



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 186.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, October 07, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

475/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) profit or loss recorded by Lanka Sathosa Ltd. from 2020 to 2025, separately;
- (ii) number of outlets of the said institution in operation as at present;
- (iii) number of employees as at today;
- (iv) total expenditure incurred on salaries and emoluments;
- (v) amount of direct and indirect taxes paid during each year referred to in (i) above, separately;
- (vi) capital base of the said institution;
- (vii) loan capital obtained for the operation of said institution from 2020 to 2025, separately; and
- (viii) annual turnover and the cost of sales of the institution during each year from 2020-2025, separately?

(b) If not, why?

2.

904/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the Valachchenai Government Hospital has not been developed for a long time; and
- (ii) patients visiting the said hospital are facing great inconvenience as a result?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether there is a programme in place to develop the said hospital with all facilities; and
 - (ii) if so, of that programme?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1833/2026

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that a precarious condition has been created due to the erosion of the banks of the Kelani River along both sides of First Lane, Halmulla Road, in the Halmulla Grama Niladhari Division of the Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of houses at risk of damage as a result;
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken by the Department of Irrigation to prevent that situation;
 - (iv) whether actions will be taken to evacuate the residents from the said locations;
 - (v) if so, whether actions will be taken to pay compensation or provide housing to those persons; and
 - (vi) if not, of the safety measure that will be followed to retain the residents in the same place?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1917/2026

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of housing projects implemented in the Rambewa, Medawachchiya, Kebitigollewa and Padaviya Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the Anuradhapura District during the period from 2015 to 2019, separately;
 - (ii) of the locations where the above projects were implemented;
 - (iii) of the number of houses constructed under each of the above projects, separately;
 - (iv) whether the housing projects have been implemented on the basis of grants or loans;

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- (v) whether the lands on which those houses were constructed have been clearly identified;
- (vi) if not, of the reasons therefor; and
- (vii) of the number of houses occupied by individuals at present for each project, separately?

(b) If not, why?

5.

2297/2026

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the 'Upper Gin-Nilwala Water Diversion Project', which was proposed a long time ago with a number of objectives including flood control, development of irrigated agriculture and fulfilling the need of water for drinking and for industrial purposes in the Southern Province, is still among the development plans of the Government;
- (ii) of the current status of the said project;
- (iii) whether feasibility studies, environmental impact assessments, engineering designs and other preliminary studies regarding the said project have been completed; and
- (iv) if so, of the key recommendations of such studies?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether necessary approvals have been obtained for the implementation of the said project;
- (ii) if not, of the approvals that are required further;
- (iii) of the total amount that has been spent by the Government so far on planning, carrying out studies and on other preliminary activities in relation to the said project;
- (iv) whether the Government intends to revive and implement the said project; and
- (v) if not, of the reasons therefor?

(c) If not, why?

(4)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Appropriation,— Bill to provide for the service of the financial year 2027; to authorize the raising of loans in or outside Sri Lanka, for the purpose of such service; to make financial provision in respect of certain activities of the Government during that financial year; to enable the payment by way of advances out of the Consolidated Fund or any other fund or moneys, of or at the disposal of the Government, of moneys required during that financial year for expenditure on such activities; to provide for the refund of such moneys to the Consolidated Fund and to make provision for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— Immigration,— Bill to make provisions for controlling the entry into and departure of persons from Sri Lanka; controlling the stay of persons in Sri Lanka who are not citizens of Sri Lanka; for the issue of travel documents; for the repeal of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act (Chapter 351) and the Passport (Regulation) and Exit Permit Act, No. 53 of 1971; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

3.

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 5.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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

*4.

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

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.)

*22.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

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

*25.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

Finance (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

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.”

28.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

29.

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

30.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

31.

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.

2407/2026

Hon. Mujibur Rahman,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) current procedure in place between the Navy and the Air Force for search and rescue operations conducted at sea;
 - (ii) number of search and rescue operations conducted at sea in the years 2025 and 2026;
 - (iii) number of those operations that were provided with air support; and
 - (iv) average response time for the said operations?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the shortcomings identified when deploying aircraft for sea and river-based rescues during the 'Ditwah' cyclone, and the steps taken to rectify them;
 - (ii) whether the Coast Guard vessel received by the Navy from the United States in June 2026 has the capacity to conduct helicopter operations; and
 - (iii) if so, whether the said capacity has been utilized so far?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

2408/2026

Hon. Mujibur Rahman,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Sri Lanka Navy possesses any deep-sea vessels with helicopter landing facility;
 - (ii) if so, whether the said vessels are equipped with the deck-lock/harpoon systems for ensuring the protection of the landed helicopters;
 - (iii) whether the Sri Lanka Navy possesses a 'Naval Aviation Unit';

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- (iv) if not, whether a proposal, concept paper or Cabinet paper has been prepared for the establishment of such a unit; and
 - (v) if so, of the date on which it was submitted and the present status of the same?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether aircraft pilots have been recruited for the Sri Lanka Navy;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of pilots that have been recruited and the year of recruitment, the approved designation of the said pilots, the institution where the training was provided or is to be provided to the said pilots, and the name of authority that granted approval for the same; and
 - (iii) of the duties that are currently performed by the pilots who have thus been recruited?
- (c) If not, why?
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