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FOR

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

2128/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the number of —

(i) international Test and one-day cricket matches that Sri Lanka has participated in so far, separately; and

(ii) stadiums in Sri Lanka at which international Test and one-day cricket matches can be played at present?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether there are any stadiums in the Kurunegala District at which international cricket matches can be played;

(ii) of the number of cricket players who played international cricket representing the said district; and

(iii) of the names of such players and the schools they represented?

(c) Will he further inform this House —

(i) whether the D.B. Welagedara Stadium is one at which international cricket matches can be played;

(ii) of the number of international cricket matches that have been played at the said stadium;

(iii) of the date on which an international cricket match was last played at the said stadium;

(iv) of the name of the institution which owned the said stadium;

(v) whether the said stadium has been transferred to another institution at present; and

(vi) if so, of the basis on which such ownership has been transferred?

(d) If not, why?

2.

2139/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of persons who died of rabies as a result of dog bites in 2025;

(ii) expenditure incurred on the treatment and vaccination provided to rabies patients during the said year;

(iii) total amount allocated for the sterilization of dogs during the said year;

(iv) number of stray dogs sterilized using the said allocation;

(v) total amount allocated to the Ministry in 2026 for the dog sterilization programme;

(vi) number of stray dogs sterilized to date in 2026 using the said allocation; and

(vii) nature of the dog sterilization programme implemented by the Ministry, in brief?

(b) If not, why?

3.

2163/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) districts that mainly contribute to pepper production; and

(ii) varieties of pepper that are currently being cultivated in the country?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether there is a research institute for the purpose of enhancing the productivity of pepper cultivation;

(ii) if so, of the research that has been initiated so far; and

(iii) of the measures that have been taken so far to expand pepper cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

4.

2192/2026

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) whether a Bachelor of Education degree is considered as a basic qualification for obtaining an appointment as a teacher in a government school; and

(ii) separately, of the number of graduates who have obtained the said degree from state universities and private universities and have not been recruited to Teachers' Service so far?

(b) If not, why?

5.

2197/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) approved cadre of the Grama Niladhari Service;

(ii) number of Grama Niladhari officers currently in active service;

(iii) number of existing vacancies in the Grama Niladhari Service;

(iv) measures that will be taken to fill the said vacancies; and

(v) measures that will be taken to address the issues relating to the Service Minute of the Grama Niladhari Service, salary anomalies, recruitment procedure, promotions and other allowances?

(b) If not, why?

6.

2207/2026

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

(a) Will he state the —

(i) annual cashew production in Sri Lanka from the year 2015 to date, separately;

(ii) extent of land owned by the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation during the said period, separately for each year;

(iii) extent of land cultivated with cashew and the extent uncultivated out of the land owned by the Corporation during the period referred to in (i) above, separately for each year;

(iv) factors that have contributed to the failure of the Corporation to cultivate cashew in a systematic manner even in the lands owned by the Corporation; and

(v) measures that will be taken by the Ministry to overcome this situation and to promote systematic cashew cultivation on the land belonging to the Cashew Corporation?

(b) If not, why?

7.

2231/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of personnel in the post of Health Service Aid (Junior) currently serving in the Ministry of Health;

(ii) number of persons recruited to the said post from 2010 to 2026 separately by each year; and

(iii) years in which the higher number of personnel were recruited to the post of Health Service Aid (Junior) during the said period?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) of the reasons for the exclusion of the Polonnaruwa and Badulla Districts from the Gazette Notification issued in 2026 calling for applications for the recruitment of Health Service Aid (Junior); and

(ii) whether he accepts that, as a result, the aforesaid two districts have been subjected to unequal treatment?

(c) If not, why?

8.

2249/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

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

(ii) total paddy harvest of the district during this period, categorized separately by season;

(iii) quantity of paddy that has been purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board of the Government out of the said paddy yield, categorized separately by season; and

(iv) measures that will be taken to provide solutions to the issues faced by paddy farmers?

(b) If not, why?

9.

2294/2026

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

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) Thambuttegama Base Hospital is the hospital that provides treatment to the highest number of outpatients and inpatients in the Anuradhapura District, second only to the Anuradhapura Teaching Hospital;

(ii) a large number of patients from the Kurunegala District also receive medical treatment from the said hospital; and

(iii) despite being a Grade-A Base Hospital, a shortage of medical, nursing, and other health staff exists relative to its approved cadre?

(b) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the measures that will be taken to remedy the staff shortage existing at the hospital;

(ii) of the period of time expected to fill the said vacancies;

(iii) whether certain services and development activities of the hospital are carried out by the Central Government, even though it is governed under the Provincial Council;

(iv) if so, whether attention has been focused on taking over this hospital under the Central Government;

(v) of the steps that will be taken in that regard;

(vi) whether issues have been encountered in fulfilling the maintenance, development, and service requirements of the hospital solely through the Provincial Council; and

(vii) if so, of the measures that will be taken to resolve the said issues?

(c) If not, why?

10.

2328/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) rank held by the Nuwara Eliya District in terms of total milk production of Sri Lanka; and

(ii) number of dairy farmers and poultry farmers in the said district, separately?

(b) Is he aware that —

(i) there are vacancies for veterinary surgeons in the Nuwara Eliya District;

(ii) there are vehicle requirements for the said offices; and

(iii) the Pundaluoya Veterinary Office, which was destroyed by Cyclone Ditwah, remains closed to date?

(c) Will he also inform this House of the steps taken to date regarding (b) (i), (ii) and (iii) above?

(d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— Prevention of Foreign Terrorist Fighters,— Bill to give effect to the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2178 adopted on September 24, 2014 relating to the prevention and suppression of the threat posed by foreign terrorist fighters and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Prevention of Organised Crimes,— Bill to Give Effect to the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime; to provide for the prevention, investigation and prosecution of serious crimes through effective national and international cooperation; to protect society from the threats posed by organised criminal groups; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into and Report to Parliament on the release of 323 Containers from the Port of Colombo without undergoing mandatory physical inspection and submit its proposals and recommendations in that regard,— That the time period granted to the Select Committee of Parliament to look into and Report to Parliament on the release of 323 Containers from the Port of Colombo without undergoing mandatory physical inspection and submit its proposals and recommendations in that regard, as specified in the Resolution passed by Parliament on 19 November 2025, be extended up to 21 December 2026 in terms of Standing Order 102 of the Parliament, as the Committee needs further time to report its observations to Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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;

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.)

*2.

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

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

*3.

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

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

*4.

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

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

*5.

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

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

*6.

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

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

*7.

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

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

*8.

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

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

*9.

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

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

*10.

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

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

*11.

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

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

*12.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

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

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

*15.

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

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

*16.

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

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

*17.

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

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

*18.

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

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

*19.

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

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

*20.

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

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

*21.

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.)

*22.

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.)

*23.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

Sri Lanka Cricket Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

Protection of the State from Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

Chartered Institute of Media Professionals of Sri Lanka Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*28.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*29.

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

*30.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*31.

Finance (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*32.

Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme,— Adjourned debate on question (10th April 2025) Motion made and question proposed,— "Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme, which was tabled in Parliament on 14th March 2025, be considered by Parliament."

33.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

34.

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

35.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

36.

Kodhagoda Gunarathana Nahimi Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* ***Indicates Government Business.***

[1].

Motion made and question proposed "That the Bill be now read a second time."

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

2254/2026

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) whether she accepts that it is appropriate to develop electricity, digital, fuel pipeline, and transport connectivity with India for the economic development of Sri Lanka;

(ii) whether Memoranda of Understanding were signed between Sri Lanka and India on or about 05.04.2025 for the said purpose; and

(iii) if so, of the principal objectives and targets that are expected to be achieved through each of the said agreements?

(b) Will she also inform this House —

(i) of the progress that has been made thus far in the construction of the strategic infrastructure corridor in the Palk Strait between Dhanushkodi and Talaimannar;

(ii) whether a discussion has commenced between Sri Lanka and India for the establishment of a physical link comprising partly a sea bridge and partly an undersea tunnel;

(iii) of the bilateral benefits that accrue to Sri Lanka and India from the said project; and

(iv) of the current progress of the said project?

(c) If not, why?

2.

2258/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the agreements reached in terms of the Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Cooperation signed between Sri Lanka and India on 05.04.2025;

(ii) of the activities among those agreements that have been implemented and completed as at present;

(iii) whether there has been a delay in implementing the agreements reached in terms of the said Memorandum of Understanding;

(iv) if so, of the reasons for such delay; and

(v) of the reasons for not giving priority to acting in accordance with the agreements reached with India in terms of the said Memorandum of Understanding?

(b) If not, why?

3.

2334/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) legal provisions under which the 'Ayurveda Conservation Councils' have been established and of their functions;

(ii) number of graduates in traditional medicine and the number of graduates in ayurvedic medicine representing these Councils; and

(iii) category of medical practitioners that has the highest representation among those categories?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) of the year in which the Government's accountability for students of traditional medicine, which had been vested in these Councils, was withdrawn, and of the purpose of doing so;

(ii) separately, of the amount of funds allocated by the Government to each Council for its maintenance during the past 10 years;

(iii) whether a Government programme is being implemented to empower the Councils;

(iv) whether the current problems in the Councils have been identified; and

(v) if so, of the problems referred to above?

(c) Will he further inform this House —

(i) of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in which the 'Weda Gedara' project was implemented by the said Councils; and

(ii) separately, of the amount of funds allocated to each Divisional Secretariat Division in the last 05 years for the implementation of the said project?

(d) If not, why?