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FOR

Friday, October 23, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

788/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of Sri Lankan criminals currently hiding in foreign countries, against whom red notices have been issued;

(ii) names of those individuals and the countries in which they are hiding;

(iii) crimes directed by them and the number of persons killed since the year 2020; and

(iv) measures that will be taken to bring those criminals back to the country and enforce the law against them?

(b) If not, why?

2.

949/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of tuberculosis patients reported from the Colombo Municipal Council area in each year during the period from 2015 to date, separately;

(ii) factors influencing the occurrence of tuberculosis; and

(iii) measures that have been taken to prevent the spread of tuberculosis within the limits of the Colombo Municipal Council?

(b) If not, why?

3.

1042/2025

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 she is aware that the officers of the Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service were previously granted the opportunity to admit their children to the schools at which they serve or to another government school;

(ii) whether the present Government has removed or amended the said facility by means of a circular or any other legal measure;

(iii) whether it is intended to restore the said facility; and

(iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1079/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the average processing time for passport applications at overseas diplomatic missions;

(ii) of the reasons for delays despite payment of prescribed foreign currency fees; and

(iii) whether fast-track procedures are in place for urgent cases?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) of the procedure for monitoring and evaluating the efficiency and performance of overseas consular staff;

(ii) of the mechanisms available to address complaints against mission staff; and

(iii) whether audits or disciplinary action have been taken regarding allegations of collusion with brokers for bribery?

(c) Will he further inform this House —

(i) of the steps being taken to improve the efficiency and transparency;

(ii) whether an online tracking system will be introduced for overseas applicants; and

(iii) of the measures proposed to address grievances, prioritize delayed applications and consider compensation for excessive delays?

(d) If not, why?

5.

1339/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) separately, of the number of fishermen and fishing boats that have been taken into custody in foreign countries during each year from 2020 to date; and

(ii) of the steps that have been taken to secure the release of the said fishermen and fishing boats?

(b) If not, why?

6.

1367/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he will submit a list of the bridges proposed to be constructed in the Ampara District under the Bridge Development Programme for the year 2026 utilizing the financial allocation of the Ministry;

(ii) whether he is aware that the Attappalam Bridge on the Kalmunai–Akkaraipattu main road is damaged during every flood, causing transport disruptions along that route, and that the temporary bridges are constructed in its place during flood periods;

(iii) whether actions will be taken to construct the aforesaid bridge as a permanent structure; and

(iv) if so, of the steps that will be taken in that regard?

(b) If not, why?

7.

1381/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that a large number of incidents regarding poisoning caused by perfumes and cosmetics have been reported in recent times;

(ii) of the state institution vested with the responsibility of regulating the said perfumes and cosmetics; and

(iii) of the measures that will be taken to conduct the necessary raids to properly regulate perfumes and cosmetic products, and to prevent such incidents of poisoning?

(b) If not, why?

8.

1982/2026

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

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) a plot of land, approximately two acres in extent, that belongs to the Ministry, is situated adjacent to the Heegoda Hospital in Urubokka, within the Dampahala West Grama Niladhari Division of the Pasgoda Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District; and

(ii) the said land has remained unused since the abolition of the Village Councils?

(b) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether actions have been taken to transfer the said land to the Divisional Secretary or to any other state institution;

(ii) if not, whether steps will be taken to utilize the said land for public use or for the development of the Heegoda Hospital in Urubokka; and

(iii) whether he will table a report on the present legal status and intended use of the said land?

(c) If not, why?

9.

2399/2026

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) names of the sanctuaries that have currently been identified within the Anuradhapura District;

(ii) extent of each such sanctuary; and

(iii) names of the sanctuaries among the said sanctuaries that have been gazetted?

(b) If not, why?

10.

2412/2026

Hon. Chanaka Madugoda,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he admits that an injustice has occurred to certain officers when granting the maximum pension of 85% to war heroes who retired upon completing 22 years of service on or after 19.05.2009;

(ii) if so, of the obstacles that exist to granting the maximum pension to those who suffered the said injustice; and

(iii) whether actions will be taken to formulate a mechanism to pay the arrears related to the pension to the said officers?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the Parliament shall sit on Thursday, 12th November 2026.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 75(4) of the Parliament, 13th Friday, 14th Saturday, 16th Monday, 17th Tuesday, 18th Wednesday, 19th Thursday and 20th Friday, November, 2026 be allotted days for the consideration of the "Appropriation" Bill (2027).

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sittings on allotted days for the consideration of the "Appropriation" Bill (2027) on 14th Saturday and from 16th Monday to 19th Thursday, November, 2026 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.00 p.m. the provisions of paragraphs (5) and (6) of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3),— That in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sitting on allotted day for the consideration of "Appropriation" Bill (2027) on 13th Friday, November, 2026 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.00 p.m. the provisions of paragraphs (5) and (6) of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

5.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 4),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sittings on allotted day for the consideration of the "Appropriation" Bill (2027) on 20th Friday, November, 2026 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.. At 6.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Sri Lanka Cricket Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Protection of the State from Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Immigration Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Appropriation Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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

*10.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Finance (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

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."

13.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

14.

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

15.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

16.

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.

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?

2.

2391/2026

Hon. Thurairasa 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?

3.

2392/2026

Hon. Thurairasa 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?