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**ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 4
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Issued on Friday, September 25, 2026

Tuesday, October 06, 2026

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Public Debt Management Act— Whereas, the Government has initiated the ‘Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Sector Development Programme - SME Sector Development Programme’ (hereinafter referred to as the ‘SDP’) with the objective of strengthening the SME sector by enhancing business capacity, improving access to finance, promoting the adoption of technology and expanding market opportunities;

And whereas the Government has initiated the ‘Agriculture Value Chain Financing and Commercialization Sector Development Programme’ (hereinafter referred to as the ‘AVC’) with the objective of strengthening the agricultural and agribusiness sectors by providing concessional financing through participating financial institutions;

And whereas, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has agreed to provide financial assistance for the implementation of the said ‘SDP’, comprising a Policy-Based Loan (PBL) of United States Dollars One Hundred Million (USD 100 million) and a Financial Intermediation Loan (FIL) of United States Dollars One Hundred Million (USD 100 million), and for the implementation of the said ‘AVC’, comprising a PBL of United States Dollars Thirty Million (USD 30 million) and a FIL of United States Dollars Seventy Million (USD 70 million);

And whereas, the FIL component of ‘SDP’ amounting to United States Dollars One Hundred Million (USD 100 million) and that of ‘AVC’ amounting to United States Dollars Seventy Million (USD 70 million) are intended to be on-lent to eligible Small and Medium Enterprises through financial institutions identified following the completion of the requisite due diligence, which institutions shall act as financial intermediaries for the disbursement of such funds;

And whereas, in terms of subsection (2) of Section 20 of the Public Debt Management Act, No. 33 of 2024, the approval of Parliament is required for the on-lending of funds in respect of obligations of any entity other than a Provincial Council, a local authority or a State-Owned Enterprise;

(2)

That this Parliament resolves that, in terms of subsection (2) of Section 20 of the Public Debt Management Act, No. 33 of 2024, the on-lending of funds under the Financial Intermediation Loan components of the 'Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Sector Development Programme - SME Sector Development Programme' ('SDP') and the 'Agriculture Value Chain Financing and Commercialization Sector Development Programme' ('AVC') through the following financial institutions, which have been identified following the requisite due diligence, be approved and the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development be authorised to take such steps as may be necessary for the implementation of this Resolution in accordance with the provisions of the Public Debt Management Act, No. 33 of 2024 and other applicable written law:-

1. Hatton National Bank PLC;
2. Seylan Bank PLC;
3. Sampath Bank PLC;
4. Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC;
5. DFCC Bank PLC;
6. Pan Asia Banking Corporation PLC;
7. National Development Bank PLC;
8. Union Bank of Colombo PLC;
9. SANASA Development Bank PLC;
10. Nations Trust Bank PLC; and
11. Cargills Bank PLC (subject to due diligence)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Annual Report of the Ranaviru Seva Authority (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Ranaviru Seva Authority 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 11.07.2025 under the Section 15 of the Rana Viru Seva Authority Act, No. 54 of 1999, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 11.11.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 17.11.2025.)

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The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 09.08.2023 under the Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 20.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.10.2025.)

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The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the BCC Lanka Limited (2021/2022),— That the Annual Report of the BCC Lanka Limited 2021/2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2022 and presented on 24.07.2025 under the Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 20.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.10.2025.)

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The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Salt Limited (2021/2022),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Salt Limited 2021/2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2022 and presented on 24.07.2025 under the Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 20.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.10.2025.)

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The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 21.08.2024 under the Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 20.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.10.2025.)

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The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 20.03.2024 under the Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 20.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.10.2025.)

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The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the BCC Lanka Limited (2022/2023),— That the Annual Report of the BCC Lanka Limited 2022/2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2023 and presented on 03.06.2025 under the Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 20.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.10.2025.)

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The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Salt Limited (2022/2023),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Salt Limited 2022/2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2023 and presented on 24.07.2025 under the Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 20.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.10.2025.)

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The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 20.05.2025 under the Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 20.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.10.2025.)

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The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority (2023),— That the Annual Report of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 05.03.2025 under the Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 20.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.10.2025.)

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The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the Gem and Jewellery Research and Training Institute (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Gem and Jewellery Research and Training Institute 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 14.03.2025 under the Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 20.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.10.2025.)

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The Minister of Labour,— Annual Report of the National Institute of Labour Studies (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Institute of Labour Studies 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 20.02.2024 under the National Institute of Labour Studies Act, No. 12 of 2010, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education, Manpower and Human Capital on 08.07.2025, and presented its report to Parliament on 22.07.2025.)

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The Minister of Labour,— Annual Report of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 04.06.2024 under the Section 18 of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health Act, No. 38 of 2009, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education, Manpower and Human Capital on 08.07.2025, and presented its report to Parliament on 22.07.2025.)

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The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Janatha Estates Development Board (2015),— That the Annual Report of the Janatha Estates Development Board 2015 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 23.08.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability on 14.05.2024 and 05.02.2026, and presented its report to Parliament on 17.02.2026.)

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The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Janatha Estates Development Board (2016),— That the Annual Report of the Janatha Estates Development Board 2016 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 06.03.2024 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability on 24.11.2025 and 05.02.2026, and presented its report to Parliament on 17.02.2026.)

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The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Janatha Estates Development Board (2017),— That the Annual Report of the Janatha Estates Development Board 2017 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2017 and presented on 06.03.2024 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability on 24.11.2025 and 05.02.2026, and presented its report to Parliament on 17.02.2026.)

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The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Janatha Estates Development Board (2018),— That the Annual Report of the Janatha Estates Development Board 2018 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2018 and presented on 06.03.2024 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability on 24.11.2025 and 05.02.2026, and presented its report to Parliament on 17.02.2026.)

** Indicates Government Business.*

Thursday, October 08, 2026

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Elimination of Rabies and Registration of Dogs Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

** Indicates Government Business.*

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, October 08, 2026)

2166/2026

Hon. Thurairasa Ravikaran,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (3)

- (a) Will she inform this House, separately by each district of the —
 - (i) number of government schools damaged by Cyclone ‘Ditwah’;
 - (ii) nature of the damage caused to those schools and the estimated value of such damage;
 - (iii) financial provisions made thus far by the Government, the Ministry, Provincial Councils, foreign aid programmes and other institutions for damage restoration and the implementation of reconstruction activities in those schools;
 - (iv) number of schools that have been fully reconstructed through the utilization of those financial provisions; and
 - (v) number of schools in which repair or reconstruction activities have not yet been fully completed?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of the total amount of money required to restore the schools that have not yet been repaired or reconstructed?
- (c) If not, why?

2344/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately, of the number of —
 - (i) dengue patients registered in each district during each year from 2021 to date in 2026;
 - (ii) deaths attributed to dengue in each district during the aforesaid period in each year; and
 - (iii) dengue patients registered and deaths reported to date in 2026, disaggregated by district, month, age group and gender?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) districts and Medical Officer of Health (MOH) Divisions in which the highest numbers of dengue patients are currently being reported;
 - (ii) measures that have been taken by the Government at the national, provincial, district and local government levels to curb the spread of dengue during 2025 and 2026; and
 - (iii) amount of money allocated and expended in each year for the implementation of the aforesaid measures, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

2355/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the approved staff, the staff currently serving, and the number of posts vacant in the Regional Base Hospitals located in the Mannar, Mullaitivu, and Vavuniya districts;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid hospitals, of the hospitals which do not have ambulance facilities or lack adequate ambulance facilities; and
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken to provide ambulances to the aforesaid hospitals?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) Separately, of the number of doctors, Community Health Medical Officers, and other staff serving in each Siddha Medical Hospital functioning in each district mentioned in (a)(i) above;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid hospitals, of the number of hospitals with in-patient facilities; and
 - (iii) whether the approved cadre in the aforesaid hospitals has been completely filled?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the requests that have been made to upgrade the Mannar Silavathurai Hospital and the Iranailuppaikulam Primary Health Care Hospital;
 - (ii) if so, of the steps that have been taken for upgrading; and
 - (iii) of the expected timeframe for upgrading the aforesaid hospitals?
- (d) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, October 09, 2026)

2332/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the 'National Policy on Indigenous Medicine of Sri Lanka 2024–2034', published by the Department of Ayurveda in 2024;

(9)

- (ii) whether the ‘Intellectual Property’ Rights of indigenous people and traditional communities are accepted in relation to strengthening and preserving the ‘traditional medical knowledge’ and practices of traditional medical practitioners who are not registered as professionals with the Government of Sri Lanka, as stated in the aforesaid Policy; and
- (iii) of the measures that have been taken thus far to ensure the protection of the aforesaid rights?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether he accepts that the ‘Intellectual Property’ Rights of such traditional communities are protected under the existing Act?
- (c) If not, why?

2333/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of High Courts currently functioning in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the maximum number of High Court Judges who may serve in Sri Lanka was increased from 75 to 110 under the Judicature (Amendment) Act, No. 26 of 2017;
 - (iii) of the number of High Court Judges currently serving in Sri Lanka as at 01.08.2026;
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to increase the number of High Courts in the future;
 - (v) if so, of the proposed number thereof; and
 - (vi) of the places where the High Courts are to be established?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of Civil Appellate High Courts currently exist;
 - (ii) number of High Court Judges assigned to the aforesaid Civil Appellate High Courts;
 - (iii) number of Commercial High Courts existing in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) number of High Court Judges assigned to the aforesaid Commercial High Courts?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the reason for not filling the approved cadre of 110 High Court Judges as at 01.08.2026?
- (d) If not, why?

2356/2026

Hon. Mayilvaganam Jegatheeswaran,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Ministry has information regarding the coastal areas and villages that have been/are being subjected to coastal erosion in the Mannar and Mullaitivu districts; and
 - (ii) if so, of the areas, the number of families and individuals, the number of fishing families and the houses, that have been affected, as well as the damage caused to public infrastructure including lands and fishing harbours in each of the aforesaid districts, separately, with a breakdown by Divisional Secretariat Divisions, and Grama Niladhari Divisions?
 - (b) Will he state whether —
 - (i) the areas that are highly susceptible to future coastal erosion in the above districts have been scientifically identified;
 - (ii) coastal protection walls have been constructed and coastal conservation, natural protection, or other projects have been implemented to prevent erosion in the aforesaid areas; and
 - (iii) officials or coordinating committees have been appointed to provide prompt solutions to the complaints made by affected people?
 - (c) If not, why
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Tuesday, October 20, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2128/2026

Hon. Sujeewa Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of —
 - (i) international Test and one-day cricket matches that Sri Lanka has participated in so far, separately; and
 - (ii) stadiums in Sri Lanka at which international Test and one-day cricket matches can be played at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether there are any stadiums in the Kurunegala District at which international cricket matches can be played;
 - (ii) of the number of cricket players who played international cricket representing the said district; and
 - (iii) of the names of such players and the schools they represented?

(11)

(c) Will he further inform this House —

- (i) whether the D.B. Welagedara Stadium is one at which international cricket matches can be played;
- (ii) of the number of international cricket matches that have been played at the said stadium;
- (iii) of the date on which an international cricket match was last played at the said stadium;
- (iv) of the name of the institution which owned the said stadium;
- (v) whether the said stadium has been transferred to another institution at present; and
- (vi) if so, of the basis on which such ownership has been transferred?

(d) If not, why?

2139/2026

Hon. Dinesh Hemantha,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of persons who died of rabies as a result of dog bites in 2025;
- (ii) expenditure incurred on the treatment and vaccination provided to rabies patients during the said year;
- (iii) total amount allocated for the sterilization of dogs during the said year;
- (iv) number of stray dogs sterilized using the said allocation;
- (v) total amount allocated to the Ministry in 2026 for the dog sterilization programme;
- (vi) number of stray dogs sterilized to date in 2026 using the said allocation; and
- (vii) nature of the dog sterilization programme implemented by the Ministry, in brief?

(b) If not, why?

2163/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) districts that mainly contribute to pepper production; and
- (ii) varieties of pepper that are currently being cultivated in the country?

(12)

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether there is a research institute for the purpose of enhancing the productivity of pepper cultivation;
 - (ii) if so, of the research that has been initiated so far; and
 - (iii) of the measures that have been taken so far to expand pepper cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

2192/2026

Hon. Ruwan Wijeweera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) whether a Bachelor of Education degree is considered as a basic qualification for obtaining an appointment as a teacher in a government school; and
 - (ii) separately, of the number of graduates who have obtained the said degree from state universities and private universities and have not been recruited to Teachers' Service so far?
- (b) If not, why?

2197/2026

Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) approved cadre of the Grama Niladhari Service;
 - (ii) number of Grama Niladhari officers currently in active service;
 - (iii) number of existing vacancies in the Grama Niladhari Service;
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to fill the said vacancies; and
 - (v) measures that will be taken to address the issues relating to the Service Minute of the Grama Niladhari Service, salary anomalies, recruitment procedure, promotions and other allowances?
- (b) If not, why?

2207/2026

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

- (a) Will he state the —
 - (i) annual cashew production in Sri Lanka from the year 2015 to date, separately;

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- (ii) extent of land owned by the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation during the said period, separately for each year;
- (iii) extent of land cultivated with cashew and the extent uncultivated out of the land owned by the Corporation during the period referred to in (i) above, separately for each year;
- (iv) factors that have contributed to the failure of the Corporation to cultivate cashew in a systematic manner even in the lands owned by the Corporation; and
- (v) measures that will be taken by the Ministry to overcome this situation and to promote systematic cashew cultivation on the land belonging to the Cashew Corporation?

(b) If not, why?

2231/2026

Hon. Padmasiri Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (2)

(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?

2249/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) extent of land cultivated with paddy in the Monaragala District during each season from 01.01.2025 to date, categorized separately by Agrarian Service Divisions;

(14)

- (ii) total paddy harvest of the district during this period, categorized separately by season;
 - (iii) quantity of paddy that has been purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board of the Government out of the said paddy yield, categorized separately by season; and
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to provide solutions to the issues faced by paddy farmers?
- (b) If not, why?

2294/2026

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) Thambuttegama Base Hospital is the hospital that provides treatment to the highest number of outpatients and inpatients in the Anuradhapura District, second only to the Anuradhapura Teaching Hospital;
 - (ii) a large number of patients from the Kurunegala District also receive medical treatment from the said hospital; and
 - (iii) despite being a Grade-A Base Hospital, a shortage of medical, nursing, and other health staff exists relative to its approved cadre?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the measures that will be taken to remedy the staff shortage existing at the hospital;
 - (ii) of the period of time expected to fill the said vacancies;
 - (iii) whether certain services and development activities of the hospital are carried out by the Central Government, even though it is governed under the Provincial Council;
 - (iv) if so, whether attention has been focused on taking over this hospital under the Central Government;
 - (v) of the steps that will be taken in that regard;
 - (vi) whether issues have been encountered in fulfilling the maintenance, development, and service requirements of the hospital solely through the Provincial Council; and
 - (vii) if so, of the measures that will be taken to resolve the said issues?
- (c) If not, why?

2328/2026

Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) rank held by the Nuwara Eliya District in terms of total milk production of Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) number of dairy farmers and poultry farmers in the said district, separately?
 - (b) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there are vacancies for veterinary surgeons in the Nuwara Eliya District;
 - (ii) there are vehicle requirements for the said offices; and
 - (iii) the Pundaluoya Veterinary Office, which was destroyed by Cyclone Ditwah, remains closed to date?
 - (c) Will he also inform this House of the steps taken to date regarding (b) (i), (ii) and (iii) above?
 - (d) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, October 20, 2026)

2254/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) whether she accepts that it is appropriate to develop electricity, digital, fuel pipeline, and transport connectivity with India for the economic development of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether Memoranda of Understanding were signed between Sri Lanka and India on or about 05.04.2025 for the said purpose; and
 - (iii) if so, of the principal objectives and targets that are expected to be achieved through each of the said agreements?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
 - (i) of the progress that has been made thus far in the construction of the strategic infrastructure corridor in the Palk Strait between Dhanushkodi and Talaimannar;

- (ii) whether a discussion has commenced between Sri Lanka and India for the establishment of a physical link comprising partly a sea bridge and partly an undersea tunnel;
 - (iii) of the bilateral benefits that accrue to Sri Lanka and India from the said project; and
 - (iv) of the current progress of the said project?
- (c) If not, why?

2258/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the agreements reached in terms of the Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Cooperation signed between Sri Lanka and India on 05.04.2025;
 - (ii) of the activities among those agreements that have been implemented and completed as at present;
 - (iii) whether there has been a delay in implementing the agreements reached in terms of the said Memorandum of Understanding;
 - (iv) if so, of the reasons for such delay; and
 - (v) of the reasons for not giving priority to acting in accordance with the agreements reached with India in terms of the said Memorandum of Understanding?
- (b) If not, why?

2334/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) legal provisions under which the Ayurveda Conservation Councils have been established and of their functions;
 - (ii) number of graduates in traditional medicine and the number of graduates in ayurvedic medicine representing these Councils; and
 - (iii) category of medical practitioners that has the highest representation among those categories?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the year in which the Government's accountability for students of traditional medicine, which had been vested in these Councils, was withdrawn, and of the purpose of doing so;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of funds allocated by the Government to each Council for its maintenance during the past 10 years;

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- (iii) whether a Government programme is being implemented to empower the Councils;
 - (iv) whether the current problems in the Councils have been identified; and
 - (v) if so, of the problems referred to above?
 - (c) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in which the ‘Weda Gedara’ project was implemented by the said Councils; and
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of funds allocated to each Divisional Secretariat Division in the last 05 years for the implementation of the said project?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Wednesday, October 21, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

33/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) recurrent expenditure and capital expenditure incurred by the Ministry having the purview of the subject of Sports separately for each year from the year 2018 to date;
 - (ii) amount of money allocated for the betterment of sports personnel and that amount as a percentage of the total allocation, separately for each year; and
 - (iii) measures that will be taken to increase the amount of money allocated for the betterment of sports personnel?
- (b) If not, why?

143/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) certain criminal incidents that occurred since 2010 up to now have tended to fade into obscurity over time; and
 - (ii) the present government has stated that investigations into such incidents will be recommenced?

- (b) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number and nature of such criminal incidents identified; and
 - (ii) measures that will be taken in future in relation to those incidents?
- (c) If not, why?

2298/2026

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of wild elephant deaths reported in Sri Lanka during the year 2025; and
 - (ii) number of wild elephant attacks that occurred during that year?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) total length in kilometers of the existing electric fences covering wild elephant migratory corridors (elephant corridors) and their associated areas in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) total cost incurred for the construction and maintenance of electric fences during the year 2025; and
 - (iii) plan formulated by the Ministry for the year 2026 to find solutions to the human–elephant conflict and wild elephant threats?
- (c) If not, why?

2300/2026

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) proposals have been made to construct bridges in Naripulthottam, Kinnayadi, Sandiveli, Mandur, Ambilanthurai, and Kanjirankuda areas in the Batticaloa District;
 - (ii) the construction of the said bridges is the responsibility of the Provincial Road Development Department; and
 - (iii) the said bridges have not been constructed so far due to the lack of adequate allocations?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether actions will be taken by the Road Development Authority to take over the construction of the said bridges?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the feasibility study and borehole investigation for the Naripulthottam bridge have been completed;

- (ii) if so, whether actions will be taken to construct the said bridge; and
 - (iii) whether actions will be taken to allocate at least a portion of the estimated cost of Rs. 850 million for that purpose from the 2027 budget?
- (d) If not, why?

2326/2026

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately, of the —
- (i) total number of remand suspects and convicted prisoners in all prisons across the island as of 12.08.2026;
 - (ii) number of prisoners categorized according to the age groups of 20–30, 30–40, 40–50, 50–60, 60–70 and over 80 years; and
 - (iii) number of prisoners among them who are currently imprisoned due to the inability to pay fines exceeding Rs. 10,000, Rs. 15,000, Rs. 25,000, Rs. 50,000, and Rs. 100,000?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) separately, of the number of prison officers who died during the clashes that occurred at the Magazine, Mahara, Kuruwita, and Pallansena prisons;
 - (ii) of the names, designations, and addresses of the said officers;
 - (iii) whether compensation has been paid by the Government to the families of the said officers;
 - (iv) if so, separately, of the amount of compensation paid for each officer; and
 - (v) separately, of the number of prisoners and remand suspects who have died in the said clashes to date?
- (c) If not, why?

2353/2026

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) whether the attention of the Ministry has been drawn to the teachers who have served for over 10 years on transfers from the Northern Province to other provinces, as well as from other provinces to the Northern Province, but are still unable to secure transfers back to their home provinces;

- (ii) whether a study has been conducted regarding the impact of these teachers' long-term separation from their families on their mental well-being, teaching performance, and the educational activities of students;
 - (iii) whether specific measures have been taken on humanitarian grounds, taking into account service requirements and the shortage of teachers in schools, to grant transfers for these teachers back to their home provinces; and
 - (iv) if so, of such the measures that have been taken?
- (b) If not, why?

2402/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of tourist bungalows owned by the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether there is a tourist bungalow owned by the Authority on the Kala Wewa embankment;
 - (iii) if so, whether it is currently operational; and
 - (iv) of the number of employees currently employed in the aforesaid bungalow?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, pertaining to the years 2025 and 2026 of the —
- (i) amount paid as salaries to the employees of the aforesaid bungalow;
 - (ii) amount paid for the water, electricity, telephone and internet bills of the bungalow;
 - (iii) total expenditure incurred on the persons accommodated;
 - (iv) number of days that the rooms or the entire premises have been used for institutional purposes and the income earned therefrom;
 - (v) number of days that the rooms or the entire premises have been used by outside persons, organizations or institutions and the income earned therefrom; and
 - (vi) amount spent on the maintenance and construction of the bungalow?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the institutional activities or the functions for which the tourist bungalow has been used by outside persons, organizations or institutions during the aforesaid period?
- (d) If not, why?

2413/2026

Hon. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total extent of land and the number of land plots along Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla, owned by the Urban Development Authority and allocated to State institutions; and
 - (ii) separately, of the extent of land and the number of land plots allocated to various institutions, for each institution, as of 01.07.2026?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether any State-owned land plots along Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha have been transferred to private parties;
 - (ii) if so, of the basis of such transfers, extent of land, value, and duration; and
 - (iii) if not, whether the aforesaid lands have been transferred on a freehold basis?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the —
 - (i) legal position regarding the transfer of lands which were originally acquired for state purposes, to private parties; and
 - (ii) measures that will be taken if such transfers are found to be unlawful?
- (d) If not, why?

2456/2026

Hon. Danushka Ranganath,— 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 schools situated in the estate sector in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) breakdown of the aforesaid number, separately by each school type;
 - (iii) student-teacher ratio existing in the aforesaid schools; and
 - (iv) total number of students studying in the aforesaid schools?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of the —
 - (i) average number of students admitted annually to Grade 1 in estate schools;

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- (ii) number of students admitted to Grade 1 in the year 2026;
 - (iii) percentage of students from estate schools, who sat for the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination in the year 2025; and
 - (iv) percentage of students who passed the aforesaid examination?
- (c) If not, why?

2470/2026

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the amount of money spent annually on the fertilizer subsidy for the farming community during the past 15 years;
 - (ii) separately, of the fertilizer prices in the world market during the aforesaid years;
 - (iii) of the amount of money spent on the fertilizer subsidy for the year 2025;
 - (iv) of the crops for which the fertilizer subsidy has been provided;
 - (v) whether he accepts that the fertilizer subsidy was provided to all farmers before the current government came into power;
 - (vi) whether the government will take steps to reduce the prices of fertilizer, given that the prices have risen sharply; and
 - (vii) if so, of such date?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, October 22, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

200/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (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?

372/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names and the designations of the officials who advised the Government to implement the policy to transition to organic farming nationwide all at once;
 - (ii) whether disciplinary action has been taken against the officials responsible for the damage caused to the country due to the implementation of the said policy;
 - (iii) of the steps taken against them under criminal law; and
 - (iv) of the measures taken to recover compensation from the said officials?
- (b) If not, why?

476/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) total drinking water requirement of the country, annual usage for the last 05 years, and projected requirement for the next 10 years, separately;
 - (ii) number and names of reservoirs used for supply of water;
 - (iii) quantity of water supplied from each reservoir, separately;
 - (iv) measures adopted to address any shortfall in the water supply;
 - (v) production cost per litre, selling price per litre and the taxes on sale value per litre for the last 05 years to date, separately;
 - (vi) total number of employees of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board; and
 - (vii) total expenditure on salaries and emoluments of the Board?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether any desalination plants operate in the country;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of such plants; and
 - (iii) of the production cost per litre from each such plant, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

685/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

- (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?

771/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, 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 military camps and police stations that came under attack by the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) during the period from 1987 to 1990;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of military personnel and police officers who were either killed or disabled as a result of the said attacks;
 - (iii) of the number of weapons that were looted during the said attacks;
 - (iv) of the number of such weapons that were subsequently recovered by the security forces;
 - (v) of the number of weapons that were surrendered to the Government;
 - (vi) of the number of weapons that have neither been recovered nor surrendered; and
 - (vii) of the measures that have been taken by the Government regarding the weapons that are yet to be recovered?
- (b) If not, why?

905/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that there are drainage systems that need to be renovated and to be newly established in the areas belonging to the Kattankudy urban limits and its surrounding areas;
 - (ii) whether actions will be taken to renovate the existing drainage systems and to establish new drainage systems; and
 - (iii) if so, of the steps that will be taken for that purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

988/2025

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of fuel transport bowzers currently owned by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) of the number of bowser owners registered under the Corporation for the transportation of fuel;
 - (iii) of the names and addresses of the said bowser owners or companies;
 - (iv) of the method by which payments are made to bowser owners for fuel transportation from 2015 to date;
 - (v) separately, of the amounts of annual payments made to bowser owners for fuel transportation during that period; and
 - (vi) of the measures that will be taken to increase the use of public sector transport services such as railways for the transportation of fuel?
- (b) If not, why?

1496/2025

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he accepts that a camp belonging to the Special Task Force has been established in the cemetery situated in the Thandiyadi village belonging to the Vavunathivu Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District;

- (ii) whether permission has been denied to hold commemoration programmes conducted by relatives on behalf of the persons buried in the said cemetery;
 - (iii) of the measures taken up to now in accordance with the statement made at the Special Coordinating Committee meeting held on 13.08.2025 in Batticaloa regarding the inspection of the relevant site and the allocation of a portion of the said land for commemoration activities; and
 - (iv) whether relatives will be granted the opportunity to hold commemoration programmes within the relevant cemetery in the future?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether the playground of the Thandiyadi Government Tamil Mixed School belonging to the Batticaloa North Education Zone, has currently been annexed to the Special Task Force camp premises; and
 - (ii) of the measures taken to release the said playground back to the school for the benefit of the school students and school activities?
- (c) If not, why?

1669/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of individuals registered as domestic Anthurium growers;
 - (ii) whether the Government provides them with facilities for growing Anthurium;
 - (iii) if so, of such facilities; and
 - (iv) whether permission has been granted to other parties other than domestic growers to import Anthurium flowers?
- (b) If not, why?

2398/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Praja Shakthi Development Programme —
- (i) whether measures have been taken under the Programme to eradicate multidimensional poverty;
 - (ii) if so, of such measures;

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- (iii) whether financial assistance or other relief is provided for schoolchildren with special needs;
 - (iv) if so, of such relief;
 - (v) whether there are welfare programmes that are being conducted for persons with disabilities; and
 - (vi) if so, of such programmes?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, October 23, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

788/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of Sri Lankan criminals currently hiding in foreign countries, against whom red notices have been issued;
 - (ii) names of those individuals and the countries in which they are hiding;
 - (iii) crimes directed by them and the number of persons killed since the year 2020; and
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to bring those criminals back to the country and enforce the law against them?
- (b) If not, why?

949/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of tuberculosis patients reported from the Colombo Municipal Council area in each year during the period from 2015 to date, separately;
 - (ii) factors influencing the occurrence of tuberculosis; and
 - (iii) measures that have been taken to prevent the spread of tuberculosis within the limits of the Colombo Municipal Council?
- (b) If not, why?

1042/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— 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 the officers of the Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service were previously granted the opportunity to admit their children to the schools at which they serve or to another government school;
 - (ii) whether the present Government has removed or amended the said facility by means of a circular or any other legal measure;
 - (iii) whether it is intended to restore the said facility; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

1079/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the average processing time for passport applications at overseas diplomatic missions;
 - (ii) of the reasons for delays despite payment of prescribed foreign currency fees; and
 - (iii) whether fast-track procedures are in place for urgent cases?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the procedure for monitoring and evaluating the efficiency and performance of overseas consular staff;
 - (ii) of the mechanisms available to address complaints against mission staff; and
 - (iii) whether audits or disciplinary action have been taken regarding allegations of collusion with brokers for bribery?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) of the steps being taken to improve the efficiency and transparency;
 - (ii) whether an online tracking system will be introduced for overseas applicants; and
 - (iii) of the measures proposed to address grievances, prioritize delayed applications and consider compensation for excessive delays?
- (d) If not, why?

1339/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the number of fishermen and fishing boats that have been taken into custody in foreign countries during each year from 2020 to date; and
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken to secure the release of the said fishermen and fishing boats?
- (b) If not, why?

1367/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he will submit a list of the bridges proposed to be constructed in the Ampara District under the Bridge Development Programme for the year 2026 utilizing the financial allocation of the Ministry;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the Attappalam Bridge on the Kalmunai–Akaraipattu main road is damaged during every flood, causing transport disruptions along that route, and that the temporary bridges are constructed in its place during flood periods;
 - (iii) whether actions will be taken to construct the aforesaid bridge as a permanent structure; and
 - (iv) if so, of the steps that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

1381/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that a large number of incidents regarding poisoning caused by perfumes and cosmetics have been reported in recent times;
 - (ii) of the state institution vested with the responsibility of regulating the said perfumes and cosmetics; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to conduct the necessary raids to properly regulate perfumes and cosmetic products, and to prevent such incidents of poisoning?
- (b) If not, why?

1982/2026

Hon. Lal Premanath,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a plot of land, approximately two acres in extent, that belongs to the Ministry, is situated adjacent to the Heegoda Hospital in Urubokka, within the Dampahala West Grama Niladhari Division of the Pasgoda Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District; and
 - (ii) the said land has remained unused since the abolition of the Village Councils?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether actions have been taken to transfer the said land to the Divisional Secretary or to any other state institution;
 - (ii) if not, whether steps will be taken to utilize the said land for public use or for the development of the Heegoda Hospital in Urubokka; and
 - (iii) whether he will table a report on the present legal status and intended use of the said land?
- (c) If not, why?

2399/2026

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) names of the sanctuaries that have currently been identified within the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) extent of each such sanctuary; and
 - (iii) names of the sanctuaries among the said sanctuaries that have been gazetted?
- (b) If not, why?

2412/2026

Hon. Chanaka Madugoda,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he admits that an injustice has occurred to certain officers when granting the maximum pension of 85% to war heroes who retired upon completing 22 years of service on or after 19.05.2009;
 - (ii) if so, of the obstacles that exist to granting the maximum pension to those who suffered the said injustice; and
 - (iii) whether actions will be taken to formulate a mechanism to pay the arrears related to the pension to the said officers?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, November 03, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1195/2025

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— 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 the schools located in Delft Island in the Jaffna District are operating with inadequate physical resources and a shortage of staff;
 - (ii) of the category to which J/Delft College, located in that area, belongs;
 - (iii) of the number of students that receive education at the said school;
 - (iv) of the approved cadre of the school, including the principal, teachers, and non-academic staff;
 - (v) the number of staff members currently serving;
 - (vi) of the reasons for not filling the vacancies in the staff, to date;
 - (vii) of the period of time that is required to fill the said vacancies; and
 - (viii) of the difficulties the students of the said school are experiencing as a result of inadequate academic staff?
- (b) If not, why?

1574/2025

Hon. Thurairasa Ravikaran,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that the —
- (i) forest situated behind the human settlement opposite the Thirumurikandy Pillaiyar Kovil (Ganadevi Devalaya) in the Mullaitivu District is a reserved area;
 - (ii) forest in the said reserve has been cleared after the year 2010 and constructions have been erected therein; and
 - (iii) said reserve has not yet been released from the administration of the Department of Forest Conservation?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the name of the aforesaid forest reserve;
 - (ii) of the date and number of the Gazette notification by which the said forest area was declared a reserve;

- (iii) whether an Environmental Impact Assessment report has been obtained in respect of the felling of trees carried out within the reserve; and
 - (iv) whether the officials of the State Timber Corporation have carried out the said felling of trees under proper approval?
- (c) If not, why?

1684/2025

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

- (a) Is he aware that the —
- (i) office of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board located in the Kinniya area is inadequate, relative to the population and the number of water consumers in that area; and
 - (ii) vehicle provided to the said office is in an unusable condition?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of consumers who have been provided with drinking water supply services which are maintained by the Kinniya office of the Water Board;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to establish a new office with adequate facilities in place of the existing office;
 - (iii) if not, of the reasons therefor; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to provide new public water connections, given the increase in the number of persons requesting new water connections in the Kinniya area?
- (c) If not, why?

1827/2026

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) separately, average number of deaths and injuries resulting from road accidents in Sri Lanka per year;
 - (ii) average number of individuals who become temporarily and permanently disabled due to the said accidents;
 - (iii) average number of hospital beds allocated and the average number of bed-days utilized per year for road accident victims; and

- (iv) approximate annual cost incurred in treating those injured in road accidents?

(b) If not, why?

2126/2026

Hon. Dewananda Suraweera,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of Multi-Purpose Cooperative Societies in the Western Province;
- (ii) whether those societies have been registered under the Cooperative Societies Act;
- (iii) if not, of the number of Cooperative Societies that have not been registered;
- (iv) of the number of cooperative banks in the Province that are regulated by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, covered by the Deposit Insurance Scheme, and not covered by the scheme;
- (v) of the number of depositors and the value of deposits in the cooperative banks operating within the Province as at 31.12.2025;
- (vi) of the number of cooperative banks that have defaulted on the repayment of deposits to depositors, and the value of such unpaid deposits as at the said date; and
- (vii) of the names of those banks?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether expedited mechanisms have been established for the recovery of deposits and loans;
- (ii) if so, of the said mechanisms; and
- (iii) of the legal actions that will be taken against cooperative societies that are not registered and not subject to the regulation of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, and against the management of such societies that has committed corruption and irregularities?

(c) If not, why?

2164/2026

Hon. Sarath Kumara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the year in which the Gazette notification was issued declaring the 'Gal Oya Valley National Park' as a national park;
- (ii) of the administrative districts and Divisional Secretariat Divisions to which the said national park belongs;

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- (iii) of the total land area of the said national park;
 - (iv) whether legal permission has been granted for cultivation activities within the boundary of the national park located in the Baduluwela Grama Niladhari Division of the Madulla Divisional Secretariat Division in the Monaragala District; and
 - (v) if so, of the extent of land allocated for cultivation activities?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether permanent houses or other buildings have been constructed within the reservation limits of the Baduluwela area in the Madulla Divisional Secretariat Division belonging to the said national park;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of families currently residing within the said reservation limits;
 - (iii) of the legal status regarding the said residents and cultivators; and
 - (iv) of the steps taken to resolve the issues of those people?
- (c) If not, why?

2198/2026

Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the recruitment procedure to the Sri Lanka Scientific Service;
 - (ii) of the approved cadre of the said Service;
 - (iii) of the number of existing vacancies in the aforesaid Service;
 - (iv) of the designations of the posts approved for the said Service in each Government institution;
 - (v) if officers from other services have been assigned to cover up duties of the relevant posts due to vacancies in the said Service, the particulars thereof; and
 - (vi) of the measures that will be taken to address the issues relating to the existing vacancies and other matters pertaining to the said Service?
- (b) If not, why?

2275/2026

Hon. Sugath Wasantha de Silva,— To ask the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of persons with disabilities in Sri Lanka at present;

- (ii) number of such persons, separately, according to the nature of their disability; and
 - (iii) measures taken by the Government for the welfare of such persons with disabilities?
- (b) If not, why?

2381/2026

Hon. Sunil Rajapaksha,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the follow-up mechanism that is currently in place to verify that a Sri Lankan worker who has migrated for foreign employment is employed at the agreed place of employment;
 - (ii) of the programme that has been implemented to ensure that a worker maintains contact with their relatives in Sri Lanka upon migrating for employment;
 - (iii) of the manner in which it is ensured that migrant workers receive their stipulated salary on the due date, as well as requisite facilities including appropriate accommodation, food, and warm clothing;
 - (iv) of the manner in which the physical and mental safety of the said workers are guaranteed;
 - (v) whether a regulatory mechanism is maintained to monitor whether migrant workers return to Sri Lanka at the end of their contract period or extend their contract period; and
 - (vi) of the programmes that will be implemented for the safety and welfare of a worker's spouse and children while the said worker is employed overseas?
- (b) If not, why?

2484/2026

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether there is a tendency for officers and other ranks of the Tri Forces, who have been recruited for various professions, to vacate their service;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for such a tendency;
 - (iii) of the actions taken against officers who, having vacated the service and remained overseas, are arrested or surrender themselves upon returning to Sri Lanka;

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- (iv) whether there is a possibility for officers who have vacated the service and are residing abroad to rejoin the service;
 - (v) if not, why; and
 - (vi) of the time required to process the request of an officer applying to resign from the service?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether the members of the Tri-Forces have been included in the 05-year foreign leave scheme for the public servants;
 - (ii) if not, why;
 - (iii) of the number of members of Tri-Forces who have obtained foreign leave under the said scheme, for each Force separately;
 - (iv) if such foreign leave has subsequently been cancelled, of the reasons for such cancellation; and
 - (v) of the reasons for not granting a general amnesty period to the persons referred to in (a)(i) above who have vacated the service, and for not including them in previous general amnesty periods, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2208/2026

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

- (a) Will he state the —
- (i) number of institutions functioning under the Ministry of Justice and National Integration;
 - (ii) names of the said institutions;
 - (iii) number of vacancies for judicial officers and other officers, separately according to each institution; and
 - (iv) measures that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the said vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

2250/2026

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number and names of the state-owned sugar factories located in the Monaragala District;
 - (ii) sugar production of the said factories from the year 2020 to date, annually and separately according to each factory;
 - (iii) number of farmers supplying sugarcane to the said factories, separately according to each factory; and
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to further develop these factories?
- (b) If not, why?

2295/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that certain individuals who are not qualified to obtain a driving license or who are unable to use ordinary motorcycles due to various reasons, ride motorcycles with an engine capacity of 48cc;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that individuals riding such motorcycles face hardships as police officers demand driving licenses from them and initiate legal action against them;
 - (iii) whether a driving license is mandatory to ride a motorcycle with an engine capacity of 48cc under the existing law;
 - (iv) if so, whether the government has focused its attention on introducing a concessionary legal or administrative mechanism for farmers, elderly persons, and low-income groups who ride the said motorcycles; and
 - (v) if so, of the details in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

2299/2026

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of motorcycles and mopeds with an engine capacity of less than 50 cubic centimeters (50cc) currently registered in Sri Lanka;

- (ii) of the procedure currently in place for registering such motorcycles and mopeds;
- (iii) of the conditions to be fulfilled, documents to be submitted, and technical requirements to be met for the registration of motorcycles with an engine capacity of less than 50cc; and
- (iv) whether attention has been drawn to providing a concessionary procedure or a special grace period for the registration of motorcycles and mopeds with an engine capacity of less than 50cc purchased prior to the year 2010?

(b) If not, why?

2457/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately, of the number of scheduled daily train trips and the number of daily train trips currently operated in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the number of locomotives and power sets required to cover all the aforesaid train trips;
- (iii) of the total number of locomotives and power sets owned by Sri Lanka Railways;
- (iv) of the number that are currently in active running condition from the aforesaid locomotives and power sets;
- (v) of the number of locomotives and power sets that have been temporarily withdrawn from service but are capable of being restored to running condition;
- (vi) of the measures that have been taken to bring the aforesaid non-operational locomotives and power sets back into service to date; and
- (vii) of the current progress of the aforesaid measures?

(b) If not, why?
