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FOR

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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 Tamilchola 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?

2.

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;

(2)

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

(b) If not, why?

3.

1681/2025

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— 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?

4.

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;

(3)

- (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?

5.

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, measures that will be taken in that regard?

(c) If not, why?

6.

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;

(4)

- (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;
- (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?

7.

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?

8.

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?

(5)

(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;
- (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?

9.

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?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Twenty Second Amendment to the Constitution,— Bill to amend the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(6)

2.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Judicature Amendment,— Bill to amend the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

3.

Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka,— Privileges,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matters raised by the Hon. Sajith Premadasa, M.P. on 07th August, 2026 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges and the privileges of the Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri, M.P., and the Members representing the Opposition in Parliament have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 118 of 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,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 20 read with Section 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. 2496/38 of 10th July 2026, which were presented on 07.08.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

National Photographic Art Society of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

The Minister of Labour,— Resolution under the Finance Act,— That this Parliament resolves under Section 19 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 to direct the Minister as follows:—

- (a) to dissolve the Shrama Vasana Fund, established in terms of the Shrama Vasana Fund Act, No. 12 of 1998 as amended by the Act, No. 15 of 2019; and
- (b) to appoint a person or persons to be a liquidator or liquidators of the Shrama Vasana Fund established in terms of the Shrama Vasana Fund Act, No. 12 of 1998 as amended by the Act, No. 15 of 2019, for the purpose of winding up the said Public Enterprise in terms of Part II of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Chief of Defence Staff (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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

*7.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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

*10.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

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

*12.

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.”

13.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

14.

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

15.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

16.

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

17.

Tredzo Development 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.

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?

2.

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;

(9)

- (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?

3.

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?
