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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

33/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) recurrent expenditure and capital expenditure incurred by the Ministry having the purview of the subject of Sports separately for each year from the year 2018 to date;

(ii) amount of money allocated for the betterment of sports personnel and that amount as a percentage of the total allocation, separately for each year; and

(iii) measures that will be taken to increase the amount of money allocated for the betterment of sports personnel?

(b) If not, why?

2.

143/2024

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

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) certain criminal incidents that occurred since 2010 up to now have tended to fade into obscurity over time; and

(ii) the present Government has stated that investigations into such incidents will be recommenced?

(b) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number and nature of such criminal incidents identified; and

(ii) measures that will be taken in future in relation to those incidents?

(c) If not, why?

3.

2298/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of wild elephant deaths reported in Sri Lanka during the year 2025; and

(ii) number of wild elephant attacks that occurred during that year?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the —

(i) total length in kilometers of the existing electric fences covering wild elephant migratory corridors (elephant corridors) and their associated areas in Sri Lanka;

(ii) total cost incurred for the construction and maintenance of electric fences during the year 2025; and

(iii) plan formulated by the Ministry for the year 2026 to find solutions to the human–elephant conflict and wild elephant threats?

(c) If not, why?

4.

2300/2026

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

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) proposals have been made to construct bridges in Naripul Thottam, Kinnaiyadi, Sandiveli, Mandur, Ambilanthurai, and Kanjiran Kuda areas in the Batticaloa District;

(ii) the construction of the said bridges is the responsibility of the Provincial Road Development Department; and

(iii) the said bridges have not been constructed so far due to the lack of adequate allocations?

(b) If so, will he inform this House whether actions will be taken by the Road Development Authority to take over the construction of the said bridges?

(c) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether the feasibility study and borehole investigation for the Naripul Thottam bridge have been completed;

(ii) if so, whether actions will be taken to construct the said bridge; and

(iii) whether actions will be taken to allocate at least a portion of the estimated cost of Rs. 850 million for that purpose from the 2027 Budget?

(d) If not, why?

5.

2326/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House, separately, of the —

(i) total number of remand suspects and convicted prisoners in all prisons across the island as of 12.08.2026;

(ii) number of prisoners categorized according to the age groups of 20–30, 30–40, 40–50, 50–60, 60–70 and over 80 years; and

(iii) number of prisoners among them who are currently imprisoned due to the inability to pay fines exceeding Rs. 10,000, Rs. 15,000, Rs. 25,000, Rs. 50,000, and Rs. 100,000?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) separately, of the number of prison officers who died during the clashes that occurred at the Magazine, Mahara, Kuruwita, and Pallansena prisons;

(ii) of the names, designations, and addresses of the said officers;

(iii) whether compensation has been paid by the Government to the families of the said officers;

(iv) if so, separately, of the amount of compensation paid for each officer; and

(v) separately, of the number of prisoners and remand suspects who have died in the said clashes to date?

(c) If not, why?

6.

2353/2026

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

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

(ii) whether a study has been conducted regarding the impact of these teachers' long-term separation from their families on their mental well-being, teaching performance, and the educational activities of students;

(iii) whether specific measures have been taken on humanitarian grounds, taking into account service requirements and the shortage of teachers in schools, to grant transfers for these teachers back to their home provinces; and

(iv) if so, of such the measures that have been taken?

(b) If not, why?

7.

2402/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of tourist bungalows owned by the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka;

(ii) whether there is a tourist bungalow owned by the Authority on the Kala Wewa embankment;

(iii) if so, whether it is currently operational; and

(iv) of the number of employees currently employed in the aforesaid bungalow?

(b) Will he also inform this House, pertaining to the years 2025 and 2026 of the —

(i) amount paid as salaries to the employees of the aforesaid bungalow;

(ii) amount paid for the water, electricity, telephone and internet bills of the bungalow;

(iii) total expenditure incurred on the persons accommodated;

(iv) number of days that the rooms or the entire premises have been used for institutional purposes and the income earned therefrom;

(v) number of days that the rooms or the entire premises have been used by outside persons, organizations or institutions and the income earned therefrom; and

(vi) amount spent on the maintenance and construction of the bungalow?

(c) Will he further inform this House of the institutional activities or the functions for which the tourist bungalow has been used by outside persons, organizations or institutions during the aforesaid period?

(d) If not, why?

8.

2413/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the total extent of land and the number of land plots along Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla, owned by the Urban Development Authority and allocated to State institutions; and

(ii) separately, of the extent of land and the number of land plots allocated to various institutions, for each institution, as of 01.07.2026?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether any State-owned land plots along Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha have been transferred to private parties;

(ii) if so, of the basis of such transfers, extent of land, value, and duration; and

(iii) if not, whether the aforesaid lands have been transferred on a freehold basis?

(c) Will he further inform this House of the —

(i) legal position regarding the transfer of lands which were originally acquired for State purposes, to private parties; and

(ii) measures that will be taken if such transfers are found to be unlawful?

(d) If not, why?

9.

2456/2026

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

(a) Will she inform this House of the —

(i) number of schools situated in the estate sector in Sri Lanka;

(ii) breakdown of the aforesaid number, separately by each school type;

(iii) student-teacher ratio existing in the aforesaid schools; and

(iv) total number of students studying in the aforesaid schools?

(b) Will she also inform this House of the —

(i) average number of students admitted annually to Grade 1 in estate schools;

(ii) number of students admitted to Grade 1 in the year 2026;

(iii) percentage of students from estate schools, who sat for the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination in the year 2025; and

(iv) percentage of students who passed the aforesaid examination?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Trusts (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Trusts Ordinance (Chapter 87).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item No. 2 appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 27 of the 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 Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 243— Programme 02— †That this Parliament resolves that an additional sum not exceeding Rupees Six Thousand Million (Rs. 6,000,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or any other fund or finances possessed by the Government, or any loan obtained by the Government at the discretion of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, for the services of the financial year commencing on 01st January, 2026, and ending on 31st December, 2026, and that the said sum may be expended in the manner specified in the schedule hereto:-

SCHEDULE

Head 243	-	Department of Development Finance	
Programme 02	-	Development Activities	
		Capital Expenditure	Rs. 6,000,000,000
		Total Expenditure	**Rs. 6,000,000,000**

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 6 of 2026 presented on 20th October, 2026

Total of Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1 to 5 Rs. 616,413,000,000

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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

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

*9.

The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report 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.)

*10.

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

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

*11.

The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the 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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.)

*22.

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.)

*23.

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.)

*24.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

Sri Lanka Cricket Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

Protection of the State from Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

Immigration Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*28.

Appropriation Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*29.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*30.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*31.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*32.

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

*33.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*34.

Finance (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*35.

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."

36.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

37.

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

38.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

39.

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

* ***Indicates Government Business.***

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[1].
Motion made and question proposed "That the Bill be now read a second time."

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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?

2.

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;

(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?

3.

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?