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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

2097/2026

Hon. Sarath Kumara, 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) of the ‘Premier Teacher Professional Development Training Centres’ that are currently in operation in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether the centre located near Wellassa National School in the Hewelwela Grama Niladhari Division of the Bibile Divisional Secretariat Division in the Monaragala District is currently being utilised;
- (iii) if so, of the purposes for which the said centre is being utilised;
- (iv) of the Ministry/Institutions under whose purview the said centre falls;
- (v) of the total cost incurred for the construction of the said centre;
- (vi) of the courses being conducted by the said centre;
- (vii) of the number of teachers who have received training from the said centres during the past 02 years; and
- (viii) whether the services provided by the said institution are being delivered effectively?

(b) If not, why?

2.

2123/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he admits that the financial inclusion of persons with disabilities has been ensured through the ‘Financial Consumer Protection Regulations’ and the ‘Consumer Charter Addendum’ of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;

(2)

- (ii) whether he admits that certain banks refuse to permit persons with visual impairments to open individual bank accounts, obtain credit facilities and act as guarantors;
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken to implement the regulations referred to in (i) above across all banks in practice; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to revise the internal credit policies maintained by banks in violation of those rules?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he admits that, although standardized ramps and low-height service counters should be available in all bank branches for wheelchair users and persons of the short-stature community, the majority of bank branches do not have such facilities; and
 - (ii) of the measures that will be taken to ensure that such facilities are provided in all bank branches?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

2190/2026

Hon. Dewananda Suraweera,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) of the number of child development centres registered in the Western Province;
 - (ii) out of the said child development centres, of the number of those that are operated by the government and by voluntary organizations, separately;
 - (iii) of the number of children in such centres who have completed 18 years of age;
 - (iv) whether there is a formal programme in place for the social integration of such children who have completed the said age;
 - (v) if so, of the said programme;
 - (vi) whether there is a follow-up process in place regarding the children who are so integrated into society; and
 - (vii) if so, of the said process?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
- (i) whether there has been any report of boys who leave child development centres under the said social integration programme currently in place resorting to misbehaviour or illegal activities;

(3)

- (ii) whether there is a situation where the girls who leave child development centres later send even their children to such centres due to the lack of adequate follow-up process regarding such girls after they have left the centres; and
- (iii) if legal measures are expected to be taken to prevent such situations, of such measures?

(c) If not, why?

4.

2196/2026

Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) whether she is aware that long-standing anomalies exist in the salaries and pensions of public servants in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the date on which the Public Servants' Salaries and Pensions Commission was appointed by the present government to resolve the said issues, and its scope of work;
- (iii) of the names and addresses of the members of the Commission;
- (iv) of the amount of money that has been spent so far on the activities of the Commission;
- (v) of the recommendations that have been given by the said Commission; and
- (vi) of the measures that will be taken to implement the said recommendations?

(b) If not, why?

5.

2206/2026

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of villages that are affected by issues relating to drinking water in the Puttalam District;
- (ii) names of the said villages; and
- (iii) steps that will be taken by the Ministry to resolve the issues relating to drinking water in the affected villages?

(b) If not, why?

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6.

2237/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that pirates are reportedly stealing the fish catch of deep-sea fishermen operating in the coastal waters from Batticaloa to Pottuvil;
- (ii) whether he is aware that the aforesaid situation has seriously disrupted the livelihoods of the affected fishermen and caused significant economic hardship to their families;
- (iii) whether he accepts that the continued prevalence of this situation may result in a significant number of fishermen being compelled to leave the traditional fishing industry;
- (iv) whether a special programme has been implemented to identify and monitor high-speed mechanically propelled vessels used for piracy;
- (v) of the legal actions that have been taken against the pirates and persons supporting them identified to date;
- (vi) of the steps that have been taken by the Ministry thus far in this regard, in coordination with the Sri Lanka Navy and other relevant institutions; and
- (vii) of the permanent solutions that have been implemented to ensure the safety of fishermen engaged in deep-sea fishing activities in the said area?

(b) If not, why?

7.

2248/2026

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the annual production of maize in Sri Lanka from 01.01.2025 to date;
- (ii) whether maize has been imported during the said period;
- (iii) if so, of the expenditure incurred on such imports; and
- (iv) of the measures that will be taken to promote maize cultivation?

(b) If not, why?

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8.

2274/2026

Hon. Kanchana Welipitiya,— To ask the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a multipurpose development project has been implemented by the Ministry within the Angunukolapalassa Pradeshiya Sabha area;
 - (ii) of the total amount of money spent on that purpose;
 - (iii) of the benefits expected from initiating the said project; and
 - (iv) of the benefits accrued so far, along with the number of beneficiaries who have received the said benefits?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

2279/2026

Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there are shortcomings in the Delmar Divisional Hospital, which is a main hospital in the Udupussellawa area;
 - (ii) patients are referred to the Nuwara Eliya or Kandy hospitals on certain occasions as the primary care facilities in the said hospital are insufficient to provide treatment in the event of an emergency or to provide other special services;
 - (iii) the said hospital does not possess ambulance facilities;
 - (iv) patients are compelled to travel to other hospitals by hiring vehicles at their own expense due to this situation; and
 - (v) a large population of residents from remote villages and the estate sector reside in the areas surrounding the said hospital?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps taken to overcome these difficulties?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

2293/2026

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Negampaha Divisional Hospital in the Anuradhapura District is classified as a Grade C Divisional Hospital;

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- (ii) three Medical Officers are required to be attached to the said hospital in accordance with its approved cadre; and
 - (iii) difficulties have arisen in the provision of healthcare services due to the fact that only one Medical Officer is currently serving at the said hospital?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether actions will be taken to fill the existing vacancies of Medical Officers at the hospital and to appoint the required number of Medical Officers; and
 - (ii) if so, of the expected time frame for implementing the above actions?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Elimination of Rabies and Registration of Dogs,— Bill to provide for the elimination of rabies in Sri Lanka by vaccination of dogs, control of dog population and regulation of breeding of dogs for commercial purposes; for the registration of dogs; for the establishment of the National Rabies Elimination Advisory Committee and the Regional Rabies Elimination Advisory Committees; to repeal the Rabies Ordinance (Chapter 476) and the Dog Registration Ordinance (Chapter 477) and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.. At 7.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Twenty Second Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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

*9.

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

*10.

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

*11.

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

*12.

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

*13.

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

*14.

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

*15.

Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme,— Adjourned debate on question (10th April 2025) Motion made and question proposed,— “Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme, which was tabled in Parliament on 14th March 2025, be considered by Parliament.”

16.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

17.

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

18.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

19.

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

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

2357/2026

Hon. Suranga Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) total amount that has been disbursed as double payments due to a technical error that occurred in the ‘Aswesuma’ data system in April 2026, and of the number of beneficiaries to whom such payments were made;
 - (ii) amount that has been recovered out of the said double payments to date; and
 - (iii) measures that will be taken to recover the balance amount?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether an investigation has been conducted to identify the parties responsible for the said technical error;
 - (ii) if so, of the conclusions thereof;
 - (iii) whether an independent information technology audit has been conducted in respect of the Aswesuma data system and its payment system;
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which such audit was conducted, and of the institution by which such audit was conducted; and
 - (v) of the amount of money that has been expended thereon?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

2358/2026

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of ‘Aswesuma’ welfare beneficiaries as at 31st July 2026;
 - (ii) number of families that have completed the updating of the information of their applicants and the number of families that have lost benefits due to non-completion of the same, separately by district;
 - (iii) number of appeals and objections received regarding the list of eligible beneficiaries in the second phase, the number of such appeals and objections that have been fully inquired into, and the number of instances where the initial decision was amended, separately;

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- (iv) number of instances identified where ineligible families received benefits and eligible families were deprived of benefits due to erroneous data;
- (v) public financial loss incurred by the State due to the provision of benefits to ineligible families; and
- (vi) progress made in implementing the directives issued by the Committee on Public Finance regarding the selection of beneficiaries under new criteria following amendments to the existing criteria?

(b) If not, why?

3.

2359/2026

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of families expected to be empowered under the Low-Income Family Empowerment Programme during the period from 2025 to 2029;
- (ii) among the said families, of the number of Aswesuma beneficiary families and Samurdhi beneficiary families not receiving Aswesuma benefits, separately; and
- (iii) among the families in the transitional and vulnerable categories of the Aswesuma Scheme, of the number of families whose payments have been suspended, separately for the years 2025 and 2026?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the number of families registered under the said programme as at August 01, 2026, separately by district;
- (ii) among the said families, of the number of families that have been provided with livelihood grants, business capital, vocational training, or employment;
- (iii) of the number of families whose empowerment process has been completed against the target set for the year 2025; and
- (iv) of the current progress towards the target of directing Aswesuma beneficiary families into productive economic activities during the year 2026?

(c) If not, why?
