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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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?

2.

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?

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3.

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;
 - (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?

4.

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?

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5.

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;
 - (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?

6.

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;

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- (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?

7.

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, separately; 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?

8.

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?

9.

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?

10.

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?
- (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?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Anti-Corruption (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Anti-Corruption Act, No. 9 of 2023.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Chartered Institute of Media Professionals of Sri Lanka Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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

*8.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Finance (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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.”

11.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

12.

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

13.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

14.

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

15.

Tredzo Development 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.

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, Vakara in the Batticaloa District; and
- (ii) if so, of total number of such people, their names and relevant details?

(b) If not, why?

2.

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?

3.

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;

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- (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?
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