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Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

200/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of farmer households in the Kurunegala District that have received the fertilizer subsidy during the current season;

(ii) separately, of the number of such farmer households in each Agrarian Service Division;

(iii) of the total expenditure incurred by the Government in providing the said subsidy; and

(iv) of the measures that will be taken to ensure the proper and systematic provision of the fertilizer subsidy in the future?

(b) If not, why?

2.

372/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the names and the designations of the officials who advised the Government to implement the policy to transition to organic farming nationwide all at once;

(ii) whether disciplinary action has been taken against the officials responsible for the damage caused to the country due to the implementation of the said policy;

(iii) of the steps taken against them under criminal law; and

(iv) of the measures taken to recover compensation from the said officials?

(b) If not, why?

3.

476/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) total drinking water requirement of the country, annual usage for the last 05 years, and projected requirement for the next 10 years, separately;

(ii) number and names of reservoirs used for supply of water;

(iii) quantity of water supplied from each reservoir, separately;

(iv) measures adopted to address any shortfall in the water supply;

(v) production cost per litre, selling price per litre and the taxes on sale value per litre for the last 05 years to date, separately;

(vi) total number of employees of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board; and

(vii) total expenditure on salaries and emoluments of the Board?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether any desalination plants operate in the country;

(ii) if so, of the names of such plants; and

(iii) of the production cost per litre from each such plant, separately?

(c) If not, why?

4.

685/2025

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

(a) Will she inform this House of the —

(i) number of construction projects that have been initiated in government schools in the North Central Province under the 'Nearest School-The Best School' project;

(ii) details of the said projects;

(iii) number and names of the projects that have been halted midway out of the said projects at present;

(iv) total expenditure incurred on the said projects; and

(v) measures that will be taken to complete those unfinished projects?

(b) If not, why?

5.

771/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) of the military camps and police stations that came under attack by the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) during the period from 1987 to 1990;

(ii) separately, of the number of military personnel and police officers who were either killed or disabled as a result of the said attacks;

(iii) of the number of weapons that were looted during the said attacks;

(iv) of the number of such weapons that were subsequently recovered by the security forces;

(v) of the number of weapons that were surrendered to the Government;

(vi) of the number of weapons that have neither been recovered nor surrendered; and

(vii) of the measures that have been taken by the Government regarding the weapons that are yet to be recovered?

(b) If not, why?

6.

905/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that there are drainage systems that need to be renovated and to be newly established in the areas belonging to the Kattankudy urban limits and its surrounding areas;

(ii) whether actions will be taken to renovate the existing drainage systems and to establish new drainage systems; and

(iii) if so, of the steps that will be taken for that purpose?

(b) If not, why?

7.

988/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of fuel transport bowsers currently owned by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;

(ii) of the number of bowser owners registered under the Corporation for the transportation of fuel;

(iii) of the names and addresses of the said bowser owners or companies;

(iv) of the method by which payments are made to bowser owners for fuel transportation from 2015 to date;

(v) separately, of the amounts of annual payments made to bowser owners for fuel transportation during that period; and

(vi) of the measures that will be taken to increase the use of public sector transport services such as railways for the transportation of fuel?

(b) If not, why?

8.

1496/2025

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he accepts that a camp belonging to the Special Task Force has been established in the cemetery situated in the Thandiyadi village belonging to the Vavunathivu Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District;

(ii) whether permission has been denied to hold commemoration programmes conducted by relatives on behalf of the persons buried in the said cemetery;

(iii) of the measures taken up to now in accordance with the statement made at the Special Coordinating Committee meeting held on 13.08.2025 in Batticaloa regarding the inspection of the relevant site and the allocation of a portion of the said land for commemoration activities; and

(iv) whether relatives will be granted the opportunity to hold commemoration programmes within the relevant cemetery in the future?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether the playground of the Thandiyadi Government Tamil Mixed School belonging to the Batticaloa North Education Zone, has currently been annexed to the Special Task Force camp premises; and

(ii) of the measures taken to release the said playground back to the school for the benefit of the school students and school activities?

(c) If not, why?

9.

1669/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of individuals registered as domestic Anthurium growers;

(ii) whether the Government provides them with facilities for growing Anthurium;

(iii) if so, of such facilities; and

(iv) whether permission has been granted to other parties other than domestic growers to import Anthurium flowers?

(b) If not, why?

10.

2398/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Praja Shakthi Development Programme —

(i) whether measures have been taken under the Programme to eradicate multidimensional poverty;

(ii) if so, of such measures;

(iii) whether financial assistance or other relief is provided for schoolchildren with special needs;

(iv) if so, of such relief;

(v) whether there are welfare programmes that are being conducted for persons with disabilities; and

(vi) if so, of such programmes?

(b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

Sri Lanka Cricket Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Protection of the State from Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

Immigration Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

Appropriation Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

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

*21.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

Finance (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

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."

24.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

25.

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

26.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

27.

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.

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?

2.

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?

3.

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

(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?