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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

180/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) total electricity generation by the Ceylon Electricity Board during the last 05 years, separately;
- (ii) projected electricity generation for the next 15 years, separately;
- (iii) modes of generation and the quantities generated under renewable and thermal sources, separately the generation by the Board and purchases from the private sector;
- (iv) total firm and non-firm generation capacity for last 05 years, separately, as referred to in (i);
- (v) cost per unit in respect of (iii), indicating the cost of generation by the Board, including financial costs and depreciation components per unit separately;
- (vi) total electricity consumption for last 05 years and the projected consumption for the next 05 years, separately;
- (vii) profit/loss per unit charged to consumers and the taxes included in the selling price;
- (viii) total profit expected for the next 03 years, separately; and
- (ix) average maximum and minimum electricity demand for last 05 years, separately?

(b) If not, why?

(2)

2.

194/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether chicken has been imported into this country since year 2015;
 - (ii) if so, separately, of the quantity of chicken thus imported and the amount of money spent on that in each year during the said period; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to maintain a stable price for chicken in the market?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

234/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether it has been pledged in the policy document ‘A Thriving Nation – A Beautiful Life’ that the Prevention of Terrorism Act will be repealed;
 - (ii) if so, whether the said Act will be repealed; and
 - (iii) of the date on which it will be repealed?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

325/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (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 mentioned above, 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
 - (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?

(3)

5.

553/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the wife and children of Mr. Rohana Wijeweera, the founding leader of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna;
 - (ii) of the places where they have lived since the assassination of Mr. Rohana Wijeweera and the duration of residence in each of the said places;
 - (iii) if their maintenance expenses have been borne by the Government of Sri Lanka, of the amount of the expenditure incurred on their maintenance, separately for each year;
 - (iv) if their maintenance has been borne by any other individual or a group of people, of the amount of the expenditure incurred on their maintenance along with the duration of maintenance period, separately;
 - (v) whether any assistance has been received from foreign countries for their maintenance; and
 - (vi) if so, of the countries, persons and the period for which such assistance has been provided, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

830/2025

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of filling stations established across the country;
 - (ii) of the locations of each of the said filling stations;
 - (iii) of the amount of commission currently paid by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation to the petroleum distributors;
 - (iv) whether the government has decided to revise the said amount; and
 - (v) if so, of the details of such revision?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1633/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of dairy farmers currently registered and engaged in cattle farming in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) approximate number of cattles owned by the said farmers; and
 - (iii) extent of grazing land provided to farmers for cattle grazing?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

8.

1962/2026

Hon. Ajith Gihan,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of annual coconut production for each year from 2020 to 2025, separately;
 - (ii) whether the coconut production of Chilaw Plantations Limited has increased relatively during the above period;
 - (iii) if so, of the details in that regard;
 - (iv) of the programme formulated by the Ministry to promote coconut-based industries that contribute to the national economy; and
 - (v) whether there is a new programme in place to prevent damage caused by insects to coconut cultivation?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

2060/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that more than two thousand residents in the Kotiyakumbura area of the Kegalle District are facing a severe shortage of drinking water;
 - (ii) of the 02 project proposals submitted to the Department of National Community Water Supply to address the concerned problem since 2023;
 - (iii) of the measures that have been adopted to secure the approval of the proposed projects and the allocation of funds for them; and
 - (iv) of the manner in which the implementation of the aforesaid projects will address the drinking water problem affecting the Kotiyakumbura area?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

10.

2085/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the current balance of the Hajj Fund belonging to the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs;
 - (ii) of the method in which funds are credited the said Fund;
 - (iii) of the number of projects that have been implemented using the moneys of the said Fund and of the amount that has been spent on such projects;
 - (iv) whether a detailed report on the progress and the outcomes of those projects will be presented;
 - (v) whether the Fund is subjected to an annual audit; and
 - (vi) if not, of the reasons for not auditing the Fund?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Decision under the Standing Orders of Parliament (No. 1),— That this Parliament determines under the provisions of Standing Order 119(4) of the Parliament, that the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts published as Parliamentary Series No. 318, and tabled in Parliament on 24th October 2025 which contains facts regarding the examination conducted by the Committee on Public Accounts on 02.04.2025 concerning “the scheme implemented during the period from 01st May 2022 to 15th September 2023 to provide fully-electric Vehicle Permits for Sri Lankans employed abroad based on their foreign remittances” shall be referred to the Attorney-General for observations and necessary action.

*2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Decision under the Standing Orders of Parliament (No. 2),— That this Parliament determines under the provisions of Standing Order 120 (4) of the Parliament, that the incidents specified in the following Annexure, which have been identified from the reports contained in the Parliamentary Series presented to Parliament in relation to the examinations conducted by the Committee on Public Enterprises into the relevant institutions during the meetings of the said Committee shall be referred to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption for necessary action:-

Annexure:

Serial No.	Institution	Date on which the Committee Meeting was held	The date on which the report was tabled in Parliament and the Parliamentary Series No.	Specific Incident/ Incidents
1.	National Gem and Jewellery Authority	05.03.2025 and 27.03.2025	04.06.2025 PS 212	1. Rough Sapphire Cluster weighing 510 Kilogramme
				2. Project to extricate the gem-bearing gravel(Illama) in Heraniyawaka.
				3. Renting a building for the National Gem and Jewellery Authority.
2.	Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital Board	15.05.2025	24.07.2025 PS 242	1. Connecting the equipment brought for the safety of the electrical system to the main system.
				2. Irregularities in paying allowances and recruitment schemes.
				3. Recruitment to Posts without Approval from the Department of Management Services.

3.	Land Reform Commission	08.05.2025 and 17.07.2025	18.12.2025 PS 391	1. Expenditure of funds from the Land Reform Commission's Fund for the Organic Fertilizer Project.
				2. Grant of land to Mr. S. R. Renganathan (Matale Baygroup Estate).
				3. Grant of land to Mrs. Malani Nanayakkara (Imbulgaswadiya, Katana).
				4. Granting of lands to employees of the Land Reform Commission.
4.	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	04.06.2025	18.12.2025 PS 392	1. Construction of the university's new library building.
				2. Irregularities occurred during the construction of the housing complex for the university staff.
				3. Purchasing library books for the Faculty of Technology during the year 2021.
				4. Unauthorized excavation of soil from the university premises.
				5. Providing a house owned by the Vice-Chancellor for a student dormitory on a lease basis.

5.	Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka	20.08.2025	18.12.2025 PS 394	1. Renovation of the Weerawila Circuit Bungalow.
6.	Lanka Sathosa Limited	10.10.2025	18.12.2025 PS 397	1. Payment of employee incentive allowances.
				2. Leasing out a 15,000 sq. ft. building owned by the company located in Kilinochchi town.
				3. Performance allowances and professional allowances.
				4. Transport allowances.
7.	Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau	27.02.2025 and 23.05.2025	08.01.2026 PS 435	1. The Bureau incurred losses due to the practice of sending housemaids abroad without providing them with residential training.
				2. Appointment of officers to Foreign Missions.
				3. "Glocal Fair" (Jayagamu Sri Lanka) program.
				4. Obtaining trade stalls for the "Glocal Fair" (Jayagamu Sri Lanka) program.
				5. Conducting the "Vigamanika Harasara" (Migrant Tribute) program.

8.	National Savings Bank	19.11.2025 and 26.11.2025	19.02.2026 PS 476	1. Loan granted to Bimpuh Finance PLC.
				2. Joint Property Loan of Rs. 164.73 million granted to two individuals on 23, December, 2020.
				3. Granting a loan of Rs. 12.6 million to a borrower without considering the irregular repayment of the 10 credit facilities indicated in the report of the Credit Information Bureau.
				4. Syndicate Loan of 9 million US dollars provided by the Bank to a Maldivian company named RPI Private Limited.

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 20 read with Sections 4(1), 6 and 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. 2493/03 of 15th June 2026, which were presented on 10.07.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 20 read with Sections 4(1) and 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. 2493/39 of 18th June 2026, which were presented on 10.07.2026, be approved.

(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.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, July 21, 2026)

1.

887/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah, — To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

(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?

(11)

(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,— (2)

(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?

3.

889/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah, — To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

(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;

(12)

- (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?

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

138/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) date on which the decision was taken to terminate the light rail project that was to be implemented with a credit facility from the Government of Japan;
 - (ii) factors that influenced that decision;
 - (iii) loss incurred by the government of Sri Lanka as a result of the aforesaid decision;
 - (iv) recommendations made in the audit report regarding that matter; and
 - (v) stance of the government on the aforesaid project?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

469/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the railway lines currently operating in Sri Lanka with their lengths in kilometers, separately;
 - (ii) of the annual total maintenance cost of these railway lines;
 - (iii) of the total number of staff, and the total annual expenditure on salaries and emoluments;
 - (iv) of the total revenue, total cost and, resulting profit or loss of the Department of Sri Lanka Railways for each of the last 05 years, separately;
 - (v) whether railway tracks are shared with the private sector;
 - (vi) if so, of the private operators involved and the annual revenue earned from such track sharing;
 - (vii) of the total asset value of the Department;
 - (viii) of the proposed modernization plans;
 - (ix) of the measures intended to improve efficiency and value for money service; and
 - (x) of the annual earnings from railway transportation, for each of the last 05 years, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

783/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that a bus service was operated as Wattala-Bambalapitiya on route no. 104 a few years ago;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the said bus service is not operational at present; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to restart the said bus service by deploying a bus from the Ja Ela depot and a bus from the Ratmalana depot?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1192/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) length of the bridge constructed from Velanaithurai in the Velanai Divisional Secretariat Division of the Jaffna District to Pungudutivu, Madaththuveli;
 - (ii) year in which the said bridge was last renovated and the source of funds used for the purpose; and
 - (iii) total cost of its renovation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that travelling on the said bridge is very risky and that accidents occur as a result;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for the occurrence of such accidents; and
 - (iii) of the date on which the said bridge will be fully renovated?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1280/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether emission testing centres have been established in the depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board to conduct emission tests on the board's buses;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such centres;
 - (iii) of the depots in which they have been established;
 - (iv) of the total cost incurred in establishing those emission testing centres; and
 - (v) whether those emission testing centres are currently providing services?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1376/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of defined routes in the Kandy District on which the Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) is mandated to provide passenger transportation services;
 - (ii) out of those roads, of the number of routes on which the SLTB buses provide passenger transport, and the number of routes on which passenger transport is not provided, separately;
 - (iii) of the reasons for the non- provision of passenger transportation services on the routes identified as currently not being served by the SLTB;
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to increase the bus operations of the SLTB in the Kandy District; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken to develop the depots of the SLTB in the Kandy District?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1825/2026

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that unauthorized buildings have been constructed by encroaching on reservation lands of roads and railways maintained by the Road Development Authority and the Department of Sri Lanka Railways;
 - (ii) of the measures that will be taken to remove the buildings referred to above;
 - (iii) of the institutions responsible for the maintenance and cleaning of the canals that facilitate the drainage of rainwater on the roads maintained by the institutes mentioned above;
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to prevent flooding caused by the obstruction of the canals that facilitate the drainage of rainwater; and
 - (v) of the institutions that should implement the measures referred to above?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

907/2025

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 the buildings of the Government Maternity Hospital, Rajamalwatta, Modara are currently in a dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) of the measures that will be taken to develop the buildings and the other facilities of the said hospital?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

908/2025

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

- (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?

10.

1281/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total number of Offices of the Regional Medical Officers of Health established in the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) whether there are any vacancies for medical officers in the said offices;
 - (iii) if so, of the number of vacancies;
 - (iv) of the number of maternity clinics and child clinics functioning under each of the above-mentioned Offices of the Regional Medical Officers of Health, separately;

(17)

- (v) whether the number of maternity clinics and child clinics that are required to be established in each division of the Regional Medical Officers of Health in the Anuradhapura District has been identified; and
- (vi) if so, of the said number of clinics separately in terms of each division?

(b) If not, why?

11.

1658/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the total extent of land of the old Mahamodara Maternity Hospital in Galle;
- (ii) of the government properties currently remaining on the said hospital premises;
- (iii) whether health services are currently being conducted within the said hospital building;
- (iv) whether there are plans to utilize the said premises for any other purpose;
- (v) if so, of the nature of the planned activity; and
- (vi) of the services and facilities provided by the 'Helmut Kohl Memorial Maternity (Teaching) Hospital' in Karapitiya compared to the old Mahamodara Maternity Hospital?

(b) If not, why?

12.

1828/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether steps will be taken to introduce a pension scheme and insurance coverage for regional correspondents;
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to introduce a concessional loan scheme to purchase media equipment or to provide transport facilities (such as electric motorcycles);
- (iii) whether there is a plan to formulate a permanent salary structure or a formal allowance scheme for journalists registered with the Department of Government Information who have completed a minimum of 10 years of service;

(18)

- (iv) whether measures will be taken to increase the ‘minimum fee paid for a news story’ by the media institution and to ensure due recognition to the media identity card; and
- (v) if not, of the actions that will be taken forthwith to address the economic difficulties faced by these journalists?

(b) If not, why?

13.

137/2024

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

(a) Will she inform this House of the —

- (i) number of President’s Houses in Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) their locations;
- (iii) annual cost of maintenance for each of those President’s Houses from 2018 to date each year, separately; and
- (iv) measures that will be taken to turn the statements made by the current government during the last election campaign—that these Presidential residences would be used for productive purposes—into a reality?

(b) If not, why?

14.

608/2025

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

(a) Will she inform this House of the —

- (i) number of positions approved for lecturers and professors for the entire university system, indicating the number of currently filled and vacant, separately;
- (ii) departments with the highest number of vacancies;
- (iii) reasons for the creation of the aforesaid vacancies;
- (iv) impact made on the university students due to the existence of the aforesaid vacancies; and
- (v) steps that will be taken to fill the said vacancies?

(b) If not, why?

15.

1034/2025

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) number of students who died and got injured due to incidents of ragging in the university system from the year 2020 to date, separately for each university;
 - (ii) number of committees appointed at the university level regarding the said incidents;
 - (iii) measures taken based on the reports of those committees; and
 - (iv) actions that have been taken to prevent the inhumane ragging, that is taking place in the state university system?
- (b) If not, why?

16.

1036/2025

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) number of undergraduates currently enrolled in state university system in Sri Lanka who receive the Mahapola Scholarship and Bursary payments, separately;
 - (ii) amount received per student under each of the aforesaid schemes at present, separately; and
 - (iii) measures taken to ensure that these allowances are disbursed to students duly and on time?
- (b) If not, why?

17.

1883/2026

Hon. Sunil Rajapaksha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the state educational institutions in Sri Lanka that offer Bachelor of Education degree programme;
 - (ii) of the non-state educational institutions that offer the said degree;

- (iii) whether the Bachelor of Education degrees offered by state and non-state institutions are recognized as equivalent qualifications in the recruitment of teachers;
- (iv) if not, why;
- (v) whether the duration and content of the Bachelor of Education courses offered by state and non-state institutions are the same;
- (vi) if not, why;
- (vii) whether completion of a practical teacher training is mandatory for the Bachelor of Education degree programmes offered by the relevant institutions; and
- (viii) if so, of the duration of the said training?

(b) If not, why?

18.

944/2025

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 Sri Lankan migrant workers currently employed abroad, separately according to each country;
 - (ii) of the number of workers, out of those, who contribute to the social security systems implemented in the respective countries;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that issues have arisen regarding the reclamation of those funds when they return to this country upon completion of their service period; and
 - (iv) if so, of the steps that will be taken to resolve those issues?
- (b) If not, why?

19.

1527/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Kokkilai and Nayar lagoons in the Mullaitivu district, the wetlands and bird habitats near them are suitable environments for the development of eco-tourism;
 - (ii) of the current situation of the facilities including eco-friendly accommodation (Eco-Hotels) for tourists in those areas;
 - (iii) whether a feasibility study or a master plan has been prepared to develop those areas as eco-tourism destinations and attract more tourists;

(21)

- (iv) of the measures that are being taken to promote sustainable eco-tourism, and protect the biodiversity and habitats of migratory birds in those areas; and
- (v) of the livelihood opportunities currently being implemented and planned to be initiated in the future, including training of local people in the fields of eco-tourism guidance, boat services and accommodation facilities?

(b) If not, why?

20.

1924/2026

Hon. Dewananda Suraweera,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of school children belonging to families of migrant workers in the Colombo District;
- (ii) whether a programme to provide school equipment for the children referred to above is being implemented;
- (iii) if so, whether the said programme is being implemented by the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau;
- (iv) of the number of Foreign Service Officers serving attached to the Divisional Secretariats;
- (v) of the number of school children in the age groups of 2-5, 6-10 and 11-18 years, separately, as reported by the said officers; and
- (vi) of the quantity of school equipment provided for the year 2025?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether the officers referred to in (a) (iv) above have the ability to obtain a report containing the above information based on the data provided by the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau;
- (ii) whether there are instances where the grant of school equipment is refused; and
- (iii) if so, of the criteria in that regard?

(c) If not, why?

21.

2106/2026

Hon. (Mrs.) M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of rest houses belonging to the Ministry that are located within the Wellawaya Divisional Secretariat Division;

(22)

- (ii) extent of land of such rest houses, separately;
- (iii) period for which such rest houses have been leased; and
- (iv) names of the persons by whom such rest houses have been leased?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the rest house located on Ella road, Wellawaya, has been sub-leased;
 - (ii) if so, of the name of the sub-lessee;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the original lessee of the said rest house, while misappropriating the assets thereof, has cut down and sold 08 teak trees on two occasions without obtaining any permission; and
 - (iv) of the legal measures that have been taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

22.

831/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of businessmen who have been engaged in granite quarrying on lands belonging to the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority since year 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) amount of money that has been collected as land use fee during the said period;
 - (iii) amount of money that is still outstanding; and
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to recover the said outstanding amount?
- (b) If not, why?

23.

883/2025

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, Valaichchenai 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

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- (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 Koralai Pattu, Valaichchenai 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?

24.

885/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (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 case against only a few of them while not filing case against most?
- (b) If not, why?

25.

945/2025

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

- (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 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?

26.

1268/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (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 time to time by the Divisional Secretary of Irakkamam, acting on the orders of the District Secretary, Ampara, by informing 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?

27.

1449/2025

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that salinity infiltrates the water in paddy fields located closer to catchment areas, and that crops are destroyed since paddy fields get submerged due to floods during *Maha* season; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that will be taken to prevent the said conditions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that it would be possible to cultivate paddy during both seasons by constructing salinity barriers between Mahiloor Periyakulam and the paddy fields, and also between Mandur 1 and 2 paddy fields and the river, which come under the Pattiruppu Divisional Irrigation Engineer's Office in Batticaloa; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that will be taken to construct salinity barriers in order to reinstate that condition?
- (c) If not, why?

28.

1758/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of persons that 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;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that most of the 'Urumaya' applicants have not been 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 up to now?
- (b) If not, why?

29.

1909/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) annual revenue earned from cinnamon exports in each year from the year 2015 to date, separately;
 - (ii) number of families that are currently engaged in cinnamon cultivation; and
 - (iii) measures that will be taken to resolve the problems faced by cinnamon cultivators and to promote cinnamon cultivation?
- (b) If not, why?

30.

1926/2026

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he accepts that the ‘Apthop Watta’ land in the Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division of the Galle District is a state land;
 - (ii) of the manner in which the said land has been transferred from the past to the present;
 - (iii) of the extent of the said land;
 - (iv) of the number of residents that reside on the said land at present;
 - (v) of the extent of the land that is occupied by the said residents;
 - (vi) of the number of persons who are not settled, but only carry out cultivation activities on the said land;
 - (vii) of the extent of the land that is in their possession at present; and
 - (viii) whether the rough plan of the said land will be presented?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether disaster-prone areas identified by the National Building Research Organization (NBRO) are located within the said land?
- (c) If not, why?

31.

1770/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the objectives of introducing a QR system on distributing fertilizer subsidy for tea plantations has been fulfilled;
 - (ii) if so, of the available data to demonstrate such success;
 - (iii) of the practical limitations of the current QR code system;
 - (iv) whether there have been instances where the objectives were not achieved by implementing this system;
 - (v) if so, of the main reasons for such an outcome;
 - (vi) of the alternative facilities or reliefs provided by the Government to the tea planters who were placed at a disadvantage by the said QR code system;
 - (vii) whether the Government is to take prompt measures to improve or enhance the efficiency of the said QR code system; and
 - (viii) if so, of such measures that will be taken?
- (b) If not, why?

32.

1645/2025

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there is a delay in issuing licenses for vessels engaged in the ring net fishing industry in the Northern and Eastern provinces;
 - (ii) owing to the delay, it has not been possible to harvest fish that are available only at a specific time; and
 - (iii) fishermen, fishing gear and vessels engaged in fishing activities without licenses are apprehended by Navy officers and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Department officers, produced before the courts and fined?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons for the delay in issuing the licenses mentioned in (a) (i) above; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to issue licenses within the stipulated time in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

33.

1020/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) steps taken by the Combined Services Division of the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government and the Public Service Commission to address the absence of approved service minutes for Development Officers;
 - (ii) primary roles and responsibilities assigned to Development Officers (MN 4), who entered the service with degree qualifications; and
 - (iii) specific duties assigned to Management Service Officers (MN 3), who entered the service with Advanced Level qualifications?
- (b) If not, why?

34.

1021/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether there are established distinctions in job roles between Development Officers and Management Service Officers in practice; and
 - (ii) if so, how such distinctions are implemented within ministries and departments?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether only Management Service Officers are eligible for postings to Sri Lankan Foreign Missions through a structured examination and interview process;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for not introducing a similar mechanism for Development Officers; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to ensure equal professional development opportunities, including overseas employment opportunities, for Development Officers on par with Management Service Officers?
- (c) If not, why?

35.

2062/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) qualifications that must be fulfilled to enter the Sri Lanka Administrative Service;
 - (ii) procedure for the recruitment of officers to that service;
 - (iii) designations to which the officers of that service are appointed;
 - (iv) designations or acting designations that belong to the Administrative Service but are currently held by officers belonging to other services along with their places of work; and
 - (v) measures that will be taken to place the said officers in appropriate work places in order to maintain the Administrative Service as a proper public service?
- (b) If not, why?

36.

2109/2026

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of staff employed in the Department of Pensions at present; and
 - (ii) measures that have been taken to ensure the data security of the said Department?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of public officers who have been sent on retirement as at 31.12.2019, from 01.01.2020 to 31.12.2024 and from 01.01.2025 to 30.04.2026 separately;
 - (ii) of the total public sector pension payments as a percentage of the gross national product;
 - (iii) whether the pensions increased in the 2025 budget have been paid to all pensioners by now;
 - (iv) if not, of the number of pensioners who are yet to be paid such payments;
 - (v) of the reasons for such delay and of the expected time frame for making those payments;

(30)

- (vi) whether the pension increase is also applicable to those who were sent on retirement prior to 2026;
- (vii) of the number of pensioners who have not received financial benefits from this pension increase; and
- (viii) of the reasons for not receiving such financial benefits?

(c) If not, why?

37.

2112/2026

Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) additional Divisional Secretariats have been established in the Nuwara Eliya District; and
- (ii) nearly 120,000 people reside in each of the Hanguranketha, Walapane and Kotmale areas, and that only one Pradeshiya Sabha has been established in each of those areas to provide services to their residents?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether it is possible to establish 02 Pradeshiya Sabhas in such areas by delimitation in accordance with the population of the respective areas; and
- (ii) if so, of the measure that will be taken therefor?

(c) If not, why?

38.

30/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of District Cricket Associations currently operating in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the names of the said associations;
- (iii) of the number of officers employed in each of those associations and their names separately;
- (iv) whether he is aware that there is a disparity between the salary scales of the employees of the Sri Lanka Cricket and the salary scales of the employees of the District Sports Associations; and
- (v) if so, of the measures being taken to rectify the said disparity?

(b) If not, why?

39.

675/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the losses incurred by Sri Lankan Airlines from 2015 to date, separately for each year;
 - (ii) of the amounts provided to Sri Lankan Airlines by the General Treasury to cover those losses, separately for each year;
 - (iii) of the date that government decided to continue operating Sri Lankan Airlines as a State-owned entity at a time when it was incurring losses;
 - (iv) of the reasons that led to that decision; and
 - (v) whether the decision to operate it as a government institution will be reconsidered?
- (b) If not, why?

40.

1106/2025

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) total value of the foreign direct investments that have been received by Sri Lanka from 01.10.2024 up to now in US dollars;
 - (ii) names of the investment projects related thereto;
 - (iii) nature of each of those investment projects and the amount invested in each project in US dollars, separately; and
 - (iv) date on which each of the said investment projects was initiated/ will be initiated, the date of completion and the number of employment opportunities generated by each project separately?
- (b) If not, why?

41.

235/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) definition given by the Government of Sri Lanka for the term 'political prisoner';

(32)

- (ii) number of political prisoners currently in the custody of the Government of Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) name of each of the political prisoners and the reason for his or her arrest, separately; and
 - (iv) timeframe for the release of the said political prisoners?
- (b) If not, why?

42.

746/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,—To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of officers of the Attorney General's Department who have left Sri Lanka in each year from 2015 up to date each year, separately;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that because of the current shortage of officers with special talents in the Attorney General's Department, one officer has to handle approximately 200–300 files;
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to minimize the delay caused because of the above reason; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to fill the vacancies existing in the Attorney General's Department?
- (b) If not, why?

43.

1377/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of domesticated elephants and tuskers in Sri Lanka at present; and
 - (ii) measures that will be taken to resolve the problems faced by those domesticated elephants and tuskers and their owners?
- (b) If not, why?

44.

1549/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that there is a forest reserve along the Poonugala - Wewelthalawa Estate Road in the Yatiyanthota Divisional Secretariat Division;

- (ii) of the biodiversity of the said forest reserve and its unique characteristics;
- (iii) whether he is aware that there is an unauthorized construction in the said forest reserve;
- (iv) of the measures taken by the relevant plantation company and the police to control the illegal activities carried out in the said forest reserve; and
- (v) of the measures taken by the relevant plantation company and the government separately to protect the said forest reserve?

(b) If not, why?

45.

1963/2026

Hon. Ajith Gihan,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) coastal belt in the Puttalam District is undergoing severe erosion; and
- (ii) boat and fishing craft landing sites have eroded into the sea to the state that is impossible to carry out fishing activities there?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether necessary provisions have been allocated for the construction of rock revetments to prevent coastal erosion;
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to provide the Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management with the machinery required for coast conservation; and
- (iii) whether the causes of coastal erosion around the island will be provided based on scientific information and data?

(c) If not, why?

46.

2105/2026

Hon. U.P. Abeywickrama, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he accept that, although the drug addicts are successfully rehabilitated through Government-operated or approved rehabilitation centres, there is a tendency for such persons to relapse into drug use or become involved in criminal networks due to factors such as unemployment, obstacles encountered in seeking foreign employment, difficulties in obtaining police clearance certificates, exclusion from the society, and being treated as suspects by security divisions?

(34)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of recognized rehabilitation centres currently in operation;
 - (ii) of the average number of persons rehabilitated annually through such centres;
 - (iii) of the procedures adopted for referring persons to the rehabilitation process;
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to prevent relapse into drug use and re-involvement in crimes after rehabilitation;
 - (v) whether there is a possibility of introducing a mechanism whereby persons charged with minor offences may, upon the successful completion of a prescribed rehabilitation process and a specified probationary period, be exonerated from such criminal records and the purpose of issuing police clearance certificates; and
 - (vi) if not, of the reasons therefor?
- (c) If not, why?

47.

1355/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that 130 applications submitted to the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs for the purpose of registering Arabic schools, have not been approved by the said Department in the last 04 years; and
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to register the 130 Arabic schools referred to above?
- (b) If not, why?

48.

1666/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the qualifications required for the post of General Manager and the post of Legal Officer of the National Film Corporation, separately; and
 - (ii) whether the officer currently serving as the Legal Officer of the Corporation has fulfilled the aforementioned qualifications?
- (b) If not, why?

49.

2134/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of cultural centres registered under the Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs;
 - (ii) of the manner in which the administrative structure (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer) of the said centres is constituted;
 - (iii) whether the financial statements (statement of accounts) of the above centres are audited annually;
 - (iv) whether the said centres are functioning in a manner suitable for public use;
 - (v) whether the cultural centres located in the Badulla and Nuwara Eliya districts are functioning under government administration; and
 - (vi) of the amount of money spent by the government for Hindu cultural centres through the Department in the year 2025?
- (b) If not, why?

50.

1411/2025

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) amount allocated for the drinking water projects of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board in the 2025 budget for the Batticaloa District;
 - (ii) number of new water connections expected to be provided for the Batticaloa District; and
 - (iii) number of new water connections provided for the Batticaloa District as of 31.07.2025?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Board has not provided water connections to Thumbala village of the Dikgodra Grama Niladhari Division of the Porativu Pattu Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District; Sinnawatta Upper Division, Pudumunmarichcholai, Palaiyadivaddai, Kannapuram East, Kannapuram, and Nellikkadu of the Sinnawatta Grama Niladhari Division; and Sinnakalaipottamadu village of the Illuppadichenai Grama Niladhari Division of the Manmunai West Divisional Secretariat Division; and

(36)

- (ii) if so, of the specific date by which water connections will be provided to these villages?

(c) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, July 22, 2026)

1.

890/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah, — To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

(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?

2.

891/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah, — To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the landless persons have applied to the Koralaipattu North, Vakarai Divisional Secretariat by 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;

(37)

- (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,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform the House —
 - (i) of the number of people who applied for ‘Urumaya’ freehold deeds in the Koralaipattu North, Vakara 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?

Thursday, July 23, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1190/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the construction of the public sports complex, located in the centre of the Kilinochchi town, was commenced in the year 2010 and has not yet been handed over for the use of the athletes;
 - (ii) of the level to which the sports complex has been planned to be constructed;

- (iii) of the amount of funds, allocated for the construction of aforesaid sports complex so far;
 - (iv) of the amount, spent from aforesaid funds during the last 10 years;
 - (v) of the number of contractors engaged so far for the construction of the sports complex; and
 - (vi) of the names of the contractors, currently carrying out the construction?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
- (i) impact this construction delay has had on the sportsmen and sportswomen of the district; and
 - (ii) measures that have been taken for the development of the sports sector in the Kilinochchi district?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1526/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the Mullaitivu District, which is endowed with numerous tourist attractions, remain as an underdeveloped district in terms of the tourism industry;
 - (ii) of the special projects implemented in the Mullaitivu District to promote domestic and foreign tourist arrivals;
 - (iii) of the plans to improve basic infrastructure facilities including roads, accommodation facilities, tourist resorts and observation centres to attract tourists;
 - (iv) of the measures that are being taken to encourage private sector investment in the tourism sector in the said district;
 - (v) whether there are any plan to train and employ the youth of the Mullaitivu District as tour guides, eco-tourism facility providers or professionals in the hospitality sector; and
 - (vi) whether consideration is being given to declare several selected areas in the Mullaitivu District as Special Tourism Zones under the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1548/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala,—To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the length in kilometers, of the road from Poonugala to Wewelthalawa (Weviyethalawa) within the Yatiyanthota Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the said road had deteriorated to such an extent that it is virtually impassable for not only vehicles but also pedestrians alike;
 - (iii) of the number of years that has elapsed since the section of the said road from Poonugala to Wewelthalawa was last repaired;
 - (iv) whether he admits that the failure to repair the said road is an obstacle to the daily activities of the residents of the Wewelthalawa Estate;
 - (v) of the measures that have been taken so far to repair the said road; and
 - (vi) of the agreement between the relevant estate company and the government in repairing the said road?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1644/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
- (i) number of approved cadre of teachers for government schools in the Trincomalee District;
 - (ii) number of approved cadre of teachers for each subject, separately;
 - (iii) total number of teachers currently serving in the Trincomalee District;
 - (iv) number of existing teacher vacancies, separately for each subject; and
 - (v) measures that will be taken to fill those vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1657/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Regional Cinnamon Development Officers belonging to the Department of Cinnamon Development;
 - (ii) separately, of the names of the districts and Divisional Secretariat Divisions where those officers are stationed;
 - (iii) of the organizational structure of the said Department and its regional offices;
 - (iv) whether plans have been made to establish this Department as a statutory body by an Act of Parliament;
 - (v) whether the human resources required for the efficient functioning of the Department are adequately available; and
 - (vi) if not, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1756/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that circular no. 2008/4 is currently in force for the allocation of lands to landless persons and for the issuance of permits in respect of such lands;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of persons who have applied under phases 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 within the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat Division as per the said circular and of the number of new land permits issued under each phase, separately;
 - (iii) of the total number of new permits that have been issued by the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat during the last 17 years as per the said circular;
 - (iv) of the number of land permits that have been applied for under the said circular, but have not yet been issued;
 - (v) of the number of permits that have been recommended by the Land Title Settlement Department of the Eastern Province and have been forwarded to the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat, but have not yet been issued;

(41)

- (vi) of the reasons that have led to the retention of the said land permits without being issued; and
- (vii) whether steps will be taken to issue the said permits to the eligible persons expeditiously?

(b) If not, why?

7.

1790/2025

Hon. B. Ariyawansa,— 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 Tamil medium schools located in the Ratnapura District;
- (ii) of the names of the said schools;
- (iii) separately, of the number of teacher vacancies existing in the said schools for each subject; and
- (iv) of the measures that will be taken to fill the said vacancies?

(b) If not, why?

8.

1824/2026

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether rehabilitation centres have been established under the Provincial Ministry of Health of Northern Province for the rehabilitation of individuals addicted to alcohol and drugs;
- (ii) if so, of the districts in which the rehabilitation centres have been established;
- (iii) whether services are currently being rendered from the above centres;
- (iv) if so, of the districts in which services are rendered;
- (v) if not, of the reasons for that; and
- (vi) of the time frame within which these centers are expected to become functional?

(b) If not, why?

9.

1990/2026

Hon. Thilina Samarakoon,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether sufficient rice stocks can be released to the market during the festive season;
 - (ii) of the controlled prices of all types of rice by type, separately;
 - (iii) of the arrangements made to distribute rice through Lanka Sathosa Limited;
 - (iv) of the types of rice imported; and
 - (v) of the current prices of such rice by type, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether sufficient stocks of essential food are stored within the country;
 - (ii) whether such food is imported solely by the private sector;
 - (iii) if not, in what manner the public sector intervenes in this regard;
 - (iv) whether the Consumer Affairs Authority intervenes adequately to control the prices of rice and other essential food items; and
 - (v) of the details can be provided on the manner in which the Authority intervenes in price control?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

2092/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of ‘Gemidiriya’ companies that have been established in the Ratnapura District;
 - (ii) of the number of such companies that are operational at present;
 - (iii) of the custodian of the immovable, movable and the financial assets of the operational and the non-operational companies;
 - (iv) whether the assets and the transactions of those companies are audited annually;

(43)

- (v) if so, of the name of the auditing authority; and
 - (vi) of the actions that have been taken against the irregularities that have been committed by the officers of those companies?
- (b) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, July 23, 2026)

1.

893/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah, — To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (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;
 - (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?

2.

894/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah, — To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (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?

3.

895/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah, — To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (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;
 - (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?
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Friday, July 24, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

29/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a large amount of money is spent on the importation of milk powder; and
 - (ii) a significant economic benefit, as well as an improvement in the health status of the public, can be achieved by empowering dairy farmers?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the quantity of milk produced in the country out of the total daily requirement;
 - (ii) whether the government has implemented any programme to uplift and incentivize dairy farmers; and
 - (iii) if so, of the said programme?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

120/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that an audit report has been issued regarding the import of organic fertilizer from China;
 - (ii) of the financial loss that has been caused by the import of organic fertilizer from China as per the said audit report;
 - (iii) of the recommendations that have been made in the audit report concerned; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to implement the said recommendations?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

658/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there is a tile factory in the Elayapattuwa area of the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) the said tile factory is currently in a non-functional state; and
 - (iii) as a result, the valuable machinery of the said factory is deteriorating?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken to restart the said factory?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1413/2025

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount of money that was allocated in the budget for this year for the construction or renovation of new post office buildings;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the Kiran Post Office is housed in a private building; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to construct a new post office building for the Kiran Post Office?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the elderly and widows receive their allowances from the Chitthandi Sub-Post Office due to the absence of a post office in the Mavadivembu area of the Eravur Pattu Chenkalady Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to establish a new post office in the Mavadivembu area; and
 - (iii) of the procedure that will be followed to upgrade a sub-post office to a post office?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1889/2026

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

(a) Is she aware that —

- (i) problems have arisen in administrative and academic activities due to the large number of vacancies in the posts of principals in national schools located outside urban areas in the Eastern Province; and
- (ii) many schools in the Ampara District continue to function without principals despite the existence of an excess number of qualified principals in certain coastal education zones within the district?

(b) Will she inform this House —

- (i) of the necessity of calling upon officers of the Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service (SLEAS) to fill existing principal vacancies, at a time when the service requires new officers for the implementation of national education reforms;
- (ii) whether there is any possibility of relieving such officers from the duties performed in the capacity of principals in order to enable them to focus on policy formulation, implementation, and education reform initiatives;
- (iii) of the steps that will be taken to streamline employment opportunities for officers in the Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service (SLEAS) and the Principals' Service on an equal basis; and
- (iv) of the measures that will be adopted to ensure the appointment of qualified principals to school administration without delay?

(c) If not, why?

6.

1980/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether action has been taken to exempt 'assistive devices' used by persons with disabilities from import tariffs;
- (ii) if so, of the percentage of such exemptions; and
- (iii) of the types of tariff exemptions that have been given and the types of equipment that have been exempted from such tariffs?

(48)

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether it is possible to provide tax relief when importing adapted vehicles for personal use by persons with disabilities;
- (ii) if so, of the procedures that has to be followed in obtaining such tax relief;
- (iii) of the existing legal framework relating to that and details of the circulars in effect in that respect;
- (iv) if there are obstacles in importing assistive devices or adapted vehicles within the provisions of the existing circulars and legal framework, whether steps will be taken to amend such laws;
- (v) whether assistive devices and adapted vehicles that are personally received by persons with disabilities or organizations of such persons, as donations from foreign countries have been exempted from import tariffs; and
- (vi) whether there is any possibility of providing some tax relief for used equipment and vehicles that are received as donations?

(c) If not, why?

7.

2061/2026

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 admits that foreign training opportunities are important for the development of the competencies, skills and attitudes of public servants;
- (ii) of the number of public servants who have participated in foreign training programmes from the year 2020 to date, their names and the cost incurred on such training; and
- (iii) of the measures that will be taken to formulate a proper mechanism to ensure that such foreign training opportunities are distributed fairly among all public servants?

(b) If not, why?

8.

2093/2026

Hon. Dewananda Suraweera,—To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of children under the age of 18 years who are in police custody in the Colombo District since 2025 for drug use;
- (ii) whether there is a methodology for rehabilitating children who are addicted to drugs;
- (iii) if so, of that methodology;
- (iv) the number of institutions available in Sri Lanka for the rehabilitation of children who are addicted to drugs;
- (v) the names of those institutions;
- (vi) whether he is aware that children who are addicted to drugs are detained in child detention centers for a long period of time after being produced before the courts until they are referred to rehabilitation centres; and
- (vii) if so, the measures that will be taken to ensure prompt rehabilitation of such children?

(b) If not, why?

9.

2095/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the privileges attached to the public representatives holding the office of Chairperson of each of the nine Provincial Councils in Sri Lanka, separately in respect of each Provincial Council;
- (ii) of the reasons as to why the office of Chairperson of a Provincial Council does not cease to function after the dissolution of the Provincial Councils; and
- (iii) considering the privileges attached to the said office and the public expenditure incurred for it, whether there is a possibility of causing the office to cease functioning upon the dissolution of the Provincial Councils?

(b) If not, why?

10.

2101/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of registered driving schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether there are driving schools operating under State intervention; and
 - (iii) whether there are driving schools operated by the Sri Lanka Transport Board?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of private and State-operated driving schools operating within the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) whether there is a driving school operated by the Sri Lanka Transport Board in the Pothuhera area; and
 - (iii) of the income earned by the said driving school during the last 05 years?
- (c) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, July 24, 2026)

1.

2082/2026

Hon. Thurairasa Ravikaran,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he state in respect of Mullaitivu, Mannar and Vavuniya districts and during the first 05 months of 2026 —
 - (i) the number of power outages reported, separately in each district;
 - (ii) the period for which each power outage lasted; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the said power outages?
- (b) Will he inform this House in respect of Mullaitivu, Mannar and Vavuniya districts —
 - (i) of the number of houses in which solar power systems have been installed, separately by Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) of the subsidies, loans and incentives provided for the installation of such systems;

(51)

- (iii) of the programmes to be implemented in 2026 to promote the use of renewable energy, and of the financial allocation made for those programmes;
 - (iv) whether an assessment has been conducted on the impact exerted on the education, small industries, and agricultural sectors due to the breakdown in the continuity of electricity supply;
 - (v) of the subsidies or schemes available to low income families for obtaining electricity connections; and
 - (vi) of the number of families that have benefited under those schemes during the past 05 years, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

2083/2026

Hon. Thurairasa Ravikaran,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately of the number of houses —
- (i) in Sri Lanka with access to electricity by district;
 - (ii) without access to electricity and requiring electricity connections by district;
 - (iii) with access to electricity in the Districts of Mullaitivu, Mannar and Vavuniya, by Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (iv) without access to electricity and requiring electricity connections in those districts by Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately of the number of —
- (i) houses provided with new electricity connections during the past 05 years in the districts referred to in (a)(iii); and
 - (ii) of electricity consumers in those districts who have registered, and who have not registered, to receive electricity bills via the Short Message Service (SMS)?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the —
- (i) projects implemented in 2026 to improve electricity services in those districts, and the financial allocation made for those projects; and
 - (ii) programmes being implemented to expand electricity connections in the rural and remote areas of those districts?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

2117/2026

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number and total value of loans approved under the ‘Jaya Isura’ Programme since inception;
 - (ii) whether the concessionary interest subsidy of 4% - 5% has been paid;
 - (iii) if so, the number of beneficiaries and the benefits derived through the programme;
 - (iv) whether participating commercial banks complied with the programme and received the relevant interest differential from the Ministry;
 - (v) whether borrowers who settled their loans through other commercial banks remained eligible for the subsidy;
 - (vi) if so, whether it was granted; and
 - (vii) whether he is aware of any disparity between the Programme’s objectives and the benefits received by intended beneficiaries?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether approvals were granted through Sampath Bank between April and November 2019;
 - (ii) if so, their number and value; and
 - (iii) the status of the application submitted by Glenrock (Pvt) Ltd., and if approved, the reasons for not granting the relevant benefits?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

2121/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) name of the present Secretary to the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development;
 - (ii) date on which he was appointed to that position; and
 - (iii) academic and the professional qualifications he possesses which made him qualified to hold that position?

(53)

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether the present Secretary to the Ministry is a citizen of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he has acquired citizenship of this country by birth or by registration;
 - (iii) whether he had been a citizen of Australia;
 - (iv) whether he held a dual citizenship;
 - (v) of the date on which he renounced his Australian citizenship;
 - (vi) whether he has obtained Sri Lankan citizenship again after renouncing Australian citizenship; and
 - (vii) if so, of the said date?
- (c) Will he further inform this House whether he accepts that a person who is not a citizen of Sri Lanka cannot hold the office of the Secretary to the Ministry?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

2166/2026

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

- (a) Will she inform this House, separately by each district of the —
- (i) number of government schools damaged by Cyclone ‘Ditwah’;
 - (ii) nature of the damage caused to those schools and the estimated value of such damage;
 - (iii) financial provisions made thus far by the Government, the Ministry, Provincial Councils, foreign aid programmes and other institutions for damage restoration and the implementation of reconstruction activities in those schools;
 - (iv) number of schools that have been fully reconstructed through the utilization of those financial provisions; and
 - (v) number of schools in which repair or reconstruction activities have not yet been fully completed?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of the total amount of money required to restore the schools that have not yet been repaired or reconstructed?
- (c) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, August 04, 2026)

1.

896/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

(a) Will he inform the House —

- (i) of the number of people who applied for ‘Urumaya’ freehold deeds in the Koralaipattu South, Kiran Divisional Secretariat Division 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?

(b) If not, why?

2.

897/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that persons are residing on state lands in the Koralaipattu South, Kiran 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;

(55)

- (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 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?

3.

2120/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the government has taken a policy decision to extend the retirement age of the Judges of the Supreme Court from 65 years to 67 years, and that of the Judges of the Court of Appeal from 63 years to 65 years;
- (ii) if so, whether the Cabinet of Ministers has granted approval in principle to draft a Constitutional Amendment Bill for that purpose;
- (iii) whether the Minister or the Secretary to the Ministry has instructed the Legal Draftsman's Department to prepare such a draft bill; and
- (iv) of the grounds on which the extension of the retirement age of superior court judges is justified?

(b) If not, why?

Friday, August 07, 2026

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

P. 4/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Converting all Colleges of Education in Sri Lanka into University Faculties,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary action be taken by the Government to enforce the Cabinet decision regarding which the proposal was presented and approval obtained by the then Minister on 13th February 2020 as the then Minister of Education to convert the currently functioning nineteen Colleges of Education into University Faculties to be suitable for awarding a four-year degree course with a three-year theoretical course and one-year school-based training, whereas it is necessary to make all the teachers in the school system into trained graduate teachers in order to upgrade the education in Sri Lanka to the advanced international level, and whereas the majority of teachers are currently awarded a higher diploma at the end of a three-year theoretical and practical course.

2.

P. 5/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Developing the bee honey industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be implemented by the government to develop the local bee honey industry as bee honey is of very high medicinal value and in great demand in the local and international market.

3.

P. 6/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to extend the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura since it is considered as one of the railway lines that generate a higher income for the Sri Lanka Railways Department, whereas people living in a number of districts, including Ratnapura, Badulla and Hambantota will be benefitted from extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura.

4.

P. 8/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Combining the knowledge on Sri Lankan food culture with the teaching process,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be implemented by the government to make the food culture of Sri Lanka known among local and foreign people and elevate the Sri Lankan identity by endowing the future generations with the Sri Lankan food culture pedagogy through pedagogical methodologies as food art of Sri Lanka is comprised of a number of aspects including the art of flavors and mixing art of cooking food, art of coloring and the art of food carving.

5.

P. 9 /2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Making the society aware of the value of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that a national level programme be formulated and implemented by the government in regard to the manner in which children should be protected in the face of social challenges for the future betterment of the society and the country, having explained the value of children in a simple manner through sociological and psychological methodologies to the persons such as parents, teachers, sports coaches, school van drivers that always associate with school children.

6.

P.10/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Developing sports in estate sector,— That this Parliament resolves that a Sports development programme should be launched in order to get the youth contribution of the estate sector for the sports development of the country, as they have displayed their skills locally and internationally, and they do not have any sports facilities in their estate schools as well as the estate areas where they live.

7.

P.16/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulating a programme to streamline the appointments made to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the government prepare a programme to make all appointments to the foreign service, which is tasked with uplifting Sri Lanka's image before the international community, based on the results of competitive examinations and on merit in order to prevent political appointments made to the foreign service, which have led to the deterioration in the quality of the service leading to failure to achieve its desired objectives.

8.

P.17/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulating a proper procurement methodology for purchasing goods and services to depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board,—This Parliament resolves that the government formulate a proper procurement methodology for purchasing goods and services to depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board with a view to preventing corruption as the absence of such a methodology is the main cause of the corruption rampant in the Sri Lanka Transport Board.

9.

P.20/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Preparing the subjects falling under the provincial councils in a scientific methodology,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare an appropriate programme to allocate the subjects coming under the purview of the provincial councils according to a proper methodology based on a scientific basis to avoid the situation that has arisen since the subjects coming under the purview of the provincial councils have been currently allocated in a way that has no scientific basis, and that various problems have arisen because of this.

10.

P.21/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Developing a proper methodology to strengthen the Sri Lanka Transport Board,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should develop a proper methodology to prevent fraud and corruption that occur during the procurement of goods and services by the Sri Lanka Transport Board, since strengthening the public transport service in Sri Lanka is an essential matter.

11.

P.22/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme to increase milk production,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme to increase the milk production in Sri Lanka should be implemented by the government to avoid the substantial amount of foreign exchange outflow on the annual importation of milk.

12.

P. 26/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Making Sports Bodies in Sri Lanka free from politicization,— That this Parliament resolves that the elected politicians should be prohibited from contesting and holding leading positions in sports bodies, as it is evident that these organizations have become heavily politicised in Sri Lanka.

13.

P. 31/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of 1% return for employees in relation to inflation,— That this Parliament resolves that the Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund which are administered by government institutions shall ensure that the employees receive returns at least 1% higher than the annual inflation rate.

14.

P. 32/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Provision of free travelling facilities to senior citizens,— That this Parliament resolves that all senior citizens be provided with free transport facilities in public transport services.

15.

P. 34/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Formulation of a National Programme to introduce New Inventors to the World,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to introduce new inventors and citizens who are endowed with various skills to the world and to improve their skills and creations.

16.

P. 35/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Tax concession to industrialists who utilize indigenous raw materials,— That this Parliament resolves that a two-year tax concession be granted to local industrialists who utilize more than 75% indigenous raw materials in the production of goods for the international market.

17.

P. 36/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enabling the Right to Vote,— That this Parliament resolves that every individual above the age of eighteen shall be allowed to vote as there is a greater number of registered voters that have been deprived of voting and if an individual does not vote after the name appears on the register they should be fined which helps to create a more participatory democratic process.

18.

P. 41/2025

Hon. Heshan Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Preparation of a programme to amend the constitution including the constitution of Sri Lanka Cricket,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take measures to amend the constitution including the constitution of Sri Lanka Cricket as there has been a great deal of discussion in society regarding the Sri Lanka Cricket at present, and the Sri Lanka Cricket has become an institution where irregularities are common due to the power of a certain group of societies in its elections and such situation needs to be prevented.

19.

P. 44/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Implementing the recommendations given in the Audit Report 2023 pertaining to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper course of action be formulated by the government to implement the recommendations given in the National Audit Report pertaining to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, which is like the heart of the Sri Lankan economy, as important recommendations have been given in the Report concerned.

20.

P. 45/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—Using the money of local government institutions for public services in a proper manner,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper course of action be formulated by the government to prevent the state of affairs, whereas facts have been unveiled to the effect that many local government institutions deposit their money in fixed deposits with the objective of earning a profit instead of using such money for purposes such as providing public and health services as well as common amenities and improving public thoroughfares.

21.

P. 48/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—Bringing Industries related to Petroleum, Fuel and Water under the regulation of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that, whereas industries related to electricity, petroleum, fuel and water should be regulated, industries related to petroleum and water have not been subjected to regulation for more than 21 years because the Acts relevant to the supervision of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and the National Water Supply and Drainage Board have not been amended and therefore, necessary legal procedures be implemented to change this state of affairs.

22.

P. 49/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— Formulation of a programme to regulate the process of issuing licenses for filling stations,— That this Parliament resolves that, as the process of issuing filling station licenses in Sri Lanka is highly irregular, a regulatory programme be formulated to streamline the process of issuing filling station licenses.

23.

P. 51/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of a Faculty of National Languages,— That this Parliament resolves that a Faculty of National Languages should be established in order to teach Sinhala, Tamil and English to teachers.

24.

P. 52/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulating a programme to exercise justice to the individuals who have become the victims of microfinance loans,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme should be formulated to ensure justice to the individuals who have obtained microfinance loans due to the fact that the majority of them have now become victims of the loans concerned.

25.

P. 53/2025

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Formulation of a programme to develop and regulate the Teledrama industry, — That this Parliament resolves that a regulatory body be established to develop and regulate the teledrama industry, which is a major industry that provides entertainment to the people of the country.

26.

P. 56/2025

Hon. Upul Kithsiri,— Designation of the Udawalawe Area as a Tourist Zone,—That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary measures to declare the Udawalawe area, encompassing the Udawalawe region in the Ratnapura District and the Sevanagala region in the Monaragala District, as a designated tourist zone, in view of the inability to experience the versatility of the area in the case of both local and foreign tourists due to the absence of a proper mechanism in place, despite the presence of significant tourist attractions such as the Udawalawe National Park, Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, Sankapala Rajamaha Viharaya, Udawalawe Reservoir, Sevanagala Sugar Factory, Sevanagala Sugarcane Research Institute, Udawalawe Freshwater Fisheries Center, and Waulpana Limestone Cave.

27.

P. 57/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M. L. A. M. Hizbullah,— Establishment of a fund called “Sri Lanka Baithulmal Fund”,— That this parliament resolves that Government should take the necessary steps to establish a fund to be called the “Sri Lanka Baithulmal Fund” under the Ministry of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs, whereas the Department of

Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs does not currently have a fund that is required in matters relating to education, culture, occupation and inter-ethnic cooperation and in matters related to livelihood of the Muslim community living in Sri Lanka, whereas a fund called “Baithulmal” has been established many years ago for these needs in Muslim countries of the world and countries where Muslim minorities live, and whereas the necessary financial provisions can be obtained from those living in this country and those living in foreign countries, if this fund is established in Sri Lanka.

28.

P. 62/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Making Rail freight transport more efficient,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology be formulated by the government for the transport of goods and fuel by train whenever possible whereas the main purpose of starting the railway service in Sri Lanka had been the transport of goods, and whereas the railway service has now deviated from that objective, and whereas rail freight is a less expensive method, and whereas its benefits are directly accrued to the people of the country.

29.

P. 63/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody, — Minimizing the injustice caused to farmers in selling their agricultural produce,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate measures to change the processes in which both the farmer and the consumer suffer injustices at the same time and to serve justice to the farmer and to the consumer whereas the farmers of this country experience grave injustices in selling their agricultural produce as the wholesale dealers as well as the retail sellers set a very low price for their produce and whereas the consumers have to pay very high prices in buying the said agricultural products.

30.

P. 64/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Designing a regulatory framework for pre-school education,— That this Parliament resolves that a unified system for regulating pre-school education in Sri Lanka, should be established through a single institution, recognizing that the pre-school education is of vital importance and a crucial factor among all the educational opportunities, currently available in the country.

31.

P. 65/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Facilitating the producers of export goods,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary steps be taken to facilitate the young entrepreneurs involved in the export sector, who play a key role in generating foreign exchange, whereas producers of agricultural and other goods targeting exports lack adequate facilities, expertise, and access pathways for export market.

32.

P. 66/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Introduction of Literature as a subject in the Advanced Level Science, Commerce and Technology streams,— That this Parliament resolves that Literature should be introduced as an additional subject in the Advanced Level Science, Commerce and Technology streams in schools in Sri Lanka in order to enhance the skill of literary appreciation of the students pursuing such streams for Advanced Level.

33.

P. 67/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Provision of care to inpatients at hospitals,—That this Parliament resolves that the Government should formulate a system whereby patients receiving inpatient treatment at hospitals are provided care by caregivers employed by the hospital, whereas nursing officers in charge of the ward inform that a custodian should accompany a patient receiving inpatient treatment at a hospital day and night, and whereas, in the absence of such a custodian, private caregivers have to be hired on a fee-paying basis, and whereas such caregivers charge approximately Rs. 3,500 per day, which is unaffordable if the patient is required to stay in the hospital for several days.

34.

P. 68/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Granting permanent title deeds to permit holders of lands,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper system of granting permanent title deeds to the people of this country be developed whereas a significant number of the people only have permits or deeds such as Swarnabhoomi for their lands.

35.

P. 71/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Establishment of a permanent Special Economic Zone in Jaffna and the Northern Province to create sustainable youth employment,—That this Parliament resolves that a permanent Special Economic Zone (SEZ) be established in Jaffna and the Northern Province, alongside other strategic locations nationwide, whereas the establishment of a permanent Special Economic Zone could stimulate economic growth, attract both local and foreign investment, and generate sustainable employment opportunities for the youth, and whereas by developing such zones, the government can promote industrial expansion, enhance skills development, and encourage entrepreneurship, thereby addressing unemployment and fostering the long-term socio-economic advancement of Jaffna and the Northern Province, and the country as a whole.

36.

P. 72/2025

Hon. Kanthasamy Prabu,— Promoting self-sufficiency in milk production,— That this Parliament resolves that a National Dairy Development Policy be implemented by the Government to achieve self-sufficiency in milk production, by improving breed access and veterinary services, expanding fodder cultivation, strengthening farmer training and infrastructure, providing incentives to dairy farmers, promoting public-private partnerships,

and encouraging research in dairy development, and a mechanism be devised for the relevant Ministries to coordinate with provincial councils and farmer groups, and the relevant Committee of Parliament to monitor implementation and recommend further action, whereas country currently relies on dairy imports, leading to significant foreign exchange loss, and farmers face issues such as limited access to good breeds, veterinary care, fodder, and infrastructure, and whereas addressing these challenges would enhance food security, create rural jobs, and reduce dependency on imports.

37.

P. 73/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Sri Lankans be afforded better opportunities for health,— That this Parliament resolves that all Sri Lankans be afforded better health opportunities means of which employees of the private sector must be provided with free facilities through Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund and in the case of Public Servants or non-employees, by the Government through the President's Fund with full cost, whereas majority of the population are subject to open heart surgeries.

38.

P. 74/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—Establishment of Bus Priority Lanes Expeditiously in the Morning and Late Afternoon Hours on Working Days of the Week in Main Towns,—This Parliament resolves that a bus priority lane system be implemented in the morning and late afternoon hours as a remedy for the severe road congestion that prevails in the morning and afternoon hours in major towns.

39.

P. 75/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Renewal of the Bilateral Agreement of Driving Licenses between Italy and Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that steps should be taken to renew the bilateral agreement of driving licenses between Italy and Sri Lanka, as it provides great benefits to Sri Lankans.

40.

P. 76/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Introduction of a Smart Grid and Smart Meters,— That this Parliament resolves that measures be taken to convert the national electricity grid into a Smart Grid and to introduce Smart Meters, in view of the fact that the electricity generated, particularly through rooftop solar panels, cannot currently be distinguished at the system control center, despite the importance of promoting solar energy as a renewable energy source.

41.

P. 77/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Banning harmful artificial flavoring agents used to flavor food,— That this Parliament resolves that the use of harmful flavoring agents be banned after conducting a proper study through a recognized institution, since it is reported that artificial flavoring agents used in local restaurants and hotels to flavor food items such as rice, kottu and noodles contribute to various non-communicable diseases.

42.

P. 78/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe, — Expanding the railway line from Batticaloa to Pottuvil or the railway line from Matara to Kalmunai,— That this Parliament resolves that steps should be taken to expand the railway line from Batticaloa to Pottuvil or the railway line from Matara to Kalmunai since a large number of people in the Batticaloa, Ampara and Moneragala Districts will benefit from the expansion of the railway line from Batticaloa to Pottuvil and the expansion of the railway line from Matara to Kalmunai.

43.

P. 79/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law,— Favourable control and suppression of the proliferation of common water hyacinth,— That this Parliament resolves that it is opportune that the government formulate relevant project proposals for a sustainable solution through the favorable control and suppression of the common water hyacinth plant, whereas it is an invasive plant known by its scientific name *Eichhornia crassipes* (Mart.) Solms, has encroached upon farmlands and wetlands exhibiting an accelerated propagation rate that displaces indigenous flora and destabilizes the ecological balance, whereas consequent sediment accumulation has impeded water transport courses and flow of water, exacerbated flood risks, degraded the quality of water needed for daily use and disrupted hydropower generation, whereas its suppression through the use of chemical herbicides poses a health risk to people using that water, and whereas the breeding of maggots and the spread of diseases such as filariasis and dengue occur in these areas.

44.

P. 80/2025

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— Establishment of a Commission to Investigate the Unilateral and Forced Cremation of the Remains of Deceased Muslims During the COVID-19 Pandemic,— That this Parliament resolves that a Commission be established to investigate the number of bodies of Muslims that were unilaterally and forcibly cremated contrary to the guidelines of the World Health Organization during the COVID-19 Pandemic, to investigate the names and addresses of the victims who were so cremated, to inquire into the background that led to the forced cremation of the said dead bodies, to assess the mental state of the relatives of the victims who were so cremated, and to investigate steps to be taken against politicians and government officials who acted contrary to the said guidelines in support of such cremations.

45.

P. 81/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Formulation of a system to stop the ripening of fruits using chemicals,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal system be developed to stop the practice of ripening fruits using chemicals, which is being carried out by unscrupulous businessmen with the aim of making profits while destroying the future of the country, whereas unripe fruits are artificially caused to ripen using chemicals and are

sold in the Sri Lankan fruit market instead of naturally ripened fruits, whereas imported fruits are also sold after being artificially ripened using chemicals, and whereas these fruits are mostly consumed by children.

46.

P.82/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Formulation of a methodology to consider the Key Performance Indicators as criteria for the appointment of heads of institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be integrated to the public service to consider the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) of public sector officials as a criterion alongside their seniority when appointing heads of government ministries and departments, and that recommendations be obtained for the appointment of heads of institutions accordingly.

47.

P. 83/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Taking the Key Performance Indicator into consideration in assigning positions to the Members of Parliament and the Ministers,— That this Parliament resolves that the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) of the Members of Parliament and the Ministers be reviewed annually and a system for assigning positions to them be developed taking the said indicator into consideration.

48.

P. 84/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Safeguarding the independence of persons who have held positions commencing from the Chief Justice down to lower ranks in the judiciary when they are appointed to other positions, — That this Parliament resolves that persons who have held positions commencing from the Chief Justice down to the lower ranks in the judiciary, should not be appointed to positions in the public service, corporate boards, commissions, tribunals or the foreign service (such as ambassadors) for a period of at least three years from the date on which they ceased to hold those positions in order to protect their independence.

49.

P. 86/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Prohibition of political parties from crediting the salaries, allowances and vehicle permits, etc. of public representatives to their party funds,— That this Parliament resolves that the political parties shall not be permitted to credit the salaries, allowances and vehicle permits, etc. of public representatives to their party funds whereas the practice of political parties crediting the monthly salaries, allowances and vehicle permits, etc. of elected public representatives of their party, to party funds is detrimental to the independence of such representatives, and whereas such action poses a serious challenge to democracy.

50.

P. 87/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Establishment of a Rehabilitation Centre in each District for Drug Addicts,— That this Parliament resolves that at least one

rehabilitation centre be established in each district with all facilities, whereas a rapid increase in the number of users of drugs such as heroin is observed at present, whereas the fact that addicts are not limited to one area, but are spread throughout the country and are promoting the drug use has led to this increase, and whereas the fact that rehabilitation centers for drug addicts are found only in a few locations across the country poses a serious problem in controlling the growth of the number of drug users.

51.

P. 88/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— Formulation of a National Policy and Methodology for the Wildlife Management in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that a practical and modern policy and methodology be formulated and implemented, whereas Sri Lanka is internationally recognized as a country with high biodiversity, whereas due to deforestation, human encroachment, illegal wildlife trade, and escalating human-wildlife conflicts, both these wildlife as well as human lives are lost in large numbers annually, whereas the formulation of a National Wildlife Management Policy through new policies and plans is a sustainable development objective, and whereas this would result in protection of animal habitats, reduction of human-wildlife conflicts, and improvement of the economic status and social life of the farming communities.

52.

P. 89/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— More productive use of agricultural lands in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that lands be used in a more productive manner to increase agricultural production by 30% over the next few years, thereby increasing farmers' incomes, expanding commercial agriculture, and establishing a baseline database containing information on land type, crop suitability, water and cultivation by exploring all agricultural lands, with the goal of ensuring national food security and improving the living standards of farmers, whereas the agricultural sector is a prominent entity in Sri Lanka's economy, whereas only about 40% of agricultural lands are used in the production process annually, and the remaining lands are not used due to improper planning, lack of water resources, lack of technical knowledge and lack of innovation, and whereas a large amount of money is spent annually on importing food due to the low level of production.

53.

P. 90/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Improving the sea transport facilities for residents of the offshore islands in the Jaffna District,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate action to provide modern, safe, fast and reliable sea transportation for the residents of the offshore islands, particularly Neduntheevu, Nainatheevu, Eluvaithivu and Analaitivu in the Jaffna District, whereas the residents of these islands have been deprived of adequate sea transport facilities for several decades, whereas, as a result, they are compelled to spend several hours travelling by sea, whereas patients, pregnant women, the elderly, school staff and employees of non-governmental organisations face severe difficulties and risks while

undertaking these journeys, and whereas it is acknowledged that “The development of villages is the development of the Nation”.

54.

P. 91/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Commencing the Talaimannar - Rameswaram ferry service,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate actions to commence the Talaimannar-Rameswaram ferry service, whereas it would increase tourist arrivals particularly from India, and whereas it enables the public to travel to Tamil Nadu at a lower cost and purchase essential goods at affordable prices subject to the prevailing laws and regulations, thereby improving their livelihoods.

55.

P. 93/2025

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— Establishment of a special Development Fund dedicated to reduce regional disparities in development,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government of Sri Lanka should take steps to; establish a National Development Fund for lagging regions such as Northern Province, Eastern Province, Monaragala District, and Nuwara Eliya District, to mobilize contributions from government, bilateral and multilateral partners, private investors, and philanthropic donors, with a target size of USD 250 million over a 10+2 year programme tenure; deploy the Fund strategically to revive rural livelihoods through agriculture, fisheries, and cottage industries, to develop infrastructure for promoting employment and women's socio-economic empowerment, to activate idle assets and support SMEs and cooperatives, to invest in renewable energy and other commercially viable ventures, to initiate capacity building and educating women and youth; facilitate the establishment of a Technical Assistance Facility (TAF) to build local capacity, close viability gaps in investments, and ensure effective and transparent utilization of funds; ensure gender inclusivity across all investment areas, with measurable targets to promote women's participation in economic activities and decision-making; mandate relevant Ministries, Provincial Councils, and local authorities to coordinate with the Fund to ensure equitable regional coverage, accountability, and sustainability in project implementation, by considering the establishment of the Fund an urgent national measure towards inclusive growth, reconciliation, and sustainable development of Sri Lanka, whereas these lagging regions are continuing to face severe economic deprivation due to the effects of the protracted civil conflict and historical neglect over the past decades; whereas the present economic crisis has further aggravated these disparities, placing disproportionate burdens on the livelihoods of the people in these lagging regions; and whereas it is necessary to establish a dedicated national initiative to address these concerns, with the objective of promoting equitable growth, sustainable development, and gender empowerment in economically deprived areas.

56.

P. 94/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Developing a programme to protect the mangrove ecosystem,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme should be developed to protect the mangrove ecosystem which is extremely important for environmental balance and the fishing industry.

57.

P. 95/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— Regularization of the procedure for issuing permits for private buses,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be developed to prevent corruption in the process of issuing permits for private buses carried out by the Provincial Road Passenger Transport Authority whereas the said procedure has become extremely corrupt.

58.

P. 97/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Providing an incentive to family units to increase the number of births in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary measures to introduce an attractive incentive for family units with a view of increasing the number of births in Sri Lanka whereas it has been observed that the annual number of births in Sri Lanka has been continuously declining since 2018, whereas the youth population of Sri Lanka will definitely decline in the future as a result, and whereas such a decline in the youth population will have a severely detrimental impact on the economic development process of the country.

59.

P. 98/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera, — Promoting the 'Sooryabala Sangramaya' Project,— That this Parliament resolves that the 'Sooryabala Sangramaya' (Battle for Solar Energy) Project should be further promoted and protected as a method of reducing the price of a unit of electricity and a strategy of protecting the environment, whereas solar energy has been identified as a profitable and environmentally friendly energy source out of the energy sources in Sri Lanka, and whereas over 2000 MW of electricity generated from solar energy has been already added to the national grid under the 'Sooryabala Sangramaya' Project which was launched on 06.09.2016.

60.

P. 99/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Promotion of the 'Kalutara Coastal Zone' as a Special Economic Zone,— That this Parliament resolves that the 'Kalutara Coastal Zone,' which includes the new land created due to the shifting of the Kalu River estuary and the Calido beach, should be promoted and developed as a Special Economic Zone, both for the purpose of developing a tourist zone based around the Kalutara town and as a strategy for the protection of the Kalu River estuary and the coast.

61.

P. 100/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Expediting the Construction of the ‘Millaniya Export Processing Zone’,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should consider the construction of the ‘Millaniya Export Processing Zone’ a priority project and take the necessary steps accordingly, whereas a total of 240 acres of land have already been acquired for the construction of the said Export Processing Zone in the Kalutara district, whereas the government has already spent nearly one billion rupees to provide expressway access, piped water, and electricity for the project, and whereas the land selected for the Export Processing Zone has already been identified by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka as suitable for the proposed project.

62.

P. 101/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Promotion of Providing Secondary Education in English,— That this Parliament resolves that English medium education should be implemented in all secondary schools in Sri Lanka and that the government should prioritize adequate investment for the initiative, whereas ‘English’ has been recognized as the Link Language of Sri Lanka in terms of Article 18(3) of the Constitution, whereas ‘English’, as an international language, is a crucial means of acquiring knowledge for citizens, whereas it is essential for all Sri Lankans to achieve proficiency in English as the link language to live together in one country, regardless of linguistic or ethnic differences, whereas the system of providing secondary education in English within the Central College system of Sri Lanka which emerged under the concept of free education and in a number of other schools has been successful, and whereas education in English is extremely important for Sri Lankan citizens to access international employment opportunities.

63.

P. 102/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Establishment of a Faculty of Engineering for Uva Wellassa University,— That this Parliament resolves that an Engineering Faculty be established for Uva Wellassa University, taking into account the growing needs of the construction, mechanical, industrial, and information technology sectors in Sri Lanka, as well as global requirements, whereas considering that Uva Wellassa University is an institution that supplies graduates with modern technical skills who fulfill the requirements of both the domestic and foreign job markets.

64.

P. 103/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Designing a programme to improve swimming skills,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be established to promote the exceptional swimming skills possessed by our ancestors, who developed a highly advanced irrigation civilization, among the current generation whereas the number of individuals drowning in water has been observed to be steadily increasing in recent times.

65.

P. 106/2026

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— Establishment of a Faculty of Medicine for South Eastern University of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that a Medical Faculty be established for the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, taking into account the growing needs of the medical sectors in Sri Lanka, as well as global requirements, whereas considering that South Eastern University of Sri Lanka is an institution that supplies graduates with modern technical skills who fulfil requirements of both the domestic and foreign job markets.

66.

P. 108/2026

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva,— Protection of the Diyagama Forest,— That this Parliament resolves that, urgent action should be taken to immediately halt all clearance and development activities within the Diyagama Forest, to gazette it as a protected area under the Fauna and Flora Protection Act (FFPA), to place it under the jurisdiction of the Department of Wildlife Conservation, and to ensure the strongest possible legal protection against future encroachment and unsustainable development; whereas the Diyagama Forest is one of the last remaining urban lowland rainforest near Colombo and the closest rainforest fragment to the city; whereas it plays a vital role as a natural flood buffer by regulating water flow through its wetlands and streams that feed the Bolgoda River, thereby protecting surrounding communities from flooding; whereas this forest is home to over 220 species of flora and fauna, including endangered species such as the Red Slender Loris, Purple-faced Langur, and Fishing Cat; whereas it constitutes a critical biodiversity hotspot serving as a last refuge for approximately 12.6% endemic flora and 11.58% endemic fauna, many of which are increasingly threatened by urban expansion; whereas the Diyagama Forest is internationally recognized for its Loris population, attracting foreign visitors and presenting strong potential for sustainable eco-tourism; whereas the protection of this forest is essential for safeguarding biodiversity, climate resilience, and community safety; and whereas the loss of the Diyagama Forest would be irreversible, making its immediate conservation imperative for future generations and in fulfillment of Sri Lanka's national and international conservation commitments.

67.

P. 109/2026

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Establishment of a Truth Commission,— That this Parliament resolves that a Truth Commission be established to strengthen the process of investigating the loss of life, disappearances, and other destruction caused by the war in the North and East which spanned over twenty-six years, and to identify the future steps that can be taken toward establishing national unity.

68.

P. 110/2026

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Introducing a legal mechanism to restrict the use of social media for children under the age of 15,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken to introduce a legal mechanism to restrict the use of social media for children under the age of 15, whereas issues such as increased mental pressure and stress, decline in educational performance, cyberbullying, and exposure to indecent and unsafe content among children are rising due to excessive social media use; and whereas developed countries such as Australia, France, and Denmark have already introduced laws to restrict social media use for children; and whereas it is necessary to protect the mental health, safety, and educational development of children by implementing measures such as setting the minimum age for opening social media accounts at 15 years, making age verification methods mandatory for social media companies, imposing fines and taking legal action against entities that violate the law, and taking appropriate measures regarding children who access social media using the accounts of adults; .

69.

P. 112/2026

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— Repeal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act,— That this Parliament resolves that, the Government of Sri Lanka should take immediate steps to repeal the Prevention of Terrorism Act, No. 48 of 1979 (PTA) in its entirety, without introducing any replacement legislation containing similar provisions, whereas the PTA has been used for over 40 years to enable prolonged arbitrary detention, to extract false confessions through torture, and to target minority communities and civil society groups and whereas a state of emergency may be declared when absolutely necessary, and terrorism-related offences are already prosecutable under the Penal Code, and whereas there is no justification for a permanent counter-terrorism law with sweeping powers.

70.

P. 113/2026

Hon. Sujeewa Dissanayake,— Abolishing the additional six percent pension deduction from the salaries of Pirivena Teachers,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary measures be taken, to abolish the deduction of an additional six percent from the salaries for the pension of Pirivena Teachers, who play a key role in Pirivena education with effect from 1st April 2026, whereas the traditional Pirivena education system, in parallel with the modern school system, holds a prominent place in the country's education sector and whereas the privileges and recognition afforded to the modern school education system, its teachers, and students are not equally extended to the Pirivena education system and its teachers and lay and monastic students.

71.

P. 114/2026

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Protection of the World Environment,— That this Parliament resolves that, Sri Lanka must pay more attention to the protection of the world environment and specially take action to prevent global warming.

72.

P. 115/2026

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Repayment of funds of the depositors who are duped,— That this Parliament resolves that, the government must take steps to pay the depositors who have been duped with the funds that have been deposited in registered finance companies, and the Central Bank of Sri Lanka who is the custodian of these companies should be diligent, whereas there are many depositors who have been duped with the funds that have been deposited in these companies.

73.

P. 116/2026

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme to reduce the congestion in the Out-patient Departments of the government hospital system,— That this Parliament resolves that, irrespective of our country's position on the World Health Index, a programme should be formulated to control the severe congestion prevailing in the Out-patient Departments of government hospitals.

74.

P. 117/2026

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— Formulating a programme to promote apiculture (beekeeping) in areas where human-elephant conflict is prevalent,— That this Parliament resolves that a pilot project, modelled on successful initiatives implemented in countries such as Kenya, be established for the promotion of apiculture (beekeeping) as a measure to mitigate human-elephant conflict in affected areas, whereas statistical reports indicate that Sri Lanka is among the countries most severely affected by human-elephant conflict, whereas such conflict results in the substantial loss of both human and elephant lives annually, and whereas it causes significant destruction to physical resources, including property.

75.

P.119/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Establishment of proper accommodation facilities or housing schemes for the benefit of teachers and public officers belonging to the Jaffna District who are serving in other districts of the Northern Province,— That this Parliament resolves that, in order to provide a permanent solution to the transport and accommodation difficulties faced by public officers and teachers, who belong to the Jaffna District and serve under challenging conditions in the districts of Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Mannar and Vavuniya, and to ensure the efficient delivery of their services, the Government should implement proper accommodation facilities or housing schemes equipped with all necessary amenities at central or otherwise suitable locations in the respective districts.

76.

P.120/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Establishment of an Ocean University in the Mullaitivu District for the efficient utilization of marine resources and the enhancement of marine-related industries in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that a fully-

fledged Ocean University with all necessary facilities be established in the Mullaitivu District in order to modernize the livelihoods of the fishing community in the Mullaitivu District, which possesses high marine potential in the Northern Province, and to provide higher education opportunities for youth in the fields of marine engineering, oceanography, and aquatic resource management, whereas the economy of the country can be strengthened through the development of the human resources required for the scientific and technical management of the deep-sea and coastal marine resources surrounding Sri Lanka.

77.

P.121/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Expansion of seawater desalination plants as a permanent solution to the severe scarcity of drinking water in island areas and coastal villages in the Jaffna District,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should give priority to the expansion of seawater desalination plants by increasing the capacity of existing desalination facilities in areas such as Nagadeepaya and by expediting the water supply project for distribution of water through pipelines across Kurikadduvan, in order to ensure the provision of safe drinking water, which is a basic human necessity, to the people residing in these areas, whereas groundwater sources in many parts of the Jaffna District are becoming brackish, and whereas the residents of islands such as Velanai and Nagadeepaya continue to face severe difficulties in accessing drinking water.

78.

P. 122/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy, — Establishment of a special task force for the control of the rapidly spreading drug menace among the youth in the Northern Province and establishment of fully fledged rehabilitation centres,— That this Parliament resolves that, the government should take steps to establish a Special Task Force to increase special raids in coordination with the security forces to suppress the drug distribution network, and to establish fully fledged government rehabilitation and counselling centres within the Northern Province to rehabilitate the youth who have fallen victim to drugs, whereas the recently escalating drug trafficking and drug menace in the Northern Province is causing the breakdown of the social fabric and adversely affecting the future of schoolchildren.

79.

P.123/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Creating employment opportunities for unemployed graduates by establishing export-oriented industries based on palmyrah and coconut in the Northern Province,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should formulate plans to establish export-oriented industries at district level with the participation of Government and private sector to manufacture value-added products utilizing modern technology from palmyrah and coconut which are abundant in the Northern Province rather than using them merely as raw materials; thereby securing the livelihoods of unemployed youth and graduates in those areas.

80.

P. 124/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Release of public lands held by the security forces in the Northern Province and granting permission to use those lands for agricultural and fishing activities,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take steps to expeditiously release the remaining unreleased public lands in a manner that does not pose a threat to national security, and to grant permission to utilize those lands for agricultural and fishing activities in order to restore the livelihoods of the public, whereas the lands of the people have not been completely released thus far during the post-war resettlement process, and whereas they have lost the opportunities to engage in their traditional agricultural activities and the fishing industry.

81.

P. 125/2026

Hon. Nanda Bandara,— Food crop cultivation in mountainous areas,— That this Parliament resolves that steps should be taken to cultivate food crops such as jackfruit, mango, breadnut (Kosdel) and wild mango (Etamba) in the said landslide-hit mountainous areas for the food of these animals, for the preservation of environmental balance and also for the prevention of soil erosion, whereas the mountainous areas in the districts of Kegalle, Kandy, Matale and Badulla were extensively subjected to landslides due to the ‘Cyclone Ditwah’ which severely affected Sri Lanka in the month of November 2025; and whereas crop damages are currently caused by wild animals such as the toque macaque, monkey and giant squirrel in many districts of Sri Lanka.

82.

P. 126/2026

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,— Developing the Kitul Industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate mechanism be developed to integrate this industry with the emerging tourism industry, to develop new approaches for the economic development of the ordinary rural masses using modern technology, and to ensure the long-term protection of the Kitul industry, whereas declaring of the Kitul tapping technology of Sri Lanka as a World Heritage by UNESCO has earned special admiration of the world for our country, and since thousands of traditional industrialists are already engaged in the Kitul industry in the Galle, Matara, Kalutara, Kandy, Matale, Nuwara Eliya, Ratnapura, Kegalle, Badulla, Gampaha and other districts and thousands of persons engaged in traditional Kitul industry are running this industry with great difficulty.
