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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1190/2025

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (2)

- (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?

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2.

1528/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) whether she is aware that many schools face challenges in repairing equipment such as computers, multimedia projectors and smart boards;
 - (ii) of the procedure to be followed in cases where electronic equipment in schools become non-functional;
 - (iii) separately, by zone, of the percentage of non-functioning electronic equipment in schools in the Northern Province; and
 - (iv) whether she is aware that the Zonal Technology Team has not been utilized effectively due to the shortage of Information Technology teachers in certain zones of the Province?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
 - (i) separately, by province, of the financial allocation made for the repair of computer hardware in schools during the last 05 years;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid financial allocation is sufficient for the repair of computer hardware in schools; and
 - (iii) whether a sustainable plan will be implemented for the repair of computer hardware in schools?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1645/2025

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources,— (2)

- (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

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- (ii) whether steps will be taken to issue licenses within the stipulated time in the future?

(c) If not, why?

4.

1660/2025

Hon. Chanaka Madugoda,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of Sathosa outlets located island-wide;
- (ii) of the number of Sathosa outlets that were closed down from January 2024 to October 2025; and
- (iii) of the profit and expenditure of the entire Sathosa outlet network during the said period, separately for each month?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the Karapitiya Sathosa outlet in the Galle District has now been closed; and
- (ii) if so, of the reasons therefor?

(c) If not, why?

5.

1740/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

(a) Is she aware that the —

- (i) people affected by the Tsunami disaster that occurred on 26.12.2004 in the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat Division lost their homes;
- (ii) Government and non-governmental organizations have constructed and provided alternative houses on private lands and state lands for those people; and
- (iii) aforesaid alternative houses have been constructed on state lands in the Grama Niladhari Divisions of Sarvodayapuram, Senkamam, Hijra Nagar, Kanahar Village, Komari 1 and Komari 2?

(b) Will she inform this House of the —

- (i) reasons for the relevant land deeds not yet having been granted to the aforesaid people, even though a period of more than 18 years has elapsed; and
- (ii) steps that have been taken or will be taken in the future to grant land deeds to those people expeditiously?

(c) If not, why?

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6.

1827/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) separately, average number of deaths and injuries resulting from road accidents in Sri Lanka per year;
 - (ii) average number of individuals who become temporarily and permanently disabled due to the said accidents;
 - (iii) average number of hospital beds allocated and the average number of bed-days utilized per year for road accident victims; and
 - (iv) approximate annual cost incurred in treating those injured in road accidents?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

2236/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the ‘Oluvil Port’ was established with the objective of operating as a fishery and commercial harbour in the Ampara District;
 - (ii) of the date on which the said Port was established and its operations were commenced;
 - (iii) of the foreign country that provided financial assistance for the construction of the said port;
 - (iv) of the total expenditure incurred on the said construction;
 - (v) of the period during which the aforesaid port was in operation prior to the abandonment of its operations due to the accumulation of sand at the river mouth; and
 - (vi) of the period of time that has elapsed up to now since the said port became inactive?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of fishermen who benefited from the port at the time of its commencement of operations;
 - (ii) whether there are fishermen benefiting from it at present;
 - (iii) if so, of the number of such fishermen;

(5)

(iv) whether the Government has planned to renovate the Oluvil Port in a manner that would enable it to contribute to national fish production and the national economy; and

(v) if so, of the details of such plans?

(c) If not, why?

8.

2267/2026

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara,— 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 printing presses under the Ministry;

(ii) of the number of employees working in them;

(iii) of the names of the locations where the said printing presses are situated and their present operational status;

(iv) if there are printing presses that are not operational, of the measures that have been taken to restore them to working condition; and

(v) of the benefits that can be derived from restoring the said printing presses to working condition?

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

(i) role played by the printing presses that are currently in operational status;

(ii) benefits that can be derived by the Government as a result of having printing presses under the Ministry; and

(iii) measures that will be taken to modernize the printing presses?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Chapter 218).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Chapter 218).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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

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

(7)

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

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

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

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Promotion of Export Agriculture (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Twenty Second Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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

*11.

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

*12.

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

*13.

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

*14.

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

*15.

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.”

16.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

17.

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

18.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

19.

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

20.

Tredzo Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

2166/2026

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

- (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?

2.

2183/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that garbage is being accumulated on the premises where the ‘Bandaragama Weekly Fair’ was previously held, adjacent to the ‘Kalutara District Sports Complex’ situated in Bandaragama in the Kalutara District;
 - (ii) of the institution that is responsible for collecting garbage on the said premises;
 - (iii) whether the necessary approvals have been obtained to maintain a garbage collection centre on the said premises; and
 - (iv) if not, of the reasons therefor?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the distance from the said garbage collection site to the —
 - (i) Bandaragama Indoor Stadium;

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- (ii) Bandaragama Swimming Pool;
- (iii) premises belonging to the National Water Supply and Drainage Board; and
- (iv) Open Gymnasium?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the steps that have been taken in response to the complaints received regarding the health issues faced by athletes, including the National Netball Team, who utilize the Bandaragama Indoor Stadium, due to the operation of the said unauthorized garbage collection centre?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

2184/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Assistant Commissioner of Agrarian Development, Kalutara, has issued Order No. DAD/KL/L/04/෩3/2024 dated 07.11.2024, in terms of Section 90(1) of the Agrarian Development Act, No. 46 of 2000, as amended by Act, No. 46 of 2011, in connection with a complaint made by the individual named B.V. Wijesiri and others residing at Egodawatta Road, Bellana, Kalutara, regarding the ‘obstruction of the access road traditionally used to reach paddy lands’;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the said Order has not been implemented to date and that the responsible officers have failed to take steps to enforce it; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to promptly remove the gate and fence that a person named Kapila Kannangara has illegally and forcibly erected across the said agricultural road, which is used by the farming community in the area?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

2256/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Sri Lanka and India on Digital Transformation on 05.04.2025;
 - (ii) of the parties to the said agreement;

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- (iii) of the respective responsibilities of each party under the said agreement, separately;
 - (iv) of the progress made to date in implementing the said agreement;
 - (v) of the amount invested by the Government of Sri Lanka to date for the implementation of the said agreement;
 - (vi) whether there has been any delay in implementing the said agreement; and
 - (vii) if so, of the reasons for such delay?
- (b) If not, why?
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