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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

200/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of farmer households in the Kurunegala District that have received the fertilizer subsidy during the current season;

(ii) separately, of the number of such farmer households in each Agrarian Service Division;

(iii) of the total expenditure incurred by the Government in providing the said subsidy; and

(iv) of the measures that will be taken to ensure the proper and systematic provision of the fertilizer subsidy in the future?

(b) If not, why?

2.

370/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) separately, of the number of students currently enrolled at Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, the number of full-time academic staff members, the number of non-academic staff members, and the number of students who are not Sri Lankan citizens;

(ii) of the Bachelors and Postgraduate degree programmes currently offered by the said University;

(iii) separately of the amount of funds that has been provided by the Government for the functioning of the said University in each year during the last 05 years;

(iv) of the total revenue that has been generated to date from the fee-levying courses, as a percentage of the total expenditure of the University; and

(v) of the steps that have been taken by the government to further promote the University?

(b) If not, why?

3.

664/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

(a) Will he state, separately for each year from the year 2021 to date the —

(i) total quantity of electricity which was required for local consumption; and

(ii) quantity of electricity generated from hydropower, coal or diesel, solar energy and wind power?

(b) Will he also state, separately for each year from the year 2024 to date the —

(i) quantity of electricity obtained from private diesel power plants; and

(ii) quantity of electricity obtained through private solar energy generation (including household installations)?

(c) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether steps will be taken to increase the generation of electricity from solar and wind power;

(ii) whether there are instances where electricity generation becomes a surplus; and

(iii) if so, the programme which is in place to manage that surplus electricity?

(d) If not, why?

4.

685/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— 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 construction projects that have been initiated in government schools in the North Central Province under the 'Nearest School-The Best School' project;

(ii) details of the said projects;

(iii) number and names of the projects that have been halted midway out of the said projects at present;

(iv) total expenditure incurred on the said projects; and

(v) measures that will be taken to complete those unfinished projects?

(b) If not, why?

5.

987/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) annual income earned and expenditure incurred by the Central Cultural Fund, separately for each year from 2015 to date;

(ii) amount that is payable by the said Fund to the National Heritage Division for the maintenance and conservation of archaeological sites;

(iii) reasons for the delay in payment of the said amount; and

(iv) measures that will be taken to pay the said amount promptly?

(b) If not, why?

6.

2231/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of personnel in the post of Health Service Aid (Junior) currently serving in the Ministry of Health;

(ii) number of persons recruited to the said post from 2010 to 2026 separately by each year; and

(iii) years in which the higher number of personnel were recruited to the post of Health Service Aid (Junior) during the said period?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) of the reasons for the exclusion of the Polonnaruwa and Badulla Districts from the Gazette Notification issued in 2026 calling for applications for the recruitment of Health Service Aid (Junior); and

(ii) whether he accepts that, as a result, the aforesaid two districts have been subjected to unequal treatment?

(c) If not, why?

7.

2261/2026

Hon. (Ms.) Krishnan Kalaichelvi,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) date on which the Saumyamoorthy Thondaman Memorial Foundation was established;

(ii) basis on which the Board of Directors of the said Foundation was appointed;

(iii) authority that appointed the Board of Directors for the first time;

(iv) name of the first Chairman of the Foundation; and

(v) date on which the first board meeting was held, and of the names of the members who attended the said meeting?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) of the quorum required for board meetings of the said Foundation;

(ii) of the number of occasions on which the Board of Directors of the Foundation has met;

(iii) of the dates on which those meetings were held;

(iv) if recorded minutes of the board meetings are available, whether such minutes will be presented;

(v) of the number of annual reports of the said Foundation that have been presented to Parliament;

(vi) of the years in which those annual reports were presented; and

(vii) if the annual reports have not been presented, of the measures that have been taken in that regard?

(c) If not, why?

8.

2262/2026

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of 'low-floor' luxury Foton buses that have been imported by the Sri Lanka Transport Board through Indra Traders (Pvt) Ltd;

(ii) of the number of buses that have been ordered under the second phase of the said project;

(iii) whether the prices of the buses ordered for the second phase are equal to the prices of the buses imported during the first phase;

(iv) if not, whether the said prices differ;

(v) whether the said buses will be deployed for operation on city routes;

(vi) if not, whether the said buses will be deployed for operation on rural routes; and

(vii) if the said buses are deployed on city routes, what buses will be deployed on rural routes?

(b) If not, why?

9.

2264/2026

Hon. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of Value Addition Centres for Agricultural Products, that have been established in the Nuwara Eliya District;

(ii) of the number of the said centres in each Divisional Secretariat Division, separately;

(iii) whether the required number of centres for each Divisional Secretariat Division in the District has been identified; and

(iv) if so, of the number of such centres in each Divisional Secretariat Division, separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether there are vacancies for officers in the centres mentioned in (a)(i) above; and

(ii) if so, of the number of such vacancies?

(c) If not, why?

10.

2268/2026

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) whether separate 'Special Education Units' function within the Government school system to safeguard the educational rights of children 'with special needs' living in Sri Lanka;

(ii) if so, of the number of Special Education Units currently operating in Government schools island-wide; and

(iii) of the total number of students currently receiving education through the said units, separately in each district?

(b) Will she also inform this House —

(i) whether specialized learning equipment, physiotherapy tools, and other infrastructure facilities required for these Special Education Units are at an adequate level;

(ii) of the number of vacancies for specially trained teachers, separately in each district; and

(iii) of the measures that will be taken to fill the said teacher vacancies and to enhance the professional training of the teachers currently in service, separately?

(c) Will she further inform this House of the future plans to promote the 'Concept of Inclusive Education' where children with special needs receive education together with ordinary children?

(d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 24(2) of the Parliament.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report to Parliament on the matter of selecting the Electoral System under which the Provincial Council Elections should be held and submit its proposals and recommendations in that regard,— That the time period granted to the Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report to Parliament on the matter of selecting the Electoral System under which the Provincial Council Elections should be held and submit its proposals and recommendations in that regard, as specified in the Resolution passed by Parliament on 06th January 2026, be extended up to 17th 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.

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.

2.

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.

3.

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.

4.

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.

5.

P. 126/2026

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,— Developing the Kithul 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 Kithul industry, whereas declaring of the Kithul 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 Kithul industry in the Galle, Matara, Kalutara, Kandy, Matale, Nuwara Eliya, Ratnapura, Kegalle, Badulla, Gampaha and other districts are running this industry with great difficulty.

6.

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.

7.

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.

8.

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.

9.

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.

10.

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.

11.

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.

12.

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.

13.

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.

14.

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.

15.

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.

16.

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.

17.

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.

18.

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.

19.

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.

20.

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.

21.

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.

22.

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.

23.

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.

24.

P. 41/2025

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Preparation of a programme to amend the composition including the constitution of Sri Lanka Cricket,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take measures to amend the composition 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.

25.

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.

26.

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.

27.

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.

28.

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.

29.

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.

30.

P. 53/2025

Hon. Hesha 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.

31.

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.

32.

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.

33.

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.

34.

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.

35.

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.

36.

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.

37.

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.

38.

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.

39.

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.

40.

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.

41.

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.

42.

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.

43.

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.

44.

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.

45.

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.

46.

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.

47.

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.

48.

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.

49.

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.

50.

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.

51.

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.

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. 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.

56.

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.

57.

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.

58.

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.

59.

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.

60.

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.

61.

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.

62.

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.

63.

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.

64.

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.

65.

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.

66.

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.

67.

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.

68.

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.

69.

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.

70.

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.

71.

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.

72.

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.

73.

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.

74.

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.

75.

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.

76.

P. 128/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Providing solutions to the shortage of teachers and to the issues relating to digital education in schools in the Vanni and island areas of Jaffna in the Northern Province,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken to fill the teacher vacancies existing for the subjects of Mathematics, Science and English in schools in the Vanni and island areas of Jaffna by making recruitments at district level, to provide modern computer laboratories and proper internet facilities to develop the information technology literacy of the students in those areas, and to implement special scholarship schemes to provide additional educational opportunities to students from families below the poverty line.

77.

P. 129/2026

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,— Promotion of Traditional Industries in Sri Lanka**,—** That this Parliament resolves that, in view of the significant contribution that traditional industries utilizing the stems, pseudo-stems and leaves of plants such as bamboo, cane, reed and palm can make to the industrial and tourism sectors of Sri Lanka, and in line with the current

revival of those sectors, the government should take steps to establish an appropriate institutional mechanism to provide the necessary technical assistance for the promotion of such traditional industries, expand markets for their products, grant official recognition to such industries, promote the cultivation of the raw materials required for the development of large-scale industries, encourage entrepreneurs to engage in such industries, ensure greater value for the labour and skills of the artisans engaged therein, and formulate a programme to safeguard their lives on retirement.

78.

P. 130/2026

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— Formulation of a programme to increase train services on the Puttalam Railway Line,— That this Parliament resolves that, in view of the increase in fuel prices consequent to the prevailing situation in the Middle East region, and the growing reliance on public transportation among the large number of commuters traveling daily on the Puttalam railway line for employment and business purposes, a programme be formulated to increase train services between Puttalam and Colombo to provide an adequate service to the passenger community.

79.

P. 131/2026

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney-at-Law,— Implementation of a programme to install Solar Charging Points in public places and state institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be implemented to install Solar Charging Points in public places and within the premises of state institutions, in order to provide relief to users of electric motorcycles and vehicles, and to facilitate the charging of batteries for those traveling long distances by electric motorcycles and vehicles, whereas the use of fully electric motorcycles and vehicles has now become popular among the public, and whereas it represents a crucial step towards minimizing environmental pollution, and whereas it serves as a solution to current high fuel consumption as well as a reasonable remedy for the high fuel costs, and whereas electricity consumption is likely to increase due to the usage of electric motorcycles and vehicles, and whereas citizens using these vehicles face a high likelihood of experiencing severe hardship in the event of power outages.

80.

P. 132/2026

Hon. Amirthanathan Adaikkalanathan,— Appointment of a Presidential Commission of Inquiry to seek the truth about the ethnic violence that occurred during the 'Black July' of 1983, to assess the damages and to make recommendations to prevent the recurrence of such ethnic violence,— That this Parliament resolves that a Presidential Commission of Inquiry should be appointed to seek the truth about the said violent acts, to assess the damages caused and to make recommendations to prevent the recurrence of such ethnic violence whereas the 'Black July' of 1983 and the massacres at the Welikada Prison, ethnic conflicts, and violent acts have left a severe scar on the national integration, social structure, and economy of the country; and whereas thousands of people were killed, tens of thousands were displaced and made refugees, and valuable property including homes and business places were set on fire and completely destroyed during the said conflicts and violent acts;

and whereas the perpetrators of these conflicts and violent acts have not been identified despite the lapse of over forty years since this event took place; and whereas a comprehensive and independent investigation into the human rights violations and damages to property has not been conducted to date; and whereas it is essential to ensure that such ethnic conflicts and violent acts do not recur in this country and to build sustainable harmony and reconciliation among all communities of the country.

*81.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*82.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*83.

Twenty Second Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*84.

Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*85.

Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*86.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*87.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*88.

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

*89.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*90.

Finance (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*91.

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."

92.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

93.

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

94.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

95.

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

96.

Tredzo Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* ***Indicates Government Business.***

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[1].

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

896/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (3)

(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,— (3)

(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;

(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.

2259/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House in relation to the period from 01.01.2020 to 31.03.2026 —

(i) of the amount paid by Sri Lanka Cricket as legal fees;

(ii) separately, of the Case numbers of the Cases in which the said institution was a party to, the names of the relevant courts and the amount paid to lawyers as fees for each of those Cases;

(iii) of the total amount paid to lawyers for obtaining legal advice that is not relevant to the proceedings of Cases;

(iv) of the names of the lawyers who have been engaged by the Sri Lanka Cricket for Cases and for other legal advice; and

(v) separately, of the amount of legal fees paid to each of those lawyers?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the measures that will be taken by the present administration of Sri Lanka Cricket to minimize the future expenditure on legal matters relating to the institution?

(c) If not, why?