;
 - (iii) the number of institutions established within the Colombo District for the protection of the said elderly persons;
 - (iv) the support extended by the government to the said institutions;

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- (v) whether he is aware that, on the whole, issues relating to the protection of elderly persons show a growing annual trend;
 - (vi) whether future plans have been proposed for the protection and welfare of elderly persons; and
 - (vii) if so, of such proposed plans?
- (b) If not, why?

2108/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of housing projects that were implemented by acquiring land that belonged to the Land Reform Commission and plantation companies in the Ratnapura District;
 - (ii) number of houses that belong to each housing project;
 - (iii) number of beneficiaries who have and have not been issued deeds for the houses and lands under each project, separately; and
 - (iv) date on which deeds will be issued to the beneficiaries who have not yet received them?
- (b) If not, why?

2116/2026

Hon. Sugath Wasantha de Silva,— To ask the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) total number and the percentages of persons with disabilities in Sri Lanka, separately on the basis of each type of disability, according to the 2024 report of the Department of Census and Statistics;
 - (ii) number of persons belonging to the labour force out of the said population; and
 - (iii) such number disaggregated by gender and by type of disability, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
- (i) number of people with disabilities currently employed in the public and private sectors, separately;
 - (ii) measures that have been taken to ensure the effective implementation of the 3% quota in the public service, as proposed in the Budget 2026;

(8)

- (iii) total number and percentage of unemployed persons with disabilities, separately; and
 - (iv) measures that have been taken to secure employment opportunities for unemployed persons with disabilities in both the public and private sectors?
- (c) If not, why?

2172/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the occupations coming under the Sri Lanka Technological Service;
 - (ii) of the approved cadre for the said service;
 - (iii) of the number of vacancies existing at present;
 - (iv) whether he admits that the said vacancies have become a hindrance to the activities of state institutions; and
 - (v) if so, of the measures that will be taken to fill the vacancies and resolve the professional issues?
- (b) If not, why?

2177/2026

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that —
- (i) all government residential treatment centres established since the year 1996 for drug-dependent women have failed and now been closed down;
 - (ii) the Female Division of ‘Thalangama’ Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre had to be closed down due to a security breach that occurred in the year 2025; and
 - (iii) the specific biological, psychological, pregnancy, and childcare needs of women have been neglected by applying the exact same methodologies used for male drug dependents to women?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of women currently receiving residential treatment under the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board;
 - (ii) number of staff members who resigned following the violent incident in the year 2025; and

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- (iii) steps that will be taken to establish a scientific treatment framework suitable for women, and to set up an easily accessible Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre within the capital city for urban and low-income male drug users in the Colombo District?

(c) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, August 18, 2026)

887/2025

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 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, 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, 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,— (3)

(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,— (3)

- (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;
 - (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?
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Wednesday, August 19, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

32/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) date on which the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport was opened;
 - (ii) annual expenditure and income of the said Airport from the date of its opening up to now, separately for each year; and
 - (iii) steps that will be taken to increase the annual income of the Airport?
- (b) If not, why?

139/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) quantity of organic fertilizer imported into Sri Lanka in 2021 and 2022;
 - (ii) names of the companies/institutions that imported said fertilizer;
 - (iii) amount spent on it;
 - (iv) loss identified through the audit reports resulting from the procurement process related to the import of the said fertilizer;
 - (v) names and the designations of the persons responsible for it; and
 - (vi) recommendations that have been made in the audit report regarding this matter?
- (b) If not, why?

684/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) extent of land belonging to the Department of Archaeology in the Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) sites of archaeological importance located within the said District;
 - (iii) number of incidents related to the theft and destruction of antiquities reported from the said District since 2015 to date;

(12)

- (iv) number of employees of the Department deployed for service within the District;
 - (v) approved cadre for the said District; and
 - (vi) measures that will be taken to fill the existing vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

1495/2025

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that wild elephants cause damage to human lives and property in the Batticaloa district;
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken to prevent the said damages;
 - (iii) of the total length of the elephant fences that have been constructed in the District by now;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that wild elephants enter human settlements and agricultural lands by breaking down the elephant fences constructed by now; and
 - (v) whether action will be taken to construct additional elephant fences during this year to prevent it?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether —
- (i) it is possible to establish 05 new Range Forest Offices within the said district;
 - (ii) it is possible to establish 14 Sub Range Forest Offices; and
 - (iii) action will be taken to provide the human and physical resources required for that purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

2055/2026

Hon. Sarath Kumara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the 'Maragala' mountain range in the Monaragala District has been declared an Environmental Protection Area;
 - (ii) if so, of the total area of land covered by the aforesaid mountain range;
 - (iii) whether the demarcation of the boundaries of the aforesaid Environmental Protection Area has been finalized;

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- (iv) whether any instances of unauthorized settlements or unlawful cultivations within the boundaries of the said mountain reserve have been reported; and
 - (v) if so, of the courses of action that will be taken by the government to remove the unauthorized occupants and safeguard the reserve?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which the area surrounding the Maragala mountain range was declared an Environmental Protection Area;
 - (ii) whether the concerned lands have been settled by the Department of Land Title Settlement prior to such declaration;
 - (iii) if so, whether there are any lands within the settled area that have been settled as private lands; and
 - (iv) whether the use of the settled private lands has been disrupted owing to the declaration of the area as an Environmental Protection Area?
- (c) If not, why?

2113/2026

Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) whether she is aware that there is a shortage of teachers in estate schools;
 - (ii) whether a Gazette has been issued for the recruitment of teaching assistants for aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken to resume the recruitments that have been suspended so far;
 - (iv) of the alternative measures taken regarding the recruitment of teaching assistants for estate schools, if there is any; and
 - (v) whether estate schools that exist in name only, will be absorbed into the national education system in line with the concept of increasing the number of national schools?
- (b) If not, why?

2128/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of —
 - (i) international Test and one-day cricket matches that Sri Lanka has participated in so far; and
 - (ii) stadiums in Sri Lanka at which international Test and one-day cricket matches can be played at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether there are any stadiums in the Kurunegala District at which international cricket matches can be played;
 - (ii) of the number of cricket players who played international cricket representing the said district; and
 - (iii) of the names of such players and the schools they represented?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) whether the D.B. Welagedara Stadium is a one at which international cricket matches can be played;
 - (ii) of the number of international cricket matches that have been played at the said stadium;
 - (iii) of the date on which an international cricket match was last played at the said stadium;
 - (iv) of the name of the institution which owned the said stadium;
 - (v) whether the said stadium has been transferred to another institution at present; and
 - (vi) if so, of the basis on which such ownership has been transferred?
- (d) If not, why?

2139/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of persons who died of rabies as a result of dog bites in 2025;
 - (ii) expenditure incurred on the treatment and vaccination provided to rabies patients during the said year;
 - (iii) total amount allocated for the sterilization of dogs during the said year;
 - (iv) number of stray dogs sterilized using the said allocation;

- (v) total amount allocated to the Ministry in 2026 for the dog sterilization programme;
 - (vi) number of stray dogs sterilized to date in 2026 using the said allocation; and
 - (vii) nature of the dog sterilization programme implemented by the Ministry, in brief?
- (b) If not, why?

2181/2026

Hon. Chaminda Lalith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) a person has forcibly acquired a part of the land belonging to the Kebellagahalanda Cemetery located in No. 44 B, Kaluaggala Grama Niladhari Division within the Divulapitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in the Gampaha District; and
 - (ii) the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation has been informed by the residents and the Divisional Secretary of the area to take necessary actions to return the said part of land for the cemetery?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether actions will be taken to recover some amount from the persons who have been forcibly using the land belonging to the said cemetery for the period of such use;
 - (ii) of the measures that will be taken against the persons who have forcibly acquired a state land; and
 - (iii) of the time period required in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

2188/2026

Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) act under which the 'Api Wenuwen Api' Fund was established, and the main function of the said Fund;
 - (ii) members of the Armed Forces who are eligible to receive housing assistance under the said Fund;
 - (iii) officers responsible for the administration and management of the said Fund; and
 - (iv) main sources of income of the said fund?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he admits that the financial and administrative affairs of the Fund should be carried out in accordance with fiscal policy, and that the Fund should be subjected to government audit; and
 - (ii) whether the financial statements for the year 2024 of the said Fund and the Auditor General's Report thereon have been presented to Parliament?
 - (c) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) of the 'Full House Grant' and 'Half House Grant' projects implemented under the said Fund;
 - (ii) of the basis on which the amount of financial assistance granted for the purchase or construction of a house is determined;
 - (iii) of the number of houses completed thus far;
 - (iv) whether there is a possibility to provide financial assistance through the said Fund to war heroes with indebtedness; and
 - (v) if not, why?
 - (d) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, August 19, 2026)

890/2025

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

- (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, Vakarai in the Batticaloa District; and
 - (ii) if so, of total number of such people, 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,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the landless persons have applied to the Koralaipattu North, Vakarai 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, their names and relevant details;
 - (iii) whether such persons have been issued with Deeds of Grant or Land Permits; and
 - (iv) if so, of the number of such persons along with their names and relevant details?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the majority of the persons who have settled down in government lands in the Koralaipattu North, Vakarai 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?
- (c) If not, why?

892/2025

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) of the number of people who applied for 'Urumaya' freehold deeds in the Koralaipattu North, Vakarai 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;

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- (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?

Thursday, August 20, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

369/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of employees working at the Department of Meteorology;
 - (ii) of the methods by which the Department collects meteorological information and the number of times such data is collected within a day;
 - (iii) of the names of the international organizations with which the information collected by the Department is shared;
 - (iv) whether the methods used to collect meteorological information and the data shared with international organizations conform to international standards; and
 - (v) of the steps that will be taken to improve the Department?
- (b) If not, why?

473/2025

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

- (c) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total number of Free Trade Zones established in the country and the number of factories operating in each zone, separately;
 - (ii) of the nature of production carried out in those factories;
 - (iii) whether such production includes, ready-made garments and other export products; and
 - (iv) of the number of male and female employees working in those factories, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
- (i) export earnings generated from such products during the last 05 years, separately;

(19)

- (ii) measures that can be taken to increase export earnings; and
- (iii) problems faced by exporters in promoting their exports?
- (c) If not, why?

654/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of times taxes on cigarettes have been revised from the year 2023 to date;
 - (ii) of the aforesaid revisions;
 - (iii) of the annual revenue received by the government from the taxes levied on cigarettes;
 - (iv) of the amount of tax levied on one product in the cigarette category (one cigarette) during the last tax revision;
 - (v) of the market price of an aforesaid product before the tax increase;
 - (vi) of the market price of a product after the tax revision;
 - (vii) of the objective expected of levying taxes on cigarette products; and
 - (viii) whether actions will be taken to provide the necessary facilities to increase cigarette production with the aim of increasing government revenue?
- (b) If not, why?

706/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which the Thalvitigala Reservoir Project was initiated;
 - (ii) of the objectives of the said Project;
 - (iii) of the names of the companies that have signed contracts for the said Project;
 - (iv) of the amount of money that has been spent on the said Project so far;
 - (v) whether he is aware that the said Project has been halted by now; and
 - (vi) of the steps that will be taken in future regarding the said Project?
- (b) If not, why?

986/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) operational profit/loss of the Postal Department in each year separately from 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) number of post offices that are currently operational;
 - (iii) names of the post offices that are expected to be newly established;
 - (iv) factors that are being taken into consideration when establishing a new post office;
 - (v) number of vacancies that exist in the Department at present;
 - (vi) number of vehicles that belong to the Department and the number of vehicles that have been recommended for auction therefrom; and
 - (vii) measures that will be taken to strengthen the Department?
- (b) If not, why?

1218/2025

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— 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 buildings currently available in the Bambalapitiya Muslim Ladies' College;
 - (ii) whether she is aware that several buildings among them are more than 75 years old;
 - (iii) out of the said buildings, of the number of those that have become dilapidated and unusable;
 - (iv) whether there is an arrangement in place to renovate those buildings; and
 - (v) if so, of the timeframe during which such arrangement will be implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

1667/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— 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 currently employed in Israel;

(21)

- (ii) whether new job opportunities have been made available in Israel for Sri Lankans in the future; and
 - (iii) if so, of the procedure adopted in selecting workers for such job opportunities?
- (b) If not, why?

2182/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) year in which the Kurunegala-Habarana Railway Project was initiated;
 - (ii) estimated total cost for the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) company contracted to implement the project; and
 - (iv) duration of the project?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the number of plots of land proposed to be acquired for the project;
 - (ii) of the number of plots of land acquired out of those proposed after paying compensation;
 - (iii) of the parties/individuals currently occupying the lands acquired after paying compensation;
 - (iv) of the overall progress of this project;
 - (v) whether it is intended to continue with the project; and
 - (vi) if not, of the reasons therefor?
- (c) If not, why?

2185/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether there is a programme to provide compensation to prawn farmers in the Puttalam district for the damages caused by Cyclone 'Ditwah';
 - (ii) if so, of the said programme;
 - (iii) whether there is a programme for the development of prawn industry, since it is a major industry that generates foreign exchange to the country;
 - (iv) if so, of the said programme;

(22)

- (v) whether the problems encountered in exporting the products of prawn farmers have been identified; and
 - (vi) if so, of the measures that have been taken to resolve the said problems?
- (b) If not, why?

2191/2026

Hon. Ruwan Wijeweera,— 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 officers serving as principals in the school system of the country who belong to the Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service, the Sri Lanka Principals' Service and the Sri Lanka Teachers' Service, separately;
 - (ii) of the allowances payable to officers of each of the above 03 services in addition to their salary while serving as principals, stated separately for each service;
 - (iii) whether it is mandatory for officers belonging to the Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service to have served as a principal of a national school to become eligible for promotions;
 - (iv) if so, of that period of service;
 - (v) of the period of time taken for an officer appointed to Grade III of the Sri Lanka Principals' Service to be promoted to Grade II and Grade I; and
 - (vi) of the required qualifications that be fulfilled by such officers to become eligible for the said promotions?
- (b) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, August 20, 2026)

893/2025

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 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;

(23)

- (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, 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,— (3)

- (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?

895/2025

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 South, Kiran Divisional Secretariat with the aim of acquiring land during the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2025;

(24)

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

Friday, August 21, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

785/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of roadworthy buses that are currently owned by the Welisara Depot;
 - (ii) number of vacancies currently exist at the said Depot; and
 - (iii) measures that will be taken to commence long-distance bus services from Ragama town during the morning, daytime and evening, given that the Colombo North Teaching Hospital is located in the vicinity?
- (b) If not, why?

903/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the Meeravodai Government Hospital has not been developed for a long time; and
 - (ii) patients visiting the said hospital face great inconvenience due to this reason?

(25)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether there is a programme to convert the said hospital into a hospital with all facilities; and
 - (ii) if so, of the said programme?
- (c) If not, why?

910/2025

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 there is a Kidney Hospital in Maligawatta, Colombo;
 - (ii) of the number of current vacancies, categorized separately, for the posts of Doctor, Nurse, Paramedic Professionals and Minor staff at the said hospital; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to develop the said hospital?
- (b) If not, why?

948/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of domestic workers who went abroad for foreign employment for the first time from 2015 to date;
 - (ii) of the countries to which they migrated;
 - (iii) of the number of such migrant domestic workers who have and have not received training from the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau, separately;
 - (iv) of the nature of the training that should be provided to first-time migrant domestic workers in accordance with the Bureau's circulars;
 - (v) whether he is aware that migrant workers without proper training face various difficulties; and
 - (vi) if so, of the measures that will be taken to prevent migrant workers from going abroad for employment without proper training?
- (b) If not, why?

1038/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of Co-operative Rural Banks currently operating in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) names of those banks;
 - (iii) number of Rural Banks among them that have collapsed during the period from the year 2000 to date;
 - (iv) names of the said banks;
 - (v) number of depositors who have been affected by that situation;
 - (vi) reliefs granted to the said depositors by the Department of Co-operative Development; and
 - (vii) measures that will be taken to conduct formal investigations into the financial frauds of those banks and to enforce the law against the persons responsible for them?
- (b) If not, why?

1077/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the impact of the Israel-Iran Conflict has been assessed on global crude oil prices and import costs;
 - (ii) of the contingency measures, that are in place to mitigate fuel price increases, inflation and cost of living;
 - (iii) whether a strategy exists to diversify fuel imports or secure long-term supply contracts;
 - (iv) whether the effect on Colombo and Hambantota ports due to the disruptions in trade routes have been assessed;
 - (v) whether shipping insurance premiums and cargo costs are affecting Sri Lanka's trade; and
 - (vi) of the diplomatic coordination that exists to respond to spillovers from the conflict?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) projected impact of rising oil prices on the balance of payments, budget deficit and debt servicing;

(27)

- (ii) measures to protect vulnerable sectors; and
 - (iii) fiscal or monetary tools prepared to cushion the economy from these shocks?
- (c) If not, why?

1249/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (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;
 - (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?

1365/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the details of the financial allocations made for development projects implemented by the National Disaster Relief Services Centre, in each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Ampara District during the year 2025, separately;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the residents of Addalachchenai, Akkaraipattu and Alayadivembu areas are affected by floods every year due to blockages in the drainage systems in the areas of Thillaiyaru-Sambukkalappu, Addalachchenai and Konawatte; and
 - (iii) of the plan that will be implemented to remove the blockages in those drainage systems and to prevent the people in those areas from being affected by floods?
- (b) If not, why?

1375/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of tame elephants and tuskers living in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the owners of those elephants and tuskers;
 - (iii) of the criteria that are taken into consideration in issuing licenses to keep such elephants and tuskers in possession;
 - (iv) whether follow-up and regular enquiries are made regarding those elephants and tuskers; and
 - (v) if so, of the mechanism that is in place in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

1852/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the steps that have been taken to ensure the transparency in recruitment process followed in providing foreign employment opportunities with the intervention of the government;
 - (ii) of the special investigation mechanism that has been introduced to prevent racketeering and frauds committed under the pretext of providing foreign employment;
 - (iii) whether an information technology solution will be implemented to prevent the abuses caused in a situation in which one applicant applies for several jobs online and then abandons them;
 - (iv) of the measures that have been taken to regulate foreign employment agencies and to revoke the licenses of the institutions that engage in misconduct; and
 - (v) of the expected timeframe for the foreign employment sector to become an efficient service free from corruption through the measures mentioned above?
 - (b) If not, why?
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