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FOR

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1066/2025

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

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

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1193/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the road to Kurikadduwan via Valukkai Aru, Araly, Velanai and Pungudutivu in Velanai Divisional Secretariat Division in the Jaffna District is the main transport route in that area;
- (ii) if so, of the total length of the said road;
- (iii) of the date on which the said road was last renovated;
- (iv) of the amount of funds spent on the said renovation;
- (v) of the name of the authority that allocated funds for the renovations;
- (vi) of the reasons for not renovating the said road for a long time;
- (vii) of the difficulties faced by the people of these areas due to the delay in commencing the renovation work; and
- (viii) of the date on which the renovation work of the said road is scheduled to be commenced?

(b) If not, why?

3.

1268/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House whether —

- (i) he is aware that the District Secretary of the Ampara District has held a land kachcheri in the Navaladiwattai area of the Irakkamam Divisional Secretariat Division in the years 1986, 1989, 1991 and 1997 and that permits have been issued to 21 farmers by the Ampara District Secretariat with the approval of the Commissioner General of Lands;
- (ii) he is aware that 21 farmers who have been engaged in agricultural and highland cultivation activities for the past 30 years have been repeatedly obstructed from time to time by the Divisional Secretary of Irakkamam, acting on the orders of the District Secretary, Ampara, by instructing them not to engage in agricultural activities on those lands;

(3)

- (iii) he is aware that a team including the Divisional Secretary and officers of the Survey Department of Sri Lanka have been appointed by the District Coordinating Committee, Ampara, and sent to that area to identify and return the lands belonging to those farmers, and that a group of people have obstructed the handover of those lands to the farmers concerned; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to return those lands to the said farmers?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1529/2025

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

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

5.

1661/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) monthly requirement of rice in Sri Lanka, classified separately by variety;

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- (ii) breakdown of the monthly rice requirement according to the consumption sectors, and the variety and quantity of rice required for each such sector, separately;
 - (iii) varieties of rice produced in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) annual production of each such variety of rice, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
- (i) varieties and quantities of paddy purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board during the 2025 Yala Season and the expenditure incurred thereon, separately;
 - (ii) number and locations of the paddy purchasing centres currently operated by the Board, and the quantity of paddy purchased by each such centre during the 2025 Yala Season, separately; and
 - (iii) number and locations of active and inactive paddy stores belonging to the Board, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

1682/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that a temporary ferry service has been deployed until the construction of the Kinniya, Kurinchakerny Bridge is completed;
 - (ii) of the amount spent on purchasing the aforesaid ferry;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid ferry, which has been deployed, will come into the possession of the Road Development Authority or the contracting company, upon completion of the bridge construction; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to deploy the aforesaid ferry for transportation in areas where unsafe sea transport activities are carried out in the Trincomalee District?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1912/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the names of the areas where banana is cultivated in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of farmer families engaged in banana cultivation;

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- (iii) whether he is aware that banana cultivators face severe difficulties due to adverse weather conditions and due to damages caused by wild animals; and
- (iv) of the measures that are taken to provide compensation or insurance coverage to farmers for such damages?

(b) If not, why?

8.

1942/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

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

(b) If not, why?

9.

2271/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

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

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- (ii) whether each property is separately assessed in calculating the said duty;
 - (iii) whether buildings situated on lands are also taken into account when assessing property for the calculation of this duty; and
 - (iv) whether qualified officers are employed in institutions at the Provincial Council level regarding property assessment for stamp duty purposes?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
- (i) persons and institutions authorized for the valuation of land and property in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) mechanism that has been established to ensure that property valuation is carried out properly and that the stamp duty due accordingly is received by the Provincial Councils?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item No. 2 appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 27 of the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

The Minister of Energy,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 119— Programme 01— †That this Parliament resolves that an additional sum not exceeding Rupees Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen million (Rs. 17,213,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or any other fund or finances possessed by the Government, or any loan obtained by the Government at the discretion of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, for the services of the financial year commencing on 01st January, 2026, and ending on 31st December, 2026, and that the said sum may be expended in the manner specified in the schedule hereto:-

(7)

SCHEDULE

Head 119	-	Minister of Energy	
Programme 01	-	Operational Activities	
		Recurrent Expenditure	<u>Rs. 17,213,000,000</u>
		Total Expenditure	<u>Rs. 17,213,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 5 of 2026 presented on 22nd September, 2026

Total of Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1 to 4 Rs. 599,200,000,000

*3.

Twenty Second Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Foreign Exchange Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2493/36 of 18th June 2026, which were presented on 11.09.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Foreign Exchange Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2493/37 of 18th June 2026, which were presented on 11.09.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Foreign Exchange Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 22 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2493/38 of 18th June 2026, which was presented on 11.09.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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

*9.

Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Chartered Institute of Media Professionals of Sri Lanka Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

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

*13.

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

*14.

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

*15.

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

*16.

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

*17.

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.”

18.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

19.

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

20.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

21.

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

** Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

2329/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether a committee has been appointed to obtain recommendations for making an amendment to Section 9 of the Civil Procedure Code;
- (ii) if so, of the names of the members of the said committee; and
- (iii) of the date on which the said committee was appointed and of the recommendations of the committee?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether actions will be taken to submit the proposed amendments to the aforesaid Section for approval expeditiously;
- (ii) if so, of the time frame within which the said amendments will be presented to Parliament; and
- (iii) if it has been decided not to amend the aforesaid Section, of the reasons for the same?

(c) If not, why?

2.

2330/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the number of traditional medical practitioners and the registered Ayurvedic graduate medical practitioners in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) separately, of the expenditure borne by the Government to train an Ayurvedic graduate medical practitioner and a traditional medical practitioner; and
 - (iii) of the contribution made by the said two categories of medical practitioners to the medical field of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons for the lower representation afforded to traditional medical practitioners in the decision-making process of the Ayurvedic medical sector; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to change the existing methodology of representation?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

2331/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the countries of origin of the Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani systems of medicine;
 - (ii) of the basis on which the aforesaid systems of medicine are considered as ‘indigenous systems of medicine’; and
 - (iii) whether he accepts that there is an indigenous traditional medical science unique to Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether adequate opportunity has been given to traditional doctors in the process of drafting the law for the registration of indigenous traditional doctors;
 - (ii) if not, why;

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- (iii) whether there is a possibility of imparting knowledge related to indigenous traditional medical systems through an institutional mechanism;
 - (iv) if so, whether it is possible to fully acquire the aforesaid traditional knowledge through university education; and
 - (v) if not, of the alternative available for the aforesaid purpose?
- (c) If not, why?
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