



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 4(5).]

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

Issued on Friday, August 21, 2026

Tuesday, September 08, 2026

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Twenty Second Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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

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Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development under Section 237 read with Section 202 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2489/22 of 19th May 2026, which were presented on 18.08.2026, be approved.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development under Sections 141, 143, 144, 157A, 168 and 190 read with Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2493/19 of 17th June 2026, which were presented on 18.08.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— Determination under the Women Empowerment Act,— Whereas the remunerations of the Members of the National Commission on Women, who are appointed in terms of the provisions of the Women Empowerment Act, No. 37 of 2024, shall be determined by Parliament and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund in terms of Section 13 of the said Act;

And whereas, by considering the provisions set out in Section 5(5) of the Act relating to the appointment of at least three (03) full-time members to the Commission including the Chairperson, and recognizing the extent of the responsibilities to be discharged by the Chairperson and the Members, approval has been granted by Cabinet decision No. 26/1522/819/010-I dated 10.08.2026 for the payment of remunerations and allowances to the Chairperson and Members of the National Commission on Women, as follows:—

- (i) Payment of monthly remunerations of Rs. 135,000.00 for the Chairperson, and Rs. 90,000.00 for the Members;
- (ii) Payment of monthly Communication Allowance of Rs. 6,000.00 for the Chairperson, and Rs. 4,250.00 for the Members; and
- (iii) Payment of monthly Fuel Allowance and Transport Allowance as follows:

	Fuel Allowance	Transport Allowance*
Chairperson	220L	Rs. 50,000.00
Other Members	-	Rs. 25,000.00

* The Transport Allowance is entitled for the Chairperson only in instances where an official vehicle with a driver cannot be provided by the Government.

Accordingly, this Parliament determines that the Chairperson and Members of the National Commission on Women be paid the aforesaid remunerations and allowances to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government, in terms of Section 13 of the Women Empowerment Act, No. 37 of 2024.

** Indicates Government Business.*

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS
(Tuesday, September 08, 2026)

2256/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Sri Lanka and India on Digital Transformation on 05.04.2025;
 - (ii) of the parties to the said agreement;
 - (iii) of the respective responsibilities of each party under the said agreement, separately;
 - (iv) of the progress made to date in implementing the said agreement;
 - (v) of the amount invested by the Government of Sri Lanka to date for the implementation of the said agreement;
 - (vi) whether there has been any delay in implementing the said agreement; and
 - (vii) if so, of the reasons for such delay?
- (b) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS
(Wednesday, September 09, 2026)

2257/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Sri Lanka and India on 05.04.2025 for establishing a High Voltage Direct Current interconnection for the import and export of electricity;
 - (ii) of the parties to the said agreement;
 - (iii) of the progress made to date in implementing the said agreement;
 - (iv) of the cost incurred to date by the Government of Sri Lanka or the government affiliated institutions towards implementing the said agreement;
 - (v) of the benefits that Sri Lanka stands to derive from implementing the said agreement; and
 - (vi) of the obstacles encountered in implementing the said agreement?
 - (b) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS
(Thursday, September 10, 2026)

2258/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the agreements reached in terms of the Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Cooperation signed between Sri Lanka and India on 05.04.2025;
 - (ii) of the activities among those agreements that have been implemented and completed as at present;
 - (iii) whether there has been a delay in implementing the agreements reached in terms of the said Memorandum of Understanding;
 - (iv) if so, of the reasons for such delay; and
 - (v) of the reasons for not giving priority to acting in accordance with the agreements reached with India in terms of the said Memorandum of Understanding?
- (b) If not, why?
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Friday, September 11, 2026

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P. 132/2026

Hon. Amirthanathan Adaikkalanathan,— Appointment of a Presidential Commission of Inquiry to seek the truth about the ethnic violence that occurred during the 'Black July' of 1983, to assess the damages and to make recommendations to prevent the recurrence of such ethnic violence,— That this Parliament resolves that a Presidential Commission of Inquiry should be appointed to seek the truth about the said violent acts, to assess the damages caused and to make recommendations to prevent the recurrence of such ethnic violence whereas the 'Black July' of 1983 and the massacres at the Welikada Prison, ethnic conflicts, and violent acts have left a severe scar on the national integration, social structure, and economy of the country; and whereas thousands of people were killed, tens of thousands were displaced and made refugees, and valuable property including homes and business places were set on fire and completely destroyed during the said conflicts and violent acts; and whereas the perpetrators of these conflicts and violent acts have not been identified despite the lapse of over forty years since this event took place; and whereas a comprehensive and independent investigation into the human rights violations and damages to property has not been conducted to date; and whereas it is essential to ensure that such ethnic conflicts and violent acts do not recur in this country and to build sustainable harmony and reconciliation among all communities of the country.

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, September 11, 2026)

2259/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the period from 01.01.2020 to 31.03.2026 —
 - (i) of the amount paid by Sri Lanka Cricket as legal fees;
 - (ii) separately, of the Case numbers of the Cases in which the said institution was a party to, the names of the relevant courts and the amount paid to lawyers as fees for each of those Cases;
 - (iii) of the total amount paid to lawyers for obtaining legal advice that is not relevant to the proceedings of Cases;
 - (iv) of the names of the lawyers who have been engaged by the Sri Lanka Cricket for Cases and for other legal advice; and
 - (v) separately, of the amount of legal fees paid to each of those lawyers?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the measures that will be taken by the present administration of Sri Lanka Cricket to minimize the future expenditure on legal matters relating to the institution?
- (c) If not, why?

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

325/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) present stock position of the 15 critical items required for the continuation of daily hospital operations and the 354 items identified as essential items;
 - (ii) items, out of the above-mentioned, that are completely out of stock and those with stocks sufficient only for 02 months, separately;
 - (iii) outstanding payments due to suppliers that have remained unpaid for over 60, 90, 120 and 150 days; and
 - (iv) reasons for such payments remaining unsettled for more than 60 days?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) present payment position in respect of electricity, water, food, and laundry services, separately; and

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- (ii) measures that will be taken to settle outstanding arrears due to local suppliers, which have been delayed for more than 60 days?
- (c) If not, why?

474/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of fuel filling stations located in the country, in each district, separately;
 - (ii) names and addresses of the aforesaid filling stations;
 - (iii) number of fuel filling stations operated under the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, the Lanka IOC PLC and other companies, separately;
 - (iv) number of fuel filling station permits issued, in each district, separately;
 - (v) names and addresses of the persons to whom the aforesaid permits have been issued;
 - (vi) amount of revenue earned by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation through issuance of such permits;
 - (vii) criteria considered by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in issuing permits for fuel filling stations; and
 - (viii) of the legal basis on which commissions are paid to fuel filling stations?
- (b) If not, why?

786/2025

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 buses that are currently owned by the Ja-Ela Depot;
 - (ii) number of buses that are operated daily by the said Depot;
 - (iii) number of vacancies that currently exist at the said Depot; and
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to commence long-distance bus services from Ja-Ela town?
- (b) If not, why?

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885/2025

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, Valaichenai 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 their relevant details;
 - (v) of the number of evicted individuals from the state lands on court orders along with their names and relevant details, out of the total number of individuals prosecuted by the relevant Divisional Secretary during the above mentioned period;
 - (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 other relevant details; and
 - (viii) of the reasons for filing cases against only a few of them while not filing case against most?

- (b) If not, why?

908/2025

Hon. Mujibur Rahman,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the objectives of establishing the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute;
 - (ii) of the allocations provided by the Government to the said institution since 2015 to date, separately for each year;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that this institution has deviated from its original objectives and has become an income generating institution; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

945/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which a Senior Assistant Secretary to the President sent a letter to the Land Reform Commission, instructing it ‘not to alienate’ the lands owned by the Commission;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the lands have been alienated even after receiving the aforesaid letter;
 - (iii) if so, of the extent of the lands, so alienated;
 - (iv) of the reason for such alienation of lands;
 - (v) of the names of the individuals to whom the aforesaid lands have been allocated; and
 - (vi) of the measures that will be taken to bring the lands owned by the Commission under proper regulation?
- (b) If not, why?

1039/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) year in which Smart Boards were imported to this country to be provided to schools;
 - (ii) total number of Smart Boards so imported;
 - (iii) number of aforesaid Smart Boards that have been distributed to schools by now; and
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to distribute the Smart Boards expeditiously?
- (b) If not, why?

1379/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,— 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 vacancies for English teachers existing island-wide at present;
 - (ii) of the number of teacher vacancies for teachers of Information Technology (IT), Home Economics, and Aesthetic subjects in the Northern and Eastern Provinces, separately for each subject;

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- (iii) whether a decision has been taken to recruit Diploma holders to the teaching service to fill those vacancies;
 - (iv) if so, of the number of Diploma holders recruited to the teaching service so far, separately for each subject; and
 - (v) of the institutions that award government-recognized Diplomas for recruitment into the teaching service?
- (b) If not, why?

1916/2026

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of herbal gardens located in the Anuradhapura District belonging to the Department of Ayurveda;
 - (ii) locations where the said herbal gardens are situated;
 - (iii) extent of land belonging to each of the aforesaid herbal gardens, separately;
 - (iv) number of employees who serve in the said herbal gardens, separately;
 - (v) annual income generated by the said herbal gardens, separately; and
 - (vi) average annual expenditure incurred on the herbal gardens, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1927/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he accepts that the Galle-Madampe Road is a principal road connecting the Sabaragamuwa and the Southern Provinces, as well as a road with tourist attraction;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that, although the section of the road from Madampe to Suriyakanda has been developed, the section extending to the 51 Junction in Deniyaya has not been completed, causing hardship to the public;
 - (iii) of the reasons for the suspension of the said road development project;
 - (iv) of the expected date for the recommencement of the said project; and

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- (v) whether steps will be taken to develop the Galle-Madampe Road as a 'tourist route' in a manner that preserves its historical values?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1066/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the measures taken to control white fly affecting coconut cultivations in the Northern Province;
 - (ii) whether compensation/financial assistance has been planned for affected coconut cultivators;
 - (iii) whether environmental assessments were conducted on climatic causes of its spread;
 - (iv) of the number of regions that received the biological control agent *Encarsia guadeloupe*; and
 - (v) of the effectiveness of such intervention?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether a national action plan exists to prevent its spread to other districts;
 - (ii) whether extension programmes on biological control methods and alternative treatments are being implemented;
 - (iii) whether emergency funding will be allocated in the next Budget for pest control necessary for coconut cultivation;
 - (iv) whether research programmes are underway to develop new control methods; and
 - (v) of the Government initiatives to declare this an agricultural disaster and establish inter-ministerial coordination to address it?
- (c) If not, why?

1193/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the road to Kurikadduwan via Valukkai Aru, Araly, Velanai and Pungudutivu in Velanai Divisional Secretariat Division in the Jaffna District is the main transport route in that area;

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- (ii) if so, of the total length of the said road;
- (iii) of the date on which the said road was last renovated;
- (iv) of the amount of funds spent on the said renovation;
- (v) of the name of the authority that allocated funds for the renovations;
- (vi) of the reasons for not renovating the said road for a long time;
- (vii) of the difficulties faced by the people of these areas due to the delay in commencing the renovation work; and
- (viii) of the date on which the renovation work of the said road is scheduled to be commenced?

(b) If not, why?

1268/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House whether —

- (i) he is aware that the District Secretary of the Ampara District has held a land kachcheri in the Navaladiwattai area of the Irakkamam Divisional Secretariat Division in the years 1986, 1989, 1991 and 1997 and that permits have been issued to 21 farmers by the Ampara District Secretariat with the approval of the Commissioner General of Lands;
- (ii) he is aware that 21 farmers who have been engaged in agricultural and highland cultivation activities for the past 30 years have been repeatedly obstructed from time to time by the Divisional Secretary of Irakkamam, acting on the orders of the District Secretary, Ampara, by instructing them not to engage in agricultural activities on those lands;
- (iii) he is aware that a team including the Divisional Secretary and officers of the Survey Department of Sri Lanka have been appointed by the District Coordinating Committee, Ampara, and sent to that area to identify and return the lands belonging to those farmers, and that a group of people have obstructed the handover of those lands to the farmers concerned; and
- (iv) whether steps will be taken to return those lands to the said farmers?

(b) If not, why?

1529/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) separately in relation to the schools in each education zone of the Northern Province, of the approved cadre of the non-academic staff, the number of those currently in service, the number of those in excess and the number of vacancies existing for them; and
 - (ii) separately of the number of schools in each province that do not have night watchmen as per the approved staff allocation?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
 - (i) whether information is available regarding thefts of electronic devices reported from schools island-wide during the last 05 years;
 - (ii) of the measures that will be taken to ensure the protection of information technology equipment in schools;
 - (iii) whether special provisions have been allocated in the Budget 2026 for the deployment of night watchmen or implementation of alternative security measures in order to ensure the protection of the said equipment; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to implement the digital education programmes that have been scheduled to be implemented from 2027, while ensuring adequate security and regular maintenance?
- (c) If not, why?

1661/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) monthly requirement of rice in Sri Lanka, classified separately by variety;
 - (ii) breakdown of the monthly rice requirement according to the consumption sectors, and the variety and quantity of rice required for each such sector, separately;
 - (iii) varieties of rice produced in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) annual production of each such variety of rice, separately?

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(b) Will he also inform this House of the —

- (i) varieties and quantities of paddy purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board during the 2025 Yala Season and the expenditure incurred thereon, separately;
- (ii) number and locations of the paddy purchasing centres currently operated by the Board, and the quantity of paddy purchased by each such centre during the 2025 Yala Season, separately; and
- (iii) number and locations of active and inactive paddy stores belonging to the Board, separately?

(c) If not, why?

1682/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that a temporary ferry service has been deployed until the construction of the Kinniya, Kurinchakerny Bridge is completed;
- (ii) of the amount spent on purchasing the aforesaid ferry;
- (iii) whether the aforesaid ferry, which has been deployed, will come into the possession of the Road Development Authority or the contracting company, upon completion of the bridge construction; and
- (iv) whether steps will be taken to deploy the aforesaid ferry for transportation in areas where unsafe sea transport activities are carried out in the Trincomalee District?

(b) If not, why?

1758/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of persons who applied to obtain deeds under the 'Urumaya' programme in the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat Division from 01.01.2020 to 01.01.2025 and their names;
- (ii) whether deeds were provided under the aforesaid 'Urumaya' programme to the persons who applied for deeds during the period mentioned above;
- (iii) if so, of the number of those applicants and their names;

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- (iv) whether he is aware that most of the 'Urumaya' applicants have not received the deeds;
 - (v) if so, of the number of those persons and their names; and
 - (vi) of the reasons for not issuing the deeds to those persons to date?
- (b) If not, why?

1912/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the names of the areas where banana is cultivated in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of farmer families engaged in banana cultivation;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that banana cultivators face severe difficulties due to adverse weather conditions and due to damages caused by wild animals; and
 - (iv) of the measures that are taken to provide compensation or insurance coverage to farmers for such damages?
- (b) If not, why?

1942/2026

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the government has a long-term plan to generate the electricity required for the country by utilizing the natural resources available in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the expected percentage of the total electricity generation to be obtained separately from each natural resource under the said plan;
 - (iii) of the expected time that will be taken to achieve self-sufficiency in electricity generation;
 - (iv) of the expected timeline for the installation of rooftop solar panels and ground-mounted solar panels under the solar energy generation plan;
 - (v) whether the natural ecosystem is affected by the use of fertile and barren lands for ground-mounted solar panel projects;
 - (vi) whether there are obstacles that impede the prioritization and promotion of rooftop solar panel installation projects;

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(vii) if so, of such obstacles; and

(viii) whether facilities are currently being provided for solar energy projects implemented on a concessionary basis?

(b) If not, why?

2271/2026

Hon. Sunil Rajapaksha,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the institutions responsible at the Provincial Council level for the calculation of stamp duty;

(ii) whether each property is separately assessed in calculating the said duty;

(iii) whether buildings situated on lands are also taken into account when assessing property for the calculation of this duty; and

(iv) whether qualified officers are employed in institutions at the Provincial Council level regarding property assessment for stamp duty purposes?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the —

(i) persons and institutions authorized for the valuation of land and property in Sri Lanka; and

(ii) mechanism that has been established to ensure that property valuation is carried out properly and that the stamp duty due accordingly is received by the Provincial Councils?

(c) If not, why?

Thursday, September 24, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2097/2026

Hon. Sarath Kumara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) of the ‘Premier Teacher Professional Development Training Centres’ that are currently in operation in Sri Lanka;

- (ii) whether the centre located near Wellassa National School in the Hevalwela Grama Niladhari Division of the Bibile Divisional Secretariat Division in the Monaragala District is currently being utilised;
 - (iii) if so, of the purposes for which the said centre is being utilised;
 - (iv) of the Ministry/Institution under whose purview the said centre falls;
 - (v) of the total cost incurred for the construction of the said centre;
 - (vi) of the courses being conducted by the said centre;
 - (vii) of the number of teachers who have received training from the said centres during the past 02 years; and
 - (viii) whether the services provided by the said institution are being delivered effectively?
- (b) If not, why?

2123/2026

Hon. Sugath Wasantha de Silva,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he admits that the financial inclusion of persons with disabilities has been ensured through the ‘Financial Consumer Protection Regulations’ and the ‘Consumer Charter Addendum’ of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he admits that certain banks refuse to permit persons with visual impairments to open individual bank accounts, obtain credit facilities and act as guarantors;
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken to implement the regulations referred to in (i) above across all banks in practice; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to revise the internal credit policies maintained by banks in violation of those rules?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he admits that, although standardized ramps and low-height service counters should be available in all bank branches for wheelchair users and persons of the short-stature community, the majority of bank branches do not have such facilities; and
 - (ii) of the measures that will be taken to ensure that such facilities are provided in all bank branches?
- (c) If not, why?

2190/2026

Hon. Dewananda Suraweera,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of child development centres registered in the Western Province;
 - (ii) out of the said child development centres, of the number of those that are operated by the government and by voluntary organizations, separately;
 - (iii) of the number of children in such centres who have completed 18 years of age;
 - (iv) whether there is a formal programme in place for the social integration of such children who have completed the said age;
 - (v) if so, of the nature of the said programme;
 - (vi) whether there is a follow-up process in place regarding the children who are so integrated into society; and
 - (vii) if so, of the details of the said process?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
 - (i) whether there has been any report of boys who leave child development centres under the said social integration programme currently in place resorting to misbehaviour or illegal activities;
 - (ii) whether there is a situation where the girls who leave child development centres later send even their children to such centres due to the lack of adequate follow-up process regarding such girls after they have left the centres; and
 - (iii) if legal actions are expected to be taken to prevent such situations, of such actions?
- (c) If not, why?

2196/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that long-standing anomalies exist in the salaries and pensions of public servants in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the date on which the Public Servants' Salaries and Pensions Commission was appointed by the present government to resolve the said issues, and its scope of work;

- (iii) of the names and addresses of the members of the Commission;
 - (iv) of the amount of money that has been spent so far on the activities of the Commission;
 - (v) of the recommendations that have been given by the said Commission; and
 - (vi) of the measures that will be taken to implement the said recommendations?
- (b) If not, why?

2206/2026

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law, — To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of villages that are affected by issues relating to drinking water in the Puttalam District;
 - (ii) names of the said villages; and
 - (iii) steps that will be taken by the Ministry to resolve the issues relating to drinking water in the affected villages?
- (b) If not, why?

2237/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that pirates are reportedly stealing the fish catch of deep-sea fishermen operating in the coastal waters from Batticaloa to Pottuvil;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the aforesaid situation has seriously disrupted the livelihoods of the affected fishermen and caused significant economic hardship to their families;
 - (iii) whether he accepts that the continued prevalence of this situation may result in a significant number of fishermen being compelled to leave the traditional fishing industry;
 - (iv) whether a special programme has been implemented to identify and monitor high-speed mechanically propelled vessels used for piracy;
 - (v) of the legal actions that have been taken against the pirates and persons supporting them identified to date;

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- (vi) of the steps that have been taken by the Ministry thus far in this regard, in coordination with the Sri Lanka Navy and other relevant institutions; and
- (vii) of the permanent solutions that have been implemented to ensure the safety of fishermen engaged in deep-sea fishing activities in the said area?

(b) If not, why?

2248/2026

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the annual production of maize in Sri Lanka from 01.01.2025 to date;
- (ii) whether maize has been imported during the said period;
- (iii) if so, of the expenditure incurred on such imports; and
- (iv) of the measures that will be taken to promote maize cultivation?

(b) If not, why?

2274/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether a multipurpose development project has been implemented by the Ministry within the Angunukolapalassa Pradeshiya Sabha area;
- (ii) of the total amount of money spent on that purpose;
- (iii) of the benefits expected from initiating the said project; and
- (iv) of the benefits accrued so far, along with the number of beneficiaries who have received the said benefits?

(b) If not, why?

2279/2026

Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan, — To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) there are shortcomings in the Delmar Divisional Hospital, which is a main hospital in the Udupussellawa area;

- (ii) patients are referred to the Nuwara Eliya or Kandy hospitals on certain occasions as the primary care facilities in the said hospital are insufficient to provide treatment in the event of an emergency or to provide other special services;
 - (iii) the said hospital does not possess ambulance facilities;
 - (iv) patients are compelled to travel to other hospitals by hiring vehicles at their own expense due to this situation; and
 - (v) a large population of residents from remote villages and the estate sector reside in the areas surrounding the said hospital?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps taken to overcome these difficulties?
- (c) If not, why?

2293/2026

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) Negampaha Divisional Hospital in the Anuradhapura District is classified as a Grade C Divisional Hospital;
 - (ii) three Medical Officers are required to be attached to the said hospital in accordance with its approved cadre; and
 - (iii) difficulties have arisen in the provision of healthcare services due to the fact that only one Medical Officer is currently serving at the said hospital?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether actions will be taken to fill the existing vacancies of Medical Officers at the hospital and to appoint the required number of Medical Officers; and
 - (ii) if so, of the expected time frame for implementing the above actions?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, September 25, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

31/2024

Hon. Heshan Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of occasions on which rice shortages have arisen in Sri Lanka from 2015 to date;

(21)

- (ii) of the number of occasions on which the Lanka Sathosa Limited imported rice during such periods, and of the quantity of rice imported on each such occasion, separately;
 - (iii) whether rice thus imported has been unlawfully sold by Lanka Sathosa Limited to other individuals and traders; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

142/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which the PAYE Tax was introduced;
 - (ii) of the methodology by which the aforesaid tax is implemented;
 - (iii) of the amount of revenue that the government received from the aforesaid tax from 2022 to 2025, separately in respect of each year;
 - (iv) whether he accepts that the professionals in this country have been inconvenienced due to the aforesaid tax; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken to revise the aforesaid tax?
- (b) If not, why?

686/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of families receiving the allowance provided to kidney patients in each Divisional Secretariat Division, separately;
 - (ii) amount of the allowance provided to patients as of now;
 - (iii) number of individuals currently on the waiting list to receive the said allowance; and
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to provide the allowance to those individuals?
- (b) If not, why?

1807/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the extent of land under the Department of Forest Conservation in the Batticaloa District, along with the Divisional Secretariat Divisions, Grama Niladhari Divisions, and villages to which they belong —

- (i) that has been gazetted as forests;
 - (ii) that has been proposed for designation as reserves;
 - (iii) that has been proposed for designation as reserves and has been approved by Divisional Secretariats;
 - (iv) that has been proposed to be released to Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (v) that has been released to Divisional Secretariats to date?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether the Department of Forest Conservation has proposed to designate the land extending to approximately 560 acres belonging to the 'Veeranaikkal Farmers' Organization' in the Eravur Pattu Divisional Secretariat Division of the Batticaloa District as a reserve under code OMG/PR/02-POLYGON;
 - (ii) whether the said land has been used for cultivation activities since 1979, and annual land permits have been issued for it since 1983; and
 - (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to return the said land to the farmers in terms of the provisions of Circular No. 2008/04?
- (c) If not, why?

2107/2026

Hon. (Mrs.) M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which the Elephant Corridor between Udawalawe National Park and Lunugamvehera National Park was gazetted;
 - (ii) of the date on which the safety electric fence was erected on both sides of the corridor;
 - (iii) of the primary objective of constructing the aforesaid electric fence;
 - (iv) of the total cost incurred for the construction of the elephant electric fence; and
 - (v) whether he is aware that an elephant entered a village during the morning hours and killed a schoolchild in 2018 despite having an electric fence?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the main electric fence in the section covering Balaharuwa village, which forms part of the electric fencing system installed on both sides of the elephant corridor, currently remains inactive;
 - (ii) whether a decision has been made to remove the concerned electric fence; and

- (iii) if so, of the date on which such decision was taken and the intended objective?

(c) If not, why?

2135/2026

Hon. (Mrs.) Oshani Umanga,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the extent of land that belongs to the Land Reform Commission within the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Bandaragama, Millaniya and Horana;
- (ii) out of the said lands, of the extent of land that has been granted so far; and
- (iii) whether a list of the names of the beneficiaries of such lands will be provided?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether lands belonging to the Commission that have been encroached upon or unlawfully utilized have been identified;
- (ii) if so, of the extent of such lands; and
- (iii) of the actions that have been taken in that regard?

(c) Will he further inform this House, separately in respect of each of the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the extent of —

- (i) land leased out of the lands belonging to the Commission, and the annual lease rental charged therefor;
- (ii) land for which lease agreements exist but lease rent is not being collected; and
- (iii) unencumbered land available for lease?

(d) If not, why?

2137/2026

Hon. Nishantha Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the total extent of land, in hectares, given by the Land Reform Commission in the Galle District from the year 2000 to date;
- (ii) separately, a breakdown of the extent of land as per Divisional Secretariat Division;

(24)

- (iii) of the conditions followed in providing lands; and
 - (iv) of the actions taken against the land recipients who violated the aforesaid conditions?
- (b) If not, why?

2270/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the government housing projects implemented in the Gampaha District; and
 - (ii) separately, of the year in which each housing project was started, the year in which it was made available to the public, the extent of land, and the number of housing units as at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
- (i) criteria used in selecting beneficiaries for ‘Ranidugama’ and ‘Guru Gammanaya’ housing projects implemented within the Ran Pokunugama Housing Scheme in Nittambuwa;
 - (ii) number of housing units in each of the two housing projects, separately;
 - (iii) amount of financial assistance/loan provided by the Government in respect of each housing unit under these projects; and
 - (iv) methodology adopted in determining the amount payable by beneficiaries for the transfer of ownership of the lands on which they reside?
- (c) If not, why?

2277/2026

Hon. Chaminda Lalith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the objectives of establishing the Social Security Board;
 - (ii) of the number of contributory pension schemes implemented by the said Board;
 - (iii) of the names of the said pension schemes;
 - (iv) of the number of persons who have contributed to each of the said pension schemes up to now; and

- (v) out of the persons who have contributed to each of the aforesaid pension schemes as mentioned above, of the number of persons who are currently receiving pensions?

(b) If not, why?

2285/2026

Hon. Amirthanathan Adaikkalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House in respect of Mannar and Mullaitivu districts —

- (i) whether he is aware that fire service facilities are inadequate;
- (ii) of the number of fire stations and fire engines currently operational; and
- (iii) of the average response time to provide immediate assistance in the event of a fire?

(b) Will he also inform this House in respect of the said districts —

- (i) of the approved cadre for the fire services and the number of vacancies existing;
- (ii) separately, of the amount of money allocated and spent for the development of the fire service during the last 03 years; and
- (iii) whether the firefighters have been provided with modern safety equipment and specialized rescue training?

(c) Will he further inform this House in respect of the said districts —

- (i) whether steps will be taken to establish modern fire stations equipped with all facilities;
- (ii) of the expected date for the provision of new fire engines and water bowsers; and
- (iii) of the reasons, if there are no immediate plans for the development of fire services?

(d) If not, why?
