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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, September 25, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

31/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of occasions on which rice shortages have arisen in Sri Lanka from 2015 to date;
 - (ii) of the number of occasions on which the Lanka Sathosa Limited imported rice during such periods, and of the quantity of rice imported on each such occasion, separately;
 - (iii) whether rice thus imported has been unlawfully sold by Lanka Sathosa Limited to other individuals and traders; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

142/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which the PAYE Tax was introduced;
 - (ii) of the methodology by which the aforesaid tax is implemented;
 - (iii) of the amount of revenue that the government received from the aforesaid tax from 2022 to 2025, separately in respect of each year;
 - (iv) whether he accepts that the professionals in this country have been inconvenienced due to the aforesaid tax; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken to revise the aforesaid tax?
- (b) If not, why?

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3.

686/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of families receiving the allowance provided to kidney patients in each Divisional Secretariat Division, separately;
 - (ii) amount of the allowance provided to patients as of now;
 - (iii) number of individuals currently on the waiting list to receive the said allowance; and
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to provide the allowance to those individuals?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1807/2026

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the extent of land under the Department of Forest Conservation in the Batticaloa District, along with the Divisional Secretariat Divisions, Grama Niladhari Divisions, and villages to which they belong —
 - (i) that has been gazetted as forests;
 - (ii) that has been proposed for designation as reserves;
 - (iii) that has been proposed for designation as reserves and has been approved by Divisional Secretariats;
 - (iv) that has been proposed to be released to Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (v) that has been released to Divisional Secretariats to date?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Department of Forest Conservation has proposed to designate the land extending to approximately 560 acres belonging to the 'Veeranaikkal Farmers' Organization' in the Eravur Pattu Divisional Secretariat Division of the Batticaloa District as a reserve under code OMG/PR/02-POLYGON;
 - (ii) whether the said land has been used for cultivation activities since 1979, and annual land permits have been issued for it since 1983; and
 - (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to return the said land to the farmers in terms of the provisions of Circular No. 2008/04?
- (c) If not, why?

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2107/2026

Hon. (Mrs.) M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which the Elephant Corridor between Udawalawe National Park and Lunugamvehera National Park was gazetted;
 - (ii) of the date on which the safety electric fence was erected on both sides of the corridor;
 - (iii) of the primary objective of constructing the aforesaid electric fence;
 - (iv) of the total cost incurred for the construction of the elephant electric fence; and
 - (v) whether he is aware that an elephant entered a village during the morning hours and killed a schoolchild in 2018 despite having an electric fence?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the main electric fence in the section covering Balaharuwa village, which forms part of the electric fencing system installed on both sides of the elephant corridor, currently remains inactive;
 - (ii) whether a decision has been made to remove the concerned electric fence; and
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which such decision was taken and the intended objective?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

2135/2026

Hon. (Mrs.) Oshani Umanga,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the extent of land that belongs to the Land Reform Commission within the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Bandaragama, Millaniya and Horana;
 - (ii) out of the said lands, of the extent of land that has been granted so far; and
 - (iii) whether a list of the names of the beneficiaries of such lands will be provided?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether lands belonging to the Commission that have been encroached upon or unlawfully utilized have been identified;

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- (ii) if so, of the extent of such lands; and
- (iii) of the actions that have been taken in that regard?
- (c) Will he further inform this House, separately in respect of each of the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the extent of —
 - (i) land leased out of the lands belonging to the Commission, and the annual lease rental charged therefor;
 - (ii) land for which lease agreements exist but lease rent is not being collected; and
 - (iii) unencumbered land available for lease?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

2137/2026

Hon. Nishantha Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total extent of land, in hectares, given by the Land Reform Commission in the Galle District from the year 2000 to date;
 - (ii) separately, a breakdown of the extent of land as per Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iii) of the conditions followed in providing lands; and
 - (iv) of the actions taken against the land recipients who violated the aforesaid conditions?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

2270/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the government housing projects implemented in the Gampaha District; and
 - (ii) separately, of the year in which each housing project was started, the year in which it was made available to the public, the extent of land, and the number of housing units as at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) criteria used in selecting beneficiaries for ‘Ranidugama’ and ‘Guru Gammanaya’ housing projects implemented within the Ran Pokunugama Housing Scheme in Nittambuwa;

(5)

- (ii) number of housing units in each of the two housing projects, separately;
- (iii) amount of financial assistance/loan provided by the Government in respect of each housing unit under these projects; and
- (iv) methodology adopted in determining the amount payable by beneficiaries for the transfer of ownership of the lands on which they reside?

(c) If not, why?

9.

2277/2026

Hon. Chaminda Lalith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the objectives of establishing the Social Security Board;
- (ii) of the number of contributory pension schemes implemented by the said Board;
- (iii) of the names of the said pension schemes;
- (iv) of the number of persons who have contributed to each of the said pension schemes up to now; and
- (v) out of the persons who have contributed to each of the aforesaid pension schemes as mentioned above, of the number of persons who are currently receiving pensions?

(b) If not, why?

10.

2285/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House in respect of Mannar and Mullaitivu districts —

- (i) whether he is aware that fire service facilities are inadequate;
- (ii) of the number of fire stations and fire engines currently operational; and
- (iii) of the average response time to provide immediate assistance in the event of a fire?

(b) Will he also inform this House in respect of the said districts —

- (i) of the approved cadre for the fire services and the number of vacancies existing;

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- (ii) separately, of the amount of money allocated and spent for the development of the fire service during the last 03 years; and
- (iii) whether the firefighters have been provided with modern safety equipment and specialized rescue training?
- (c) Will he further inform this House in respect of the said districts —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to establish modern fire stations equipped with all facilities;
 - (ii) of the expected date for the provision of new fire engines and water bowsers; and
 - (iii) of the reasons, if there are no immediate plans for the development of fire services?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

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.

2.

Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka,— Privileges,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matters raised by the Hon. D. V. Chanaka, M.P. on 09th September, 2026 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 118 of the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Twenty Second Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Adjourned debate on question (24th September 2026) [1].

*2.

Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned debate on question (24th September 2026) [1].

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*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.

2378/2026

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of athletes who have been contracted thus far under the 'Mission Olympics 2028 - Journey to the Rings' programme;

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- (ii) number of such athletes who have been contracted for each sport; and
- (iii) criteria followed in selecting the said athletes and of the composition of the selection committee?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in relation to the years 2025 and 2026, separately of the —
 - (i) allocation for and the actual expenditure on the said programme;
 - (ii) average annual cost incurred per athlete; and
 - (iii) expenditure incurred on overseas training and on coaches?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the total estimated amount required up to the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

2379/2026

Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the estimated total cost of the 03 projects namely, ‘Creating a Sports Culture’, ‘Sports Infrastructure Facilities for Rural Schools and Youth Clubs’, and ‘Development of Recognized Sports Schools’;
 - (ii) of the number of locations, broken down by district, where activities were initiated under each project during the years 2025 and 2026, separately; and
 - (iii) of the criteria adopted for selecting rural schools and youth societies for the said projects?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the financial allocations and the actual expenditure for each project in the years 2025 and 2026;
 - (ii) whether the total allocation for the said years has been fully utilized;
 - (iii) if not, of the reasons therefor; and
 - (iv) of the total value of the outstanding bills that are due to contractors?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

2380/2026

Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) procedure that is followed in selecting office-bearers of youth clubs; and
 - (ii) number of youth clubs, broken down by district, that were dissolved or reorganized during the years 2025 and 2026?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) members of the Ministerial Committee that were appointed for the Integrated Youth Programme, which is implemented with the participation of 04 ministries to execute an integrated plan for the future advancement of the youth of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) number of occasions that the said Committee has convened; and
 - (iii) outcomes that have been achieved by the said Committee thus far, and the number of young men and women who have benefited therefrom?
 - (c) If not, why?
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