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**ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 4
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Tuesday, October 20, 2026

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Sri Lanka Cricket Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Protection of the State from Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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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 Enterprise (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;

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And whereas, in terms of subsection (2) of Section 20 read with Section 39 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 State-Owned Enterprise;

That this Parliament resolves that, in terms of subsection (2) of Section 20 and Section 39 of the Public Debt Management Act, No. 33 of 2024 the provision of the required funds, through the following State-owned banks, under the Financial Intermediation Loan components of the 'Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Sector Development Programme' ('SDP') and the 'Agriculture Value Chain Financing and Commercialization Sector Development Programme' ('AVC') as well as under MSME loan programmes proposed to be implemented in the future, subject to the completion of the necessary 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. People's Bank;
2. Bank of Ceylon;
3. Regional Development Bank;
4. State Mortgage and Investment Bank; and
5. Housing Development Finance Corporation Bank.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Annual Report of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (2022),— That the Annual Report of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 05.03.2024 under the Kotelawala Defence Academy Act, No. 68 of 1981, 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 Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Annual Report of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (2023),— That the Annual Report of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 21.10.2025 under the Kotelawala Defence Academy Act, No. 68 of 1981, 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.)

** Indicates Government Business.*

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Wednesday, October 21, 2026

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Appropriation Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Immigration Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

** Indicates Government Business.*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, October 21, 2026)

2329/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a committee has been appointed to obtain recommendations for making an amendment to Section 9 of the Civil Procedure Code;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the members of the said committee; and
 - (iii) of the date on which the said committee was appointed and of the recommendations of the committee?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether actions will be taken to submit the proposed amendments to the aforesaid Section for approval expeditiously;
 - (ii) if so, of the time frame within which the said amendments will be presented to Parliament; and
 - (iii) if it has been decided not to amend the aforesaid Section, of the reasons for the same?
- (c) If not, why?

2357/2026

Hon. Suranga Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) total amount that has been disbursed as double payments due to a technical error that occurred in the 'Aswesuma' data system in April 2026, and of the number of beneficiaries to whom such payments were made;

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

2358/2026

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of ‘Aswesuma’ welfare beneficiaries as at 31st July 2026;
 - (ii) number of families that have completed the updating of the information of their applicants and the number of families that have lost benefits due to non-completion of the same, separately by district;
 - (iii) number of appeals and objections received regarding the list of eligible beneficiaries in the second phase, the number of such appeals and objections that have been fully inquired into, and the number of instances where the initial decision was amended, separately;
 - (iv) number of instances identified where ineligible families received benefits and eligible families were deprived of benefits due to erroneous data;
 - (v) public financial loss incurred by the State due to the provision of benefits to ineligible families; and
 - (vi) progress made in implementing the directives issued by the Committee on Public Finance regarding the selection of beneficiaries under new criteria following amendments to the existing criteria?
 - (b) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, October 22, 2026)

2335/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of beds allocated for in-patients in Ayurvedic hospitals in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) number of out-patients and in-patients who received treatment from Ayurvedic hospitals in Sri Lanka during the year 2025; and
 - (iii) total number of patients who received treatment from the Ayurveda Hospital in Rajagiriya during the same year?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Government is bound to provide Government employment to a graduate who obtains a degree in Ayurveda medicine from a State university;
 - (ii) if not, why; and
 - (iii) of the number of medical practitioners who hold a degree in Ayurvedic Medicine and are currently unemployed?
- (c) If not, why?

2336/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the members of the Law Commission of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of its statutory responsibility; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money allocated by the Government for the activities of the Commission for the financial year 2025–2026?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) functions performed by the Commission during the year 2026; and
 - (ii) steps taken by the Government during the past 02 years to promote the functioning of the Commission?
- (c) If not, why?

2337/2026

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 that, although there are medical officers who possess a Degree in Ayurveda Surgery, recognized surgeries are not performed in government Ayurveda hospitals; and

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- (ii) if so, of the reasons therefor?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether child deliveries are currently performed at the Rajagiriya Ayurveda Hospital;
 - (ii) if not, of the date on which the last child delivery was performed at the said hospital;
 - (iii) whether there is a premature infant care unit at the said hospital; and
 - (iv) if child deliveries are not currently performed, of the necessity of maintaining the said unit?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) whether there are emergency medical treatments available in the Ayurveda hospitals for heart diseases, high blood pressure, burns, appendicitis, cancer, snake bites and poisoning and other emergency medical conditions; and
 - (ii) if not, of the reasons therefor?
- (d) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, October 23, 2026)

2390/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether, as at 30.06.2026, the Cabinet of Ministers has granted approval to dissolve and liquidate the Shrama Vasana Fund established under the Shrama Vasana Fund Act, No. 12 of 1998;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for dissolving the said Fund and the recommendations made in this regard by the Committee for the Review of Government-Owned Non-Commercial Institutions;
 - (iii) of the names and designations of the liquidator or liquidators appointed to dissolve and liquidate the said Fund and of the responsibilities assigned to each of them, separately; and
 - (iv) of the current progress of the liquidation of the said Fund, the action plan prepared for this purpose and the expected date of completion of the said activities?
- (b) If not, why?

2391/2026

Hon. Thurairosa Ravikaran,— To ask the Minister of Labour,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the value of bank accounts, fixed deposits, movable and immovable properties, receivables, and outstanding liabilities of the 'Shrama Vasana Fund' as at the date of its liquidation;
 - (ii) of the Ministry, Department, or Institution to which the remaining funds and properties will be transferred following the liquidation of the Fund;
 - (iii) of the legal and financial measures that will be taken to ensure that the funds and properties so transferred are used solely for worker welfare activities; and
 - (iv) whether the final accounts of the Fund and the report of the Liquidator will be submitted to the Auditor General for audit and subsequently presented to Parliament?
- (b) If not, why?

2392/2026

Hon. Thurairosa Ravikaran,— To ask the Minister of Labour,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of pending applications for medical assistance, legal aid, scholarships, death benefits, disaster relief, vocational training, and other aid as of the date on which the 'Shrama Vasana Fund' was dissolved, categorized separately by the type of assistance and district;
 - (ii) of the institution to which the responsibility of processing these applications is assigned; and
 - (iii) whether the application date and order of priority of those who have already applied will be maintained?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House, separately by year, district, and type of assistance for the period from 2021 to 2026 of the —
 - (i) number of applications received by the Fund;
 - (ii) number of applications approved, rejected, and pending disbursement; and
 - (iii) total amount of financial assistance granted to beneficiaries?
 - (c) Will he further inform this House of the number of applications received from the Northern, Eastern, and Central Provinces during the above-mentioned period and the benefits granted for them, as a percentage of the total number received and granted at the national level?
 - (d) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, November 03, 2026)

2452/2026

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 separately, in respect of each project implemented or being implemented under foreign loans or grants by the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education and its affiliated institutions during the period from 01.01.2020 to 30.06.2026, of the —
 - (i) name of the project and the project number of the lending institution;
 - (ii) funding foreign institution or state;
 - (iii) relevant agreement numbers, dates of signing, and effective dates;
 - (iv) total cost, the amount of foreign funds, and the government allocation; and
 - (v) relevant interest rate, grace period, and repayment period?
- (b) Will she also inform this House, as at 30th June 2026 separately, in respect of each project of the —
 - (i) amount expended from the allocated funds and its percentage;
 - (ii) physical progress as a percentage;
 - (iii) variance between the progress expected according to the original plan and the actual progress; and
 - (iv) delay that has occurred?
- (c) If not, why?

2453/2026

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 foreign funds have been utilized for the printing of textbooks and subject modules issued under the new educational reforms implemented from the year 2026;
 - (ii) if so, of the name of the said project and the funding agency or state;
 - (iii) whether the said funding was obtained as a loan or a grant;
 - (iv) of the duration of the project and the total amount of funds that were allocated for printing; and

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- (v) of the amount expended out of those funds as at 30.06.2026?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of copies that had to be withheld from distribution or withdrawn due to errors, categorized separately according to grade, subject, and medium;
 - (ii) of the financial loss incurred by the Government as a result;
 - (iii) of the number of copies that were reprinted, the total cost for the same, and the source of funding;
 - (iv) of the conclusions of the investigations that were conducted in this regard; and
 - (v) whether steps have been taken to recover the said loss from the responsible parties?
- (c) If not, why?

2454/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the construction of the Jaffna Indoor Stadium has commenced;
 - (ii) if so, of the date of commencement of the said construction;
 - (iii) of the total provisions allocated for the said purpose;
 - (iv) of the methodology by which the contract was awarded;
 - (v) of the contractor to whom the said construction has been entrusted; and
 - (vi) of the agreed contract amount of the said contract?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the expenditure incurred so far and the physical progress achieved as a percentage for the said project;
 - (ii) if expenditure has been incurred in excess of the estimated amount, of that amount and the reasons therefor;
 - (iii) of the remaining provisions required for the year 2026, and the scheduled date of completion of the said project; and
 - (iv) of the estimated annual maintenance and operational cost?
 - (c) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, November 04, 2026)

2455/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a follow-up mechanism is in operation regarding the community development projects implemented by the Department of Samurdhi Development;
 - (ii) if so, of the manner in which it is conducted;
 - (iii) separately of the amount of provisions allocated for salaries and other administrative activities, and for empowerment programmes, for the year 2026; and
 - (iv) of the criteria or indicators used to identify an empowered family as a ‘family lifted out of poverty’?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, November 05, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

34/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the objectives of establishing the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund;
 - (ii) of the sources of funding for the Fund;
 - (iii) of the details of the properties purchased by the Government, if any, using the assets of the Fund; and
 - (iv) if the financial strength and the income status of the Fund have increased through the said properties or investments, the details of it?
- (b) If not, why?

164/2024

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) year in which charges were framed against the individual named Arjuna Mahendran regarding the Central Bank bond scam;

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- (ii) number of notices issued against him by the Courts of this country in relation to that;
 - (iii) dates on which those notices were issued and the names of the Courts that issued them;
 - (iv) reasons for the inability to have him extradited to this country to date; and
 - (v) steps taken by the relevant Ministry to extradite him to this country?
- (b) If not, why?

688/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of applications that have been received by each Divisional Secretariat Division from the year 2024 to date to obtain Aswesuma benefits;
 - (ii) number of applications on which action has been taken to date out of the said applications;
 - (iii) number of applications currently pending at the Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to properly evaluate the said applications?
- (b) If not, why?

989/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that a special programme for the importation of electric vehicles for migrant workers has been implemented;
 - (ii) of the number of electric vehicles that have been imported into the country under the said programme;
 - (iii) of the eligibility criteria that were adopted for the said programme;
 - (iv) whether an investigation has been conducted into complaints received alleging that irregularities or acts of corruption have occurred in the implementation of the said programme; and
 - (v) if so, of the measures that will be taken against the persons responsible therefor?
- (b) If not, why?

2045/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the contribution of each power generation method to the total electricity generation in Sri Lanka, as a percentage, separately;
 - (ii) of the power generation methods with the highest and lowest generation costs; and
 - (iii) whether there are plans to minimize reliance on high-cost power generation methods?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of times electricity tariffs have been revised from the year 2025 to date;
 - (ii) of the average additional financial cost that domestic electricity consumers have had to bear due to the revisions of electricity tariffs; and
 - (iii) whether relief programmes have been implemented for low-income families?
- (c) If not, why?

2327/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of buses currently owned by the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of luxury, semi-luxury and normal (standard) buses among them; and
 - (iii) of the number of Metro buses imported into the country in the year 2026?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately, on a provincial basis, of the number of private buses operating in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of private buses for which permits have been issued by the National Transport Commission; and
 - (iii) of the approximate annual revenue received by the National Transport Commission through the issuance of permits and other related services?
- (c) If not, why?

2354/2026

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the amount of funds allocated annually for development and maintenance activities of the Vavuniya National College of Education from its establishment up to now, the amount expended, the activities carried out, and the amount of funds that remained unutilized, separately for each year?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
 - (i) whether funds have been allocated for the renovation of the student hostels, college buildings and the deteriorated playground;
 - (ii) if so, of the amount that has been allocated; and
 - (iii) if not, of the date on which the said funds will be allocated?
- (c) Will she further inform this House —
 - (i) of the steps that will be taken to address the shortage of academic and non-academic staff;
 - (ii) whether officials of the Ministry have recently inspected the National College of Education;
 - (iii) if not, whether an inspection will be carried out in the future; and
 - (iv) whether prompt measures will be taken to resolve the aforementioned issues?
- (d) If not, why?

2403/2026

Hon. Thilina Samarakoon,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the parks operating in the Habarana, Minneriya and Kaudulla areas and the institutions that manage them; and
 - (ii) separately, of the number of local and foreign tourists who have visited the aforesaid parks so far in 2026 and the amount of income received?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the method of issuing tickets for the local and foreign tourists who visit the Minneriya National Park;
 - (ii) whether he accepts that there are weaknesses in the method of issuing the aforesaid tickets and admitting tourists to the park;

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- (iii) whether the zoological museum in the aforesaid park is currently operational;
 - (iv) if not, of the reasons therefor;
 - (v) whether adequate sanitary facilities are available for tourists who visit daily; and
 - (vi) if so, separately, of the number of toilets and urinals available?
- (c) If not, why?

2471/2026

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately, of the number of suspects held in remand custody, convicted inmates, and inmates sentenced to death in connection with drug-related charges;
 - (ii) of the daily expenditure incurred for food and other facilities for inmates; and
 - (iii) whether plans have been made to relax bail conditions or introduce alternative penal methods for individuals remanded for minor offenses?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
- (i) number of vacancies existing in the Department of Prisons;
 - (ii) measures that have been taken to address issues faced by Prison Officers regarding their security, service facilities, and profession;
 - (iii) steps that have been taken by the present Government to improve the health, sanitation, and nutritional standards of inmates; and
 - (iv) progress of the ongoing programmes that have been implemented for the rehabilitation and social reintegration of inmates?
- (c) If not, why?

2506/2026

Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the Ministry possesses data regarding the economic losses incurred by farmers and fishermen in the Puttalam District due to the absence of a suitable Economic Centre to manage their harvest;

- (ii) whether he admits that wastage of food occurs during high-yielding seasons owing to the lack of storage facilities in these areas, and that this directly impacts national food security; and
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken by the Government to establish an Economic Centre in the Puttalam District equipped with modern facilities?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) plans to minimize post-harvest wastage and to convert surplus yield into value-added products through such an Economic Centre; and
 - (ii) expected date of commencement of the said project and the amount of funds allocated for it?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, November 06, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

202/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of elephants and tuskers that have been killed in collisions with trains from 2020 to date for each year, separately;
 - (ii) locations where such accidents have occurred; and
 - (iii) measures that have been taken to provide a sustainable solution to prevent elephants and tuskers from being killed in collisions with trains?
- (b) If not, why?

373/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of remand prisoners and convicted prisoners, currently detained in the Kalutara Prison;
 - (ii) approved number of prisoners that can be detained in the aforesaid prison;
 - (iii) whether he admits that prisoners have been detained in excess of the approved capacity of the prison;
 - (iv) whether he admits that severe unsanitary conditions prevail in the prison; and
 - (v) measures that will be taken to make the aforesaid prison a clean and hygienic place?
- (b) If not, why?

477/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of aircraft in the full fleet operated by Sri Lankan Airlines to date; and
 - (ii) terms and conditions under which such aircraft have been leased?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of permanent and casual staff members to date, separately;
 - (ii) total salaries and emoluments paid to staff during each of the last 5 years, separately; and
 - (iii) number of staff employed per aircraft at present, and a comparison of this ratio with other leading airlines in the region?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the —
 - (i) subsidiaries of SriLankan Airlines.
 - (ii) dates of incorporation of each subsidiary;
 - (iii) total accumulated profit or loss carried forward, by each entity, separately; and
 - (iv) total turnover, gross profit, net profit, return on investment, direct taxes, and net balance sheet value of the said subsidiaries, for the last 05 years, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

906/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Early Childhood Development Centres (Preschools) registered in the Eastern Province at present;
 - (ii) of the minimum educational qualification that should be fulfilled by the teachers employed in those preschools;
 - (iii) of the number of preschool teachers who have fulfilled the minimum educational qualification, out of those currently employed;
 - (iv) whether a uniform syllabus or a similar guideline method has been introduced for every preschool; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to provide a permanent salary to the preschool teachers by the government?
- (b) If not, why?

920/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of members in the delegation that represented Sri Lanka and participated in the 'BIMSTEC Youth Summit' held in India in February 2025;
 - (ii) names and designations of the said members;
 - (iii) duration for which the summit was held;
 - (iv) dates on which the said delegation departed from Sri Lanka and returned;
 - (v) objectives of holding this summit;
 - (vi) total amount of money spent by the Government on behalf of the Sri Lankan delegation that participated in the said summit; and
 - (vii) breakdown of the said expenditure in detail?
- (b) If not, why?

1157/2025

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 there is a methodology to notify the relevant applicant, in writing or by any other means to acknowledge receipt of requests submitted to the Ministry under the Right to Information Act;
 - (ii) whether steps have been taken to provide the requested information within the time frame stipulated by the said Act; and
 - (iii) of the circumstances under which the provision of requested information can be refused?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
 - (i) whether a fee is charged for the information provided;
 - (ii) if so, of the basis and methodology of levying such fees; and
 - (iii) of the stage at which such fees should be paid?
- (c) If not, why?

1670/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) maximum number of inmates that can be accommodated in all the prisons in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) total number of inmates currently detained in prisons;
 - (iii) said number, separately by gender;
 - (iv) measures taken by the Government at present to minimize overcrowding in prisons; and
 - (v) timeframe for implementing such measures?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of prisoners who, having been convicted and sentenced following a judicial trial, have lodged appeals before higher courts while being held in remand custody; and
 - (ii) number of prisoners who were eligible to receive the relief provided under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, No. 25 of 2024 regarding the counting of the period spent in remand custody towards the term of imprisonment, prior to 03 May 2024, given that the said relief came into effect on that date?
- (c) If not, why?

1983/2026

Hon. Lal Premanath,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Ministry will intervene to manage the economic costs faced by Sri Lankan tea exporters due to the rise in marine insurance charges by approximately 20% owing to the Middle East crisis and transport bottlenecks in the Red Sea;
 - (ii) of the alternative banking mechanisms introduced to resolve payment issues arising in selling tea to major buyers such as Iran, following the conclusion of the ‘Tea-for-Oil’ credit facility;
 - (iii) of the date on which the proposed subsidized interest loan scheme will be implemented to protect smallholders from auction price volatility, in the face of the cost of production per kilogram of tea exceeding Rs. 1,000;
 - (iv) whether new trade agreements or direct marketing strategies targeting China, Russia, and the CIS countries have been implemented to date to mitigate Middle Eastern market risks; and

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- (v) whether a study has been conducted regarding the potential to earn additional foreign exchange through the declaration of 'Tea Tourism Zones' in plantation areas?

(b) If not, why?

2400/2026

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of sites of archaeological value currently identified in the Anuradhapura District;
- (ii) names of the said sites;
- (iii) measures taken to conserve these archaeological sites; and
- (iv) provisions allocated for the conservation of the said sites for this year, separately for each site?

(b) If not, why?

2516/2026

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of persons who did not receive compensation for damage to their houses during the 'Ditwah' disaster in 2025 due to the absence of deeds or because they were unauthorized occupants;
- (ii) of the criteria considered in classifying houses as unauthorized houses or houses without deeds in this regard; and
- (iii) although Rs. 25,000 was provided for cleaning houses after the disaster and Rs. 50,000 was provided for purchasing essential items required for resettlement, of the reasons for not providing compensation for damaged houses on the basis that they were unauthorized houses or houses without deeds?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether the 52 houses in the Hansagama Jana Udana Gammanaya, in Grama Niladhari Division No. 504A, Belagama, within the Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat Division, have been identified as unauthorized houses;
- (ii) of the number housed out of the said 52 houses that have received compensation for damaged house; and
- (iii) whether actions will be taken to provide compensation to the houses that have not yet received such compensation?

(c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P. 4/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Converting all Colleges of Education in Sri Lanka into University Faculties,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary action be taken by the Government to enforce the Cabinet decision regarding which the proposal was presented and approval obtained by the then Minister on 13th February 2020 as the then Minister of Education to convert the currently functioning nineteen Colleges of Education into University Faculties to be suitable for awarding a four-year degree course with a three-year theoretical course and one-year school-based training, whereas it is necessary to make all the teachers in the school system into trained graduate teachers in order to upgrade the education in Sri Lanka to the advanced international level, and whereas the majority of teachers are currently awarded a higher diploma at the end of a three-year theoretical and practical course.

P. 5/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Developing the bee honey industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be implemented by the government to develop the local bee honey industry as bee honey is of very high medicinal value and in great demand in the local and international market.

P. 6/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to extend the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura since it is considered as one of the railway lines that generate a higher income for the Sri Lanka Railways Department, whereas people living in a number of districts, including Ratnapura, Badulla and Hambantota will be benefitted from extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura.

P. 8/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Combining the knowledge on Sri Lankan food culture with the teaching process,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be implemented by the government to make the food culture of Sri Lanka known among local and foreign people and elevate the Sri Lankan identity by endowing the future generations with the Sri Lankan food culture pedagogy through pedagogical methodologies as food art of Sri Lanka is comprised of a number of aspects including the art of flavors and mixing art of cooking food, art of coloring and the art of food carving.

P. 9 /2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Making the society aware of the value of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that a national level programme be formulated and implemented by the government in regard to the manner in which children should be protected in the face of social challenges for the future betterment of the society and the country, having explained the value of children in a simple manner through sociological and psychological methodologies to the persons such as parents, teachers, sports coaches, school van drivers that always associate with school children.

P.10/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Developing sports in estate sector,— That this Parliament resolves that a Sports development programme should be launched in order to get the youth contribution of the estate sector for the sports development of the country, as they have displayed their skills locally and internationally, and they do not have any sports facilities in their estate schools as well as the estate areas where they live.

P. 31/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of 1% return for employees in relation to inflation,— That this Parliament resolves that the Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund which are administered by government institutions shall ensure that the employees receive returns at least 1% higher than the annual inflation rate.

P. 32/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Provision of free travelling facilities to senior citizens,— That this Parliament resolves that all senior citizens be provided with free transport facilities in public transport services.

P. 34/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Formulation of a National Programme to introduce New Inventors to the World,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to introduce new inventors and citizens who are endowed with various skills to the world and to improve their skills and creations.

P. 35/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Tax concession to industrialists who utilize indigenous raw materials,— That this Parliament resolves that a two-year tax concession be granted to local industrialists who utilize more than 75% indigenous raw materials in the production of goods for the international market.

P. 36/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enabling the Right to Vote,— That this Parliament resolves that every individual above the age of eighteen shall be allowed to vote as there is a greater number of registered voters that have been deprived of voting and if an individual does not vote after the name appears on the register they should be fined which helps to create a more participatory democratic process.

P. 41/2025

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Preparation of a programme to amend the composition including the constitution of Sri Lanka Cricket,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take measures to amend the composition including the constitution of Sri Lanka Cricket as there has been a great deal of discussion in society regarding the Sri Lanka Cricket at present, and the Sri Lanka Cricket has become an institution where irregularities are common due to the power of a certain group of societies in its elections and such situation needs to be prevented.

P. 44/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Implementing the recommendations given in the Audit Report 2023 pertaining to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper course of action be formulated by the government to implement the recommendations given in the National Audit Report pertaining to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, which is like the heart of the Sri Lankan economy, as important recommendations have been given in the Report concerned.

P. 45/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Using the money of local government institutions for public services in a proper manner,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper course of action be formulated by the government to prevent the state of affairs, whereas facts have been unveiled to the effect that many local government institutions deposit their money in fixed deposits with the objective of earning a profit instead of using such money for purposes such as providing public and health services as well as common amenities and improving public thoroughfares.

P. 49/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— Formulation of a programme to regulate the process of issuing licenses for filling stations,— That this Parliament resolves that, as the process of issuing filling station licenses in Sri Lanka is highly irregular, a regulatory programme be formulated to streamline the process of issuing filling station licenses.

P. 51/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of a Faculty of National Languages,— That this Parliament resolves that a Faculty of National Languages should be established in order to teach Sinhala, Tamil and English to teachers.

P. 53/2025

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Formulation of a programme to develop and regulate the Teledrama industry, — That this Parliament resolves that a regulatory body be established to develop and regulate the teledrama industry, which is a major industry that provides entertainment to the people of the country.

P. 56/2025

Hon. Upul Kithsiri,— Designation of the Udawalawe Area as a Tourist Zone,—That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary measures to declare the Udawalawe area, encompassing the Udawalawe region in the Ratnapura District and the Sevanagala region in the Monaragala District, as a designated tourist zone, in view of the inability to experience the versatility of the area in the case of both local and foreign tourists due to the absence of a proper mechanism in place, despite the presence of significant tourist attractions such as the Udawalawe National Park, Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, Sankapala Rajamaha Viharaya, Udawalawe Reservoir, Sevanagala Sugar Factory, Sevanagala Sugarcane Research Institute, Udawalawe Freshwater Fisheries Center, and Waulpana Limestone Cave.

P. 57/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M. L. A. M. Hizbullah,— Establishment of a fund called “Sri Lanka Baithulmal Fund”,— That this parliament resolves that Government should take the necessary steps to establish a fund to be called the “Sri Lanka Baithulmal Fund” under the Ministry of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs, whereas the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs does not currently have a fund that is required in matters relating to education, culture, occupation and inter-ethnic cooperation and in matters related to livelihood of the Muslim community living in Sri Lanka, whereas a fund called “Baithulmal” has been established many years ago for these needs in Muslim countries of the world and countries where Muslim minorities live, and whereas the necessary financial provisions can be obtained from those living in this country and those living in foreign countries, if this fund is established in Sri Lanka.

P. 62/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Making Rail freight transport more efficient,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology be formulated by the government for the transport of goods and fuel by train whenever possible whereas the main purpose of starting the railway service in Sri Lanka had been the transport of goods, and whereas the railway service has now deviated from that objective, and whereas rail freight is a less expensive method, and whereas its benefits are directly accrued to the people of the country.

P. 63/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody, — Minimizing the injustice caused to farmers in selling their agricultural produce,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate measures to change the processes in which both the farmer and the consumer suffer injustices at the same time and to serve justice to the farmer and to the consumer whereas the farmers of this country experience grave injustices in selling their agricultural produce as the wholesale dealers as well as the retail sellers set a very low price for their produce and whereas the consumers have to pay very high prices in buying the said agricultural products.

P. 64/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Designing a regulatory framework for pre-school education,— That this Parliament resolves that a unified system for regulating pre-school education in Sri Lanka, should be established through a single institution, recognizing that the pre-school education is of vital importance and a crucial factor among all the educational opportunities, currently available in the country.

P. 65/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Facilitating the producers of export goods,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary steps be taken to facilitate the young entrepreneurs involved in the export sector, who play a key role in generating foreign exchange, whereas producers of agricultural and other goods targeting exports lack adequate facilities, expertise, and access pathways for export market.

P. 66/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Introduction of Literature as a subject in the Advanced Level Science, Commerce and Technology streams,— That this Parliament resolves that Literature should be introduced as an additional subject in the Advanced Level Science, Commerce and Technology streams in schools in Sri Lanka in order to enhance the skill of literary appreciation of the students pursuing such streams for Advanced Level.

P. 67/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Provision of care to inpatients at hospitals,—That this Parliament resolves that the Government should formulate a system whereby patients receiving inpatient treatment at hospitals are provided care by caregivers employed by the hospital, whereas nursing officers in charge of the ward inform that a custodian should accompany a patient receiving inpatient treatment at a hospital day and night, and whereas, in the absence of such a custodian, private caregivers have to be hired on a fee-paying basis, and whereas such caregivers charge approximately Rs. 3,500 per day, which is unaffordable if the patient is required to stay in the hospital for several days.

P. 68/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Granting permanent title deeds to permit holders of lands,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper system of granting permanent title deeds to the people of this country be developed whereas a significant number of the people only have permits or deeds such as Swarnabhoomi for their lands.

P. 71/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Establishment of a permanent Special Economic Zone in Jaffna and the Northern Province to create sustainable youth employment,—That this Parliament resolves that a permanent Special Economic Zone (SEZ) be established in Jaffna and the Northern Province, alongside other strategic locations nationwide, whereas the establishment of a permanent Special Economic Zone could stimulate economic growth, attract both local and foreign investment, and generate sustainable employment opportunities for the youth, and whereas by developing such zones, the government can promote industrial expansion, enhance skills development, and encourage entrepreneurship, thereby addressing unemployment and fostering the long-term socio-economic advancement of Jaffna and the Northern Province, and the country as a whole.

P. 73/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Sri Lankans be afforded better opportunities for health,— That this Parliament resolves that all Sri Lankans be afforded better health opportunities means of which employees of the private sector must be provided with free facilities through Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund and in the case of Public Servants or non-employees, by the Government through the President's Fund with full cost, whereas majority of the population are subject to open heart surgeries.

P. 74/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—Establishment of Bus Priority Lanes Expeditiously in the Morning and Late Afternoon Hours on Working Days of the Week in Main Towns,—This Parliament resolves that a bus priority lane system be implemented in the morning and late afternoon hours as a remedy for the severe road congestion that prevails in the morning and afternoon hours in major towns.

P. 75/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Renewal of the Bilateral Agreement of Driving Licenses between Italy and Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that steps should be taken to renew the bilateral agreement of driving licenses between Italy and Sri Lanka, as it provides great benefits to Sri Lankans.

P. 76/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Introduction of a Smart Grid and Smart Meters,— That this Parliament resolves that measures be taken to convert the national electricity grid into a Smart Grid and to introduce Smart Meters, in view of the fact that the electricity generated, particularly through rooftop solar panels, cannot currently be distinguished at the system control center, despite the importance of promoting solar energy as a renewable energy source.

P. 77/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Banning harmful artificial flavoring agents used to flavor food,— That this Parliament resolves that the use of harmful flavoring agents be banned after conducting a proper study through a recognized institution, since it is reported that artificial flavoring agents used in local restaurants and hotels to flavor food items such as rice, kottu and noodles contribute to various non-communicable diseases.

P. 79/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law,— Favourable control and suppression of the proliferation of common water hyacinth,— That this Parliament resolves that it is opportune that the government formulate relevant project proposals for a sustainable solution through the favorable control and suppression of the common water hyacinth plant, whereas it is an invasive plant known by its scientific name *Eichhornia crassipes* (Mart.) Solms, has encroached upon farmlands and wetlands exhibiting an accelerated propagation rate that displaces indigenous flora and destabilizes the ecological balance, whereas consequent sediment accumulation has impeded water transport courses and flow of water, exacerbated flood risks, degraded the quality of water needed for daily use and disrupted hydropower generation, whereas its suppression through the use of chemical herbicides poses a health risk to people using that water, and whereas the breeding of maggots and the spread of diseases such as filariasis and dengue occur in these areas.

P.82/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Formulation of a methodology to consider the Key Performance Indicators as criteria for the appointment of heads of institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be integrated to the public service to consider the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) of public sector officials as a criterion alongside their seniority when appointing heads of government ministries and departments, and that recommendations be obtained for the appointment of heads of institutions accordingly.

P. 83/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Taking the Key Performance Indicator into consideration in assigning positions to the Members of Parliament and the Ministers,— That this Parliament resolves that the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) of the Members of Parliament and the Ministers be reviewed annually and a system for assigning positions to them be developed taking the said indicator into consideration.

P. 84/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Safeguarding the independence of persons who have held positions commencing from the Chief Justice down to lower ranks in the judiciary when they are appointed to other positions,— That this Parliament resolves that

persons who have held positions commencing from the Chief Justice down to the lower ranks in the judiciary, should not be appointed to positions in the public service, corporate boards, commissions, tribunals or the foreign service (such as ambassadors) for a period of at least three years from the date on which they ceased to hold those positions in order to protect their independence.

P. 86/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Prohibition of political parties from crediting the salaries, allowances and vehicle permits, etc. of public representatives to their party funds,— That this Parliament resolves that the political parties shall not be permitted to credit the salaries, allowances and vehicle permits, etc. of public representatives to their party funds whereas the practice of political parties crediting the monthly salaries, allowances and vehicle permits, etc. of elected public representatives of their party, to party funds is detrimental to the independence of such representatives, and whereas such action poses a serious challenge to democracy.

P. 87/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Establishment of a Rehabilitation Centre in each District for Drug Addicts,— That this Parliament resolves that at least one rehabilitation centre be established in each district with all facilities, whereas a rapid increase in the number of users of drugs such as heroin is observed at present, whereas the fact that addicts are not limited to one area, but are spread throughout the country and are promoting the drug use has led to this increase, and whereas the fact that rehabilitation centers for drug addicts are found only in a few locations across the country poses a serious problem in controlling the growth of the number of drug users.

P. 89/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— More productive use of agricultural lands in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that lands be used in a more productive manner to increase agricultural production by 30% over the next few years, thereby increasing farmers' incomes, expanding commercial agriculture, and establishing a baseline database containing information on land type, crop suitability, water and cultivation by exploring all agricultural lands, with the goal of ensuring national food security and improving the living standards of farmers, whereas the agricultural sector is a prominent entity in Sri Lanka's economy, whereas only about 40% of agricultural lands are used in the production process annually, and the remaining lands are not used due to improper planning, lack of water resources, lack of technical knowledge and lack of innovation, and whereas a large amount of money is spent annually on importing food due to the low level of production.

P. 90/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Improving the sea transport facilities for residents of the offshore islands in the Jaffna District,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate action to provide modern, safe, fast and reliable sea transportation for the residents of the offshore islands, particularly Neduntheevu, Nainatheevu, Eluvaithivu and Analaitivu in the Jaffna District, whereas the residents of these islands have been deprived of adequate sea transport facilities for several decades,

whereas, as a result, they are compelled to spend several hours travelling by sea, whereas patients, pregnant women, the elderly, school staff and employees of non-governmental organisations face severe difficulties and risks while undertaking these journeys, and whereas it is acknowledged that “The development of villages is the development of the Nation”.

P. 91/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Commencing the Talaimannar - Rameswaram ferry service,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate actions to commence the Talaimannar-Rameswaram ferry service, whereas it would increase tourist arrivals particularly from India, and whereas it enables the public to travel to Tamil Nadu at a lower cost and purchase essential goods at affordable prices subject to the prevailing laws and regulations, thereby improving their livelihoods.

P. 95/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— Regularization of the procedure for issuing permits for private buses,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be developed to prevent corruption in the process of issuing permits for private buses carried out by the Provincial Road Passenger Transport Authority whereas the said procedure has become extremely corrupt.

P. 98/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera, — Promoting the ‘Sooryabala Sangramaya’ Project,— That this Parliament resolves that the ‘Sooryabala Sangramaya’ (Battle for Solar Energy) Project should be further promoted and protected as a method of reducing the price of a unit of electricity and a strategy of protecting the environment, whereas solar energy has been identified as a profitable and environmentally friendly energy source out of the energy sources in Sri Lanka, and whereas over 2000 MW of electricity generated from solar energy has been already added to the national grid under the ‘Sooryabala Sangramaya’ Project which was launched on 06.09.2016.

P. 99/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Promotion of the 'Kalutara Coastal Zone' as a Special Economic Zone,— That this Parliament resolves that the 'Kalutara Coastal Zone,' which includes the new land created due to the shifting of the Kalu River estuary and the Calido beach, should be promoted and developed as a Special Economic Zone, both for the purpose of developing a tourist zone based around the Kalutara town and as a strategy for the protection of the Kalu River estuary and the coast.

P. 100/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Expediting the Construction of the ‘Millaniya Export Processing Zone’,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should consider the construction of the ‘Millaniya Export Processing Zone’ a priority project and take the necessary steps accordingly, whereas a total of 240 acres of land have already been acquired for the construction of the said Export Processing Zone in the Kalutara district, whereas the government has already spent nearly one billion rupees to provide expressway access, piped water, and electricity for the project, and whereas the land selected for the Export Processing Zone has already been identified by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka as suitable for the proposed project.

P. 101/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Promotion of Providing Secondary Education in English,— That this Parliament resolves that English medium education should be implemented in all secondary schools in Sri Lanka and that the government should prioritize adequate investment for the initiative, whereas ‘English’ has been recognized as the Link Language of Sri Lanka in terms of Article 18(3) of the Constitution, whereas ‘English’, as an international language, is a crucial means of acquiring knowledge for citizens, whereas it is essential for all Sri Lankans to achieve proficiency in English as the link language to live together in one country, regardless of linguistic or ethnic differences, whereas the system of providing secondary education in English within the Central College system of Sri Lanka which emerged under the concept of free education and in a number of other schools has been successful, and whereas education in English is extremely important for Sri Lankan citizens to access international employment opportunities.

P. 102/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Establishment of a Faculty of Engineering for Uva Wellassa University,— That this Parliament resolves that an Engineering Faculty be established for Uva Wellassa University, taking into account the growing needs of the construction, mechanical, industrial, and information technology sectors in Sri Lanka, as well as global requirements, whereas considering that Uva Wellassa University is an institution that supplies graduates with modern technical skills who fulfill the requirements of both the domestic and foreign job markets.

P. 103/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Designing a programme to improve swimming skills,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be established to promote the exceptional swimming skills possessed by our ancestors, who developed a highly advanced irrigation civilization, among the current generation whereas the number of individuals drowning in water has been observed to be steadily increasing in recent times.

P. 109/2026

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Establishment of a Truth Commission,— That this Parliament resolves that a Truth Commission be established to strengthen the process of investigating the loss of life, disappearances, and other destruction caused by the war in the North and East which spanned over twenty-six years, and to identify the future steps that can be taken toward establishing national unity.

P. 110/2026

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Introducing a legal mechanism to restrict the use of social media for children under the age of 15,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken to introduce a legal mechanism to restrict the use of social media for children under the age of 15, whereas issues such as increased mental pressure and stress, decline in educational performance, cyberbullying, and exposure to indecent and unsafe content among children are rising due to excessive social media use; and whereas developed countries such as Australia, France, and Denmark have already introduced laws to restrict social media use for children; and whereas it is necessary to protect the mental health, safety, and educational

development of children by implementing measures such as setting the minimum age for opening social media accounts at 15 years, making age verification methods mandatory for social media companies, imposing fines and taking legal action against entities that violate the law, and taking appropriate measures regarding children who access social media using the accounts of adults.

P. 112/2026

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— Repeal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act,— That this Parliament resolves that, the Government of Sri Lanka should take immediate steps to repeal the Prevention of Terrorism Act, No. 48 of 1979 (PTA) in its entirety, without introducing any replacement legislation containing similar provisions, whereas the PTA has been used for over 40 years to enable prolonged arbitrary detention, to extract false confessions through torture, and to target minority communities and civil society groups and whereas a state of emergency may be declared when absolutely necessary, and terrorism-related offences are already prosecutable under the Penal Code, and whereas there is no justification for a permanent counter-terrorism law with sweeping powers.

P. 114/2026

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Protection of the World Environment,— That this Parliament resolves that, Sri Lanka must pay more attention to the protection of the world environment and specially take action to prevent global warming.

P. 115/2026

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Repayment of funds of the depositors who are duped,— That this Parliament resolves that, the government must take steps to pay the depositors who have been duped with the funds that have been deposited in registered finance companies, and the Central Bank of Sri Lanka who is the custodian of these companies should be diligent, whereas there are many depositors who have been duped with the funds that have been deposited in these companies.

P. 116/2026

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme to reduce the congestion in the Out-patient Departments of the government hospital system,— That this Parliament resolves that, irrespective of our country's position on the World Health Index, a programme should be formulated to control the severe congestion prevailing in the Out-patient Departments of government hospitals.

P. 117/2026

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— Formulating a programme to promote apiculture (beekeeping) in areas where human-elephant conflict is prevalent,— That this Parliament resolves that a pilot project, modelled on successful initiatives implemented in countries such as Kenya, be established for the promotion of apiculture (beekeeping) as a measure to mitigate human-elephant conflict in affected areas, whereas statistical reports indicate that Sri Lanka is among the countries most severely affected by human-elephant conflict, whereas such conflict results in the substantial loss of both human and elephant lives annually, and whereas it causes significant destruction to physical resources, including property.

P.119/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Establishment of proper accommodation facilities or housing schemes for the benefit of teachers and public officers belonging to the Jaffna District who are serving in other districts of the Northern Province,— That this Parliament resolves that, in order to provide a permanent solution to the transport and accommodation difficulties faced by public officers and teachers, who belong to the Jaffna District and serve under challenging conditions in the districts of Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Mannar and Vavuniya, and to ensure the efficient delivery of their services, the Government should implement proper accommodation facilities or housing schemes equipped with all necessary amenities at central or otherwise suitable locations in the respective districts.

P.120/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Establishment of an Ocean University in the Mullaitivu District for the efficient utilization of marine resources and the enhancement of marine-related industries in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that a fully-fledged Ocean University with all necessary facilities be established in the Mullaitivu District in order to modernize the livelihoods of the fishing community in the Mullaitivu District, which possesses high marine potential in the Northern Province, and to provide higher education opportunities for youth in the fields of marine engineering, oceanography, and aquatic resource management, whereas the economy of the country can be strengthened through the development of the human resources required for the scientific and technical management of the deep-sea and coastal marine resources surrounding Sri Lanka.

P.121/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Expansion of seawater desalination plants as a permanent solution to the severe scarcity of drinking water in island areas and coastal villages in the Jaffna District,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should give priority to the expansion of seawater desalination plants by increasing the capacity of existing desalination facilities in areas such as Nagadeepaya and by expediting the water supply project for distribution of water through pipelines across Kurikadduvan, in order to ensure the provision of safe drinking water, which is a basic human necessity, to the people residing in these areas, whereas groundwater sources in many parts of the Jaffna District are becoming brackish, and whereas the residents of islands such as Velanai and Nagadeepaya continue to face severe difficulties in accessing drinking water.

P. 122/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy, — Establishment of a special task force for the control of the rapidly spreading drug menace among the youth in the Northern Province and establishment of fully fledged rehabilitation centres,— That this Parliament resolves that, the government should take steps to establish a Special Task Force to increase special raids in coordination with the security forces to suppress the drug distribution network, and to establish fully fledged government rehabilitation and counselling centres within the Northern Province to rehabilitate the youth who have fallen victim to drugs, whereas the recently escalating drug trafficking and drug menace in the Northern Province is causing the breakdown of the social fabric and adversely affecting the future of schoolchildren.

P.123/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Creating employment opportunities for unemployed graduates by establishing export-oriented industries based on palmyrah and coconut in the Northern Province,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should formulate plans to establish export-oriented industries at district level with the participation of Government and private sector to manufacture value-added products utilizing modern technology from palmyrah and coconut which are abundant in the Northern Province rather than using them merely as raw materials; thereby securing the livelihoods of unemployed youth and graduates in those areas.

P. 124/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Release of public lands held by the security forces in the Northern Province and granting permission to use those lands for agricultural and fishing activities,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take steps to expeditiously release the remaining unreleased public lands in a manner that does not pose a threat to national security, and to grant permission to utilize those lands for agricultural and fishing activities in order to restore the livelihoods of the public, whereas the lands of the people have not been completely released thus far during the post-war resettlement process, and whereas they have lost the opportunities to engage in their traditional agricultural activities and the fishing industry.

P. 128/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Providing solutions to the shortage of teachers and to the issues relating to digital education in schools in the Vanni and island areas of Jaffna in the Northern Province,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken to fill the teacher vacancies existing for the subjects of Mathematics, Science and English in schools in the Vanni and island areas of Jaffna by making recruitments at district level, to provide modern computer laboratories and proper internet facilities to develop the information technology literacy of the students in those areas, and to implement special scholarship schemes to provide additional educational opportunities to students from families below the poverty line.

P. 129/2026

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,— Promotion of Traditional Industries in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that, in view of the significant contribution that traditional industries utilizing the stems, pseudo-stems and leaves of plants such as bamboo, cane, reed and palm can make to the industrial and tourism sectors of Sri Lanka, and in line with the current revival of those sectors, the government should take steps to establish an appropriate institutional mechanism to provide the necessary technical assistance for the promotion of such traditional industries, expand markets for their products, grant official recognition to such industries, promote the cultivation of the raw materials required for the development of large-scale industries, encourage entrepreneurs to engage in such industries, ensure greater value for the labour and skills of the artisans engaged therein, and formulate a programme to safeguard their lives on retirement.

P. 130/2026

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— Formulation of a programme to increase train services on the Puttalam Railway Line,— That this Parliament resolves that, in view of the increase in fuel prices consequent to the prevailing situation in the Middle East region, and the growing reliance on public transportation among the large number of commuters traveling daily on the Puttalam railway line for employment and business purposes, a programme be formulated to increase train services between Puttalam and Colombo to provide an adequate service to the passenger community.

P. 131/2026

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney-at-Law,— Implementation of a programme to install Solar Charging Points in public places and state institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be implemented to install Solar Charging Points in public places and within the premises of state institutions, in order to provide relief to users of electric motorcycles and vehicles, and to facilitate the charging of batteries for those traveling long distances by electric motorcycles and vehicles, whereas the use of fully electric motorcycles and vehicles has now become popular among the public, and whereas it represents a crucial step towards minimizing environmental pollution, and whereas it serves as a solution to current high fuel consumption as well as a reasonable remedy for the high fuel costs, and whereas electricity consumption is likely to increase due to the usage of electric motorcycles and vehicles, and whereas citizens using these vehicles face a high likelihood of experiencing severe hardship in the event of power outages.

P. 133/2026

Hon. Lasith Bhashana Gamage,— Formulation of a systematic methodology for the planting, scientific management, and maintenance of trees within road reserves,— That this Parliament resolves that, a systematic methodology be formulated to precisely determine the boundaries of road reserves in a manner that preserves environmental aesthetics, to maintain the tree canopy through the institutional training of relevant personnel, and to mitigate hazards and disasters through the proper management of trees within road reserves, whereas trees within the road reserves perform a vital function by providing shade to pedestrians, enhancing environmental aesthetics and green canopy cover, absorbing pollutant gases emitted by vehicles, and serving as bio corridors in urban areas, and whereas trees within the road reserves of Sri Lanka are not managed in a professional manner by arborists, and whereas an unsystematic practice is currently followed by employees of entities such as electricity service providers, the Road Development Authority (RDA), Provincial Road Development Authorities (PRDA), local authorities, and Sri Lanka Telecom, whereby branches of trees obstructing power lines and road signage are merely lopped and cleared.

P. 134/2026

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney-at-Law,— Establishment of a Commission to study the civil insurrection that occurred during the period 1988/90 and the measures to be taken to prevent the recurrence of such a situation,— That this Parliament resolves that a Commission should be established to undertake a comprehensive study of the economic value of the destruction caused during the civil insurrection centred around the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna that occurred in Sri Lanka during the period 1988/90, the youth uprising underlying the events that gave rise to such a situation, the political ideologies associated therewith, and the measures to be taken to prevent the recurrence of such a situation.

Friday, November 13, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1002/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Local Authorities currently disposing of waste at the Karadiyana Solid Waste Management Centre;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid Local Authorities;
 - (iii) of the quantity of waste disposed of at the said site per day;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that a large number of families residing in the vicinity of the Karadiyana area face severe hardships due to this situation; and
 - (v) of the measures taken to formulate a proper programme for waste management instead of sending garbage to the Karadiyana Solid Waste Management Centre?
- (b) If not, why?

1224/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Colleges of Education currently functioning in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of teacher educators currently serving in those Colleges of Education;
 - (iii) whether she is aware that a considerable number of teacher educators have been serving in the same institution for extended periods without being transferred;
 - (iv) whether a systematic transfer scheme is currently in operation for teacher educators serving in those institutions; and
 - (v) if not, of the measures or plans that the Government intends to implement to establish a fair and transparent transfer policy for such teacher educators?
- (b) If not, why?

1340/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) objectives of the Lagoon Conservation and Management Programme implemented under the Ministry;
 - (ii) amount of money spent on the said project from the year 2024 to date;
 - (iii) names of the lagoons that have been selected for the said programme; and
 - (iv) measures that will be taken regarding the conservation and development of lagoons for the fishing industry?
- (b) If not, why?

1379/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of vacancies for English teachers existing island-wide at present;
 - (ii) of the number of vacancies for teachers of Information Technology (IT), Home Economics, and Aesthetic subjects in the Northern and Eastern Provinces, separately for each subject;
 - (iii) whether a decision has been taken to recruit Diploma holders to the teaching service to fill those vacancies;
 - (iv) if so, of the number of Diploma holders recruited to the teaching service so far, separately for each subject; and
 - (v) of the institutions that award government-recognized Diplomas for recruitment into the teaching service?
- (b) If not, why?

1534/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the number of permits issued by the Road Passenger Transport Authorities operating in the 09 provinces, disaggregated by province since 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) of the annual revenue collected by each authority from issuing the aforesaid permits, listed separately by province;

- (iii) of the number of complaints received regarding alleged fraudulent practices in the issuance of these permits; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to streamline the process of issuing transport permits?
- (b) If not, why?

Saturday, November 14, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1196/2025

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 schools in Delft Island are experiencing shortages of physical resources and staff;
 - (ii) of the category of the J/Delft Roman Catholic (R.C.) Ladies' College, situated in Delft Island in the Jaffna District;
 - (iii) of the number of students studying in the said school;
 - (iv) of the approved cadre of academic and non-academic staff of the aforesaid school, and the number currently in service, separately;
 - (v) of the reasons for not filling the existing vacancies so far;
 - (vi) of the period within which the existing vacancies are expected to be filled; and
 - (vii) of the impact of the existing teacher vacancies on the education at the aforesaid school?
- (b) If not, why?

1507/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) whether she will submit the details of the teachers currently serving as volunteer teachers in schools in the Eastern Province along with their service periods; and
 - (ii) whether actions are being taken by the Ministry to appoint the said volunteer teachers as Teacher Assistants?
- (b) If not, why?

1529/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) separately in relation to the schools in each education zone of the Northern Province, of the approved cadre of the non-academic staff, the number of those currently in service, the number of those in excess and the number of vacancies existing for them; and
 - (ii) separately of the number of schools in each province that do not have night watchmen as per the approved staff allocation?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
 - (i) whether information is available regarding thefts of electronic devices reported from schools island-wide during the last 05 years;
 - (ii) of the measures that will be taken to ensure the protection of information technology equipment in schools;
 - (iii) whether special provisions have been allocated in the Budget 2026 for the deployment of night watchmen or implementation of alternative security measures in order to ensure the protection of the said equipment; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to implement the digital education programmes that have been scheduled to be implemented from 2027, while ensuring adequate security and regular maintenance?
- (c) If not, why?

1836/2026

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 she is aware that a quota of 5% was allocated for the National Cadet Corps, when sports coaches were recruited to government schools in the year 2019;
 - (ii) of the objectives of such recruitment;
 - (iii) whether it is expected to utilize the services of the sports coaches so recruited, for school cadetting activities;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to provide an opportunity for those sports coaches to serve as commissioned officers of the National Cadet Corps in the future; and
 - (v) if not, of the obstacles or limitations against such a measure?
- (b) If not, why?

1944/2026

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he accepts that persons who were arrested or surrendered during the period of conflict in the Northern and Eastern areas and thereafter have been rehabilitated by the former Government;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of persons thus rehabilitated;
 - (iii) of the rehabilitation programmes implemented for them;
 - (iv) whether all persons who were rehabilitated have been released;
 - (v) whether vocational training has been provided for the livelihood development of those persons;
 - (vi) if so, whether equipment or other assistance relevant to the training has been provided;
 - (vii) whether loans or other financial assistance schemes have been implemented to strengthen the livelihood of those persons; and
 - (viii) if not, whether plans have been made to implement such programmes?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Monday, November 16, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1685/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of courts of law located in the Trincomalee District;
 - (ii) of the names of the said courts;
 - (iii) of the circuit courts functioning in the said district;
 - (iv) of the dates from which the said courts have been functioning;
 - (v) whether a proposal has been submitted to operate the courts currently functioning in the district as Magistrate's Courts on all 05 days of the week; and
 - (vi) if so, of the nature of the said proposal?

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the issues that prevent the establishment of the Kinniya Circuit Court as a permanent court;
 - (ii) of the steps that have been taken to resolve the said issues; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to establish a permanent court in the said area?
- (c) If not, why?

2199/2026

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 number of retired school principals in the country currently receiving pensions;
 - (ii) whether anomalies exist in respect of the pensions of the said principals; and
 - (iii) if so, of the measures that will be taken to resolve the said anomalies?
- (b) If not, why?

2278/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the year in which the Department of Samurdhi Development was established;
 - (ii) of the current number of employees in the said Department;
 - (iii) whether the Department implements programmes that provide assistance to the poor;
 - (iv) of the current function of the Department; and
 - (v) of the measures taken by the Government to discharge the said function?
- (b) If not, why?

2296/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) total number of tanks that have been registered to date according to government records; and
 - (ii) number of commercial establishments and residential houses that have been unauthorizedly constructed within the catchment reserves, downstream reserves, or buffer zones of the said tanks?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the number of unauthorized constructions that have already been removed and those that are scheduled to be removed in the future;
 - (ii) of the expected timeframe for the completion of the said removal operations; and
 - (iii) of the measures that have been taken by the Government or the relevant institutions to remove the unauthorized constructions and to legally conserve the respective reserves?
- (c) If not, why?

2485/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of 'Ranaviru Gammuna', the districts in which they are located, and the extent of land allocated to each?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the procedure and criteria for selecting beneficiaries for the 'Ranaviru Gammuna';
 - (ii) of the respective State institutions involved in establishing these villages and granting the land, and of their respective roles; and
 - (iii) whether restrictions have been imposed on the sale, transfer or lease of such land or houses to another party?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) of the procedure for confirming the legal ownership of the lands granted to war heroes;
 - (ii) whether adequate sanitation and infrastructure facilities have been provided in those villages;
 - (iii) if not, of the steps that will be taken in this regard;

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- (iv) of the date on which the last official assessment was conducted regarding the condition, size and infrastructure facilities of the houses in the villages, identified deficiencies, and the steps have been taken to rectify them; and
 - (v) of the role of the Ministry regarding the development and maintenance of infrastructure facilities in these villages and the welfare of the beneficiaries?
- (d) If not, why?

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

35/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) total amount of loans granted for film production from the funds of the National Film Corporation of Sri Lanka from the year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) names of the film producers who obtained the said loans and the loan amount granted to each producer, separately;
 - (iii) amount of loans that have not been recovered so far out of the loans granted during the period mentioned in (i) above; and
 - (iv) steps that will be taken to recover the said outstanding loans?
- (b) If not, why?

2178/2026

Hon. Sarath Kumara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of archaeological sites in the Monaragala District that have been registered to date;
 - (ii) of the names of the said archaeological sites;
 - (iii) of the names of the archaeological zones to which the said archaeological sites belong;
 - (iv) of the land area of each such zone; and
 - (v) among the archaeological sites located within the said zones, of the names of the sites that have been fully or partially conserved by the Department of Archaeology to date?

(41)

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) among the sites conserved by the Department of Archaeology, of the names of the sites that are open for visits by local and foreign tourists; and
 - (ii) whether adequate sanitary facilities, access roads, and other infrastructure facilities have been provided for local and foreign tourists visiting the said sites?
- (c) If not, why?

2206/2026

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of villages that are affected by issues relating to drinking water in the Puttalam District;
 - (ii) names of the said villages; and
 - (iii) steps that will be taken by the Ministry to resolve the issues relating to drinking water in the affected villages?
- (b) If not, why?

2270/2026

Hon. Ruwan Mapalagama,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the government housing projects implemented in the Gampaha District; and
 - (ii) separately, of the year in which each housing project was started, the year in which it was made available to the public, the extent of land, and the number of housing units as at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) criteria used in selecting beneficiaries for ‘Ranidugama’ and ‘Guru Gammanaya’ housing projects implemented within the Ran Pokunugama Housing Scheme in Nittambuwa;
 - (ii) number of housing units in each of the two housing projects, separately;
 - (iii) amount of financial assistance/loan provided by the Government in respect of each housing unit under these projects; and
 - (iv) methodology adopted in determining the amount payable by beneficiaries for the transfer of ownership of the lands on which they reside?
- (c) If not, why?

2511/2026

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Pradeshiya Sabhas located in the Moneragala District;
 - (ii) of the names of the said institutions;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the Sevanagala area, which covers a vast extent of land, currently belongs to the Thanamalvila Pradeshiya Sabha since there is no separate Pradeshiya Sabha for Sevanagala itself;
 - (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to establish a Pradeshiya Sabha for Sevanagala;
 - (v) whether he is aware that the 04 Grama Niladhari divisions namely Galgamuwa, Nellyyadda, Mullegama, and Inginiyagala belong to the Madulla Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (vi) since the people of the said Grama Niladhari divisions have to travel a distance of approximately 90 kilometers passing through the Bibile and Medagama Divisional Secretariat Divisions to reach the Madulla Divisional Secretariat, whether steps will be taken to transfer the said Grama Niladhari divisions to the Bibile Divisional Secretariat Division in order to prevent causing such inconvenience to the people?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

165/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) amount of loans that the Sri Lankan Airlines has obtained from State banks;
 - (ii) amount of debt owed by that institution to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (iii) stance of the present Government regarding the decision taken during the previous Government's tenure to restructure the Sri Lankan Airlines; and
 - (iv) programme that will be implemented to run this institution without it being a burden to the taxpayers of the country?
- (b) If not, why?

689/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the number of divisions and the number of departments that operate under the Colombo Municipal Council;
 - (ii) of the names of the said divisions and departments;
 - (iii) separately of the number of permanent, casual and contract employees currently employed in each of the said divisions;
 - (iv) of the approved cadre of the said departments and the number of vacancies currently existing; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken to address the issue of the shortage of employees in the Colombo Municipal Council since it has impeded the functioning of the Municipal Council?
- (b) If not, why?

2046/2026

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that due to the inadequacy of elderly care centres providing traditional medical treatments in many areas, elderly persons are compelled to obtain treatment from distant areas;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not taking actions to provide services by appointing medical officers for traditional medical services under the Primary Health Care Services Centre Development Programmes;
 - (iii) whether there is a national policy or programme in place to provide integrated treatment for non-communicable diseases using both indigenous and Western systems of medicine; and
 - (iv) of the reasons for not taking actions to expand the treatment services provided at some hospitals of indigenous medicine for serious conditions such as non-communicable diseases, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, Parkinson's disease, diabetes and cancer to all 25 districts?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons for not providing the opportunity for Medical Officers to serve as 'Resident House Officers' upon completion of their internship in the Indigenous medical practice; and

- (ii) whether the Ministry has any plans to provide employment opportunities for unemployed Indigenous medical practitioners in the future?

(c) If not, why?

2107/2026

Hon. (Mrs.) M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (3)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the date on which the Elephant Corridor between Udawalawe National Park and Lunugamvehera National Park was gazetted;
- (ii) of the date on which the safety electric fence was erected on both sides of the corridor;
- (iii) of the primary objective of constructing the aforesaid electric fence;
- (iv) of the total cost incurred for the construction of the elephant electric fence; and
- (v) whether he is aware that an elephant entered a village during the morning hours and killed a schoolchild in 2018 despite having an electric fence?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the main electric fence in the section covering Balaharuwa village, which forms part of the electric fencing system installed on both sides of the elephant corridor, currently remains inactive;
- (ii) whether a decision has been made to remove the concerned electric fence; and
- (iii) if so, of the date on which such decision was taken and the intended objective?

(c) If not, why?

2545/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the National Housing Development Authority has provided housing under the Model Village Programme in the Galle District since 1977;
- (ii) if so, the names of those villages, separately by each Divisional Secretariat Division; and
- (iii) of the criteria that were followed in selecting the beneficiaries for those houses?

(b) If not, why?

Thursday, November 19, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

982/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) total revenue earned by the Ceylon Electricity Board from the sale of electricity in the year 2025;
 - (ii) total expenditure incurred by the said Board during the aforesaid year;
 - (iii) average cost incurred to generate a unit of electricity by January 2025;
 - (iv) profit/loss made by the Board in the years 2023, 2024, and 2025, separately according to each year;
 - (v) if the Board incurred a loss in the year 2025, the reasons therefor;
 - (vi) number of times electricity tariffs were revised during the said period; and
 - (vii) amounts of money provided by the General Treasury to the Board from the year 2023 to the year 2025 and the dates on which they were provided, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

990/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of surveys conducted in Sri Lanka since the year 2000 up to now on ‘forest density’;
 - (ii) years in which the aforesaid surveys were conducted;
 - (iii) ‘forest density’ of Sri Lanka recorded in each of the aforesaid surveys by district and year, separately; and
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to maintain ‘forest density’ in order to preserve the ecological balance?
- (b) If not, why?

1671/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) vehicle No. KQ 4329 belongs to Eppawala Phosphate Limited, which operates under the Lanka Phosphate Company Limited;

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- (ii) the said vehicle met with an accident while being driven by the Chairman of the Lanka Phosphate Company Limited; and
 - (iii) the insurance company has recommended by now that the said vehicle should be condemned?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether approval had been granted to the said Chairman by the Secretary to the Ministry to utilize the said vehicle;
 - (ii) whether the loss incurred due to the damage to the said vehicle will be covered by the insurance company; and
 - (iii) if not, whether measures will be taken to recover the loss from the Chairman?
- (c) If not, why?

2458/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of railway crossings located in the Kalutara District;
 - (ii) method currently adopted to safeguard those railway crossings;
 - (iii) number of railway crossings protected under each method, separately;
 - (iv) number of bell and signal systems among the railway crossing protection systems that are not functioning properly;
 - (v) measures taken to ensure the proper functioning of those signal systems;
 - (vi) number of railway crossings among the said crossings for which an annual service fee is charged; and
 - (vii) amount of money received as such fees in the year 2025?
- (b) If not, why?

2505/2026

Hon. (Mrs.) Hasara Liyanage, 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 Government schools functioning in the Balapitiya Education Division of the Galle Education Zone in the Southern Province;
 - (ii) number of schools in the said education division that have been closed down due to various reasons;
 - (iii) reasons that led to the closure of the said schools; and

(47)

- (iv) number of schools within the said division that are administered under or fall within the scope of the provisions of the Assisted Schools and Training Colleges (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Act, No. 65 of 1981?
 - (b) Will she also inform this House of the —
 - (i) arrangement the Ministry has in place to utilize such public property including buildings and lands which belong to the schools that have been closed down or are not functional due to the lack of students for some productive public purposes such as conducting community educational activities or vocational training; and
 - (ii) steps that have been taken to prevent the misuse of such state property and to safeguard them?
 - (c) If not, why?
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