



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

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FOR

Thursday, October 08, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

787/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of roadworthy buses currently owned by the Negombo Depot;
- (ii) number of buses that are operated daily by the said depot at present;
- (iii) vacancies existing in the cadre of the said depot;
- (iv) annual profits/losses recorded by the said depot from year 2015 up to now; and
- (v) measures that will be taken to commence long-distance bus services from Negombo City?

(b) If not, why?

2.

911/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the facts presented by the Auditor General regarding the illegal registration of vehicles prior to the Department of Motor Traffic connecting with the Customs computer system;
- (ii) accordingly, of the names and designations of the officers who have been involved in those irregularities;
- (iii) of the amount of money that the Government has lost due to this incident; and
- (iv) of the legal measures taken at the Ministry level regarding this incident?

(b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

1040/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Labour,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of private institutions that have arrears of contributions to the Employees' Provident Fund;
- (ii) names of such institutions;
- (iii) amount of arrears of contributions payable by each of those institutions, separately; and
- (iv) measures that will be taken to recover the said arrears of contributions?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1078/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the steps being taken to identify and promote ecological, historical and cultural attractions in Jaffna and the other districts of Northern Province; and
- (ii) whether region-specific plans exist to integrate this area into the tourism strategy while safeguarding local culture, communities and ecosystems?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the measures being taken to improve access to local eco-tourism sites;
- (ii) whether the Ministry has partnered with stakeholders to upgrade accommodations and amenities;
- (iii) of the measures being taken to train and employ local communities, particularly youth and women;
- (iv) whether a comprehensive ecotourism policy with environmental safeguards is being considered for post-conflict districts of the Northern Province; and
- (v) of the mechanisms for marketing Jaffna globally and domestically, and for monitoring tourism's long-term impacts on the environment and local livelihoods?

(c) If not, why?

(3)

5.

1338/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of mangrove forests located in the Puttalam District;
 - (ii) names of the said mangrove forests;
 - (iii) number of such mangrove forests that have been declared as forest reserves;
 - (iv) names of the said forest reserves;
 - (v) number of mangrove forests that are endangered due to various activities;
 - (vi) names of such endangered mangrove forests; and
 - (vii) measures that will be taken to protect the mangrove ecosystem for future generations?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1380/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,— 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 state universities currently in operation;
 - (ii) names of those universities;
 - (iii) number of students currently studying in the universities, separately;
 - (iv) number of students provided with hostel facilities by each university, expressed separately as a percentage of the total student population;
 - (v) universities that face a severe shortage of hostel facilities; and
 - (vi) measures that will be taken to resolve the issue regarding hostel facilities?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1530/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the objectives and of the expected benefits of establishing Information Technology Distance Learning Hubs (ITDLH) at the education-zone level in Sri Lanka;

(4)

- (ii) whether she is aware that such Learning Hubs have not been established in certain education zones in the Northern and Eastern Provinces so far;
- (iii) if so, of the zones in which such Learning Hubs have not been established so far;
- (iv) of the reasons for not establishing such Learning Hubs in the said zones;
- (v) if a time-bound plan has been prepared for the establishment of such Learning Hubs in all education zones in which such Learning Hubs have not been established so far, of the date on which the said plan will be implemented; and
- (vi) of the steps that will be taken to ensure equality among the zones where Technology-based Distance Learning Hubs have not been established?

(b) If not, why?

8.

1835/2026

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) whether there is a plan to establish an ‘Education Council’ in accordance with the policy of the present Government;
- (ii) if so, of the organizational structure of that institution;
- (iii) as to how the establishment of a new institution becomes necessary in implementing the ‘Subodhini Report’, which aims to resolve salary anomalies prevailing in the teacher-principal services;
- (iv) whether a specific timeframe has been set to complete the process of establishing the said institution; and
- (v) of the measures that will be taken by the said institution to enhance the professional standards of teachers?

(b) If not, why?

9.

1951/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the Ministry has accepted the investigation report regarding the alleged financial fraud that has taken place in the Matara District Tea Producers’ Co-operative Society;

(5)

- (ii) of the measures that have been taken or are to be taken to recover the said public funds from the personal assets of the persons responsible for it;
- (iii) whether a complaint has been lodged with the Criminal Investigation Department in respect of the said incident; and
- (iv) of the measures that have been taken or are to be taken to prevent the persons implicated in the said incident from holding positions in other co-operative societies?

(b) If not, why?

10.

2280/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the current volume of water impounded in the Senanayake Samudraya under the Gal Oya Scheme in Ampara District, in acre-feet;
- (ii) whether he is aware that since 1992, technical issues including cracking have been identified in the main dam, sluice tower, sluice barrel, water release system, and spillway system of the Senanayake Samudraya, and that as this situation has now intensified, a risk has arisen regarding the sustainability and long-term safety of the reservoir; and
- (iii) whether actions will be taken to conduct a comprehensive study and carry out renovation work to ensure the safety of this reservoir system, which serves as a major source of the district's agricultural economy by providing irrigation facilities to approximately 170,000 farming families?

(b) If not, why?

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.

Elimination of Rabies and Registration of Dogs Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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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*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.)

*22.

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.)

*23.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

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

*26.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

Finance (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*28.

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.”

29.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

30.

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

31.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

32.

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.

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?

2.

2344/2026

Hon. Thuraiyasa 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?

3.

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 the districts mentioned in (a)(i) above;

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- (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?
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