



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 176.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, August 21, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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?

2.

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?
- (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?

(2)

3.

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?

4.

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?

5.

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;

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- (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?

6.

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

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7.

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?

8.

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/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?

9.

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?

10.

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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(6)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item No. 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 27 of the Parliament.

2.

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 1.00 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 Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 118— Programme 02— †That this Parliament resolves that an additional sum not exceeding Rupees Seven Thousand Five Hundred Million (Rs. 7,500,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or any other fund or money belonging to 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 118	-	Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation
Programme 02	-	Development Programme
		Capital Expenditure <u>Rs. 7,500,000,000</u>
		Total Expenditure <u>Rs. 7,500,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 4 of 2026 presented on 20th August, 2026.

Total of Supplementary Estimates No. 1 to 3 Rs. 591,700,000,000

*2.

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

*3.

Promotion of Export Agriculture (Amendment) 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.*

[1].

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