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FOR

Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

33/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) recurrent expenditure and capital expenditure incurred by the Ministry having the purview of the subject of Sports separately for each year from the year 2018 to date;

(ii) amount of money allocated for the betterment of sports personnel and that amount as a percentage of the total allocation, separately for each year; and

(iii) measures that will be taken to increase the amount of money allocated for the betterment of sports personnel?

(b) If not, why?

2.

140/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that a special audit report has been issued on 30th September 2022 regarding procurement activities worth Rs. 500 million carried out by the Lanka Coal Company (Pvt) Ltd;

(ii) of the name of the company which has been selected under the said procurement;

(iii) of the amount of money allocated for the said procurement;

(iv) of the recommendations contained in the said audit report; and

(v) of the measures taken regarding the said recommendations?

(b) If not, why?

3.

1413/2025

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (2)

(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 actions 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 Eravurpattu Chenkalady Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District;

(ii) whether actions 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?

4.

2096/2026

Hon. Sarath Kumara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the date of commencement of the construction work of the Pailekanda Tank located in the Galgamuwa Grama Niladhari Division in the Madulla Divisional Secretariat Division in the Moneragala District;

(ii) of the total estimated cost for the completion of the said proposed project;

(iii) whether the Government has spent any funds on the said project by now;

(iv) if so, of the total amount that has been spent so far; and

(v) out of the total construction work of the project, of the amount of work that has been completed by now?

(b) If not, why?

5.

2189/2026

Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

(a) Will he state the —

(i) objectives of the establishment, legal basis, and composition of the 'National Defence Fund';

(ii) qualifications required and the procedure followed in appointing members to the said Fund;

(iii) sources of financial income of the said Fund and the names of its current members; and

(iv) manner in which new members are appointed?

(b) Will he also state —

(i) the services that have been provided during the last decade;

(ii) whether the said Fund is subject to an internal/government audit;

(iii) whether the Annual Report for the year 2025 has been prepared and presented to Parliament;

(iv) if not, the year in which it was last presented; and

(v) if delays have occurred in the presentation of Annual Reports, the reasons therefor?

(c) Will he further state —

(i) whether an action plan has been prepared for the year 2026 and whether an administrative officer of the Ministry has been permanently appointed for the said purpose;

(ii) if the said Fund is to be continued, the reasons therefor; and

(iii) the measures that have been taken thus far regarding the proposals submitted in that regard?

(d) If not, why?

6.

2192/2026

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) whether a Bachelor of Education degree is considered as a basic qualification for obtaining an appointment as a teacher in a government school; and

(ii) separately, of the number of graduates who have obtained the said degree from state universities and private universities and have not been recruited to Teachers' Service so far?

(b) If not, why?

7.

2194/2026

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) of the annual expenditure incurred for printing Hansard Reports, Order Papers, and other documents provided to the Members of Parliament and Ministers for use within the Parliament Chamber;

(ii) whether a programme has been formulated to minimize or completely eliminate the use of paper by providing those documents in digital format;

(iii) if so, of the measures that have been taken so far to implement the said programme; and

(iv) of the expected date of completion of the said programme?

(b) If not, why?

8.

2205/2026

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the Government accepts the necessity of establishing an Independent Public Prosecutor’s Office;

(ii) if so, of the objectives of establishing the said Office;

(iii) of the role expected to be assigned to this Office; and

(iv) of the details regarding the human and physical resources required for the establishment of the said Office?

(b) If not, why?

9.

2247/2026

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the respective procedures that govern the recruitment of Western medical practitioners and Ayurvedic medical practitioners into the public service;

(ii) of the principal sectors that fall within the field of indigenous medicine;

(iii) of the salaries, allowances, and privileges that are provided to Western and Ayurvedic medical practitioners, separately;

(iv) whether a disparity exists between the salaries, allowances and privileges that are provided to Western medical practitioners and those that are provided to Ayurvedic medical practitioners; and

(v) if so, of the measures that will be taken to minimize such disparities and to regulate the field of indigenous medicine?

(b) If not, why?

10.

2269/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of housing units constructed for low-income families by the National Housing Development Authority in the years 2025 and 2026, separately;

(ii) number of houses constructed for low-income families in the Gampaha District;

(iii) number of housing units planned to be constructed for low-income families in the said district during the period from 2027 to 2029;

(iv) amount of the grant provided for each such housing unit; and

(v) criteria adopted in selecting beneficiaries for housing grants?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to conduct a comprehensive study on the lack of preparedness to face Cyclone Ditwah and report to Parliament and submit its proposals and recommendations in that regard,— That the time period granted to the Select Committee of Parliament to conduct a comprehensive study on the lack of preparedness to face Cyclone Ditwah and report to Parliament and submit its proposals and recommendations in that regard, as specified in the Resolution passed by Parliament on 21st January 2026, be extended up to 19th December 2026 in terms of Standing Order 102 of the Parliament, as the Committee needs further time to report its observations to Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

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

(i) Payment of monthly remunerations of Rs. 135,000.00 for the Chairperson, and Rs. 90,000.00 for the Members;

(ii) Payment of monthly Communication Allowance of Rs. 6,000.00 for the Chairperson, and Rs. 4,250.00 for the Members; and

(iii) Payment of monthly Fuel Allowance and Transport Allowance as follows:

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

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

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

*2.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Twenty Second Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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

*10.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Finance (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

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."

13.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

14.

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

15.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

16.

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

17.

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.

2253/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of medical practitioners that are registered with the Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Medical Council;

(ii) of the number of traditional, specialist, and general physicians that are among them, separately;

(iii) whether the specific medical lineages of traditional medical practitioners have been identified by the Medical Council;

(iv) if so, of the number of medical lineages so identified;

(v) whether financial provisions were allocated to the Ayurvedic Research Institute under previous governments for a special project to research medical lineages;

(vi) if so, of the amount of financial provisions that were allocated therefor;

(vii) of the current progress of the said project; and

(viii) if no progress has been made in the said project, of the status of the financial provisions that were allocated therefor?

(b) If not, why?

2.

2254/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) whether she accepts that it is appropriate to develop electricity, digital, fuel pipeline, and transport connectivity with India for the economic development of Sri Lanka;

(ii) whether Memoranda of Understanding were signed between Sri Lanka and India on or about 05.04.2025 for the said purpose; and

(iii) if so, of the principal objectives and targets that are expected to be achieved through each of the said agreements?

(b) Will she also inform this House —

(i) of the progress that has been made thus far in the construction of the strategic infrastructure corridor in the Palk Strait between Dhanushkodi and Talaimannar;

(ii) whether a discussion has commenced between Sri Lanka and India for the establishment of a physical link comprising partly a sea bridge and partly an undersea tunnel;

(iii) of the bilateral benefits that accrue to Sri Lanka and India from the said project; and

(iv) of the current progress of the said project?

(c) If not, why?

3.

2255/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between Sri Lanka and India for the development of Trincomalee as an energy hub;

(ii) if so, of the parties to the said MOU;

(iii) of the primary objectives sought to be achieved through the said MOU; and

(iv) of the expected timeline for achieving those objectives?

(b) Will he also inform this House with respect to the above-mentioned MOU of the —

(i) progress that has been made to date in establishment of the multiproduct pipeline between Sri Lanka and India;

(ii) steps that have been taken to date in accordance with the said MOU for the development of the Trincomalee Tank Farms; and

(iii) progress that has been made to date in establishment of an Oil Refinery in the Trincomalee area?

(c) If not, why?

4.

2258/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the agreements reached in terms of the Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Cooperation signed between Sri Lanka and India on 05.04.2025;

(ii) of the activities among those agreements that have been implemented and completed as at present;

(iii) whether there has been a delay in implementing the agreements reached in terms of the said Memorandum of Understanding;

(iv) if so, of the reasons for such delay; and

(v) of the reasons for not giving priority to acting in accordance with the agreements reached with India in terms of the said Memorandum of Understanding?

(b) If not, why?