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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Prevention of Foreign Terrorist Fighters Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Prevention of Organised Crimes Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the Superior Courts Complex Board of Management (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Superior Courts Complex Board of Management 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 22.11.2023 under the Section 11(2) of the Superior Courts Complex Board of Management Act, No. 50 of 1987, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 18.11.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

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The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 20.02.2024 under the Section 93(2) of the Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Act, No. 10 of 2023, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 18.11.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

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The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses (2023),— That the Annual Report of the National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 07.08.2025 under the Section 93(2) of the Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Act, No. 10 of 2023, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 18.11.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

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The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 19.06.2024 under the Section 24(2) of the Legal Aid Law, No. 27 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 18.11.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

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The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 19.08.2025 under the Section 24(2) of the Legal Aid Law, No. 27 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 18.11.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

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The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the Official Languages Commission (2020),— That the Annual Report of the Official Languages Commission 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 05.07.2023 under the Section 32 of the Official Languages Commission Act, No. 18 of 1991, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 26.04.2024 and 18.11.2025, and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

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The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the Official Languages Commission (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Official Languages Commission 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 09.01.2024 under the Section 32 of the Official Languages Commission Act, No. 18 of 1991, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 26.04.2024 and 18.11.2025, and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

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The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the Official Languages Commission (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Official Languages Commission 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 32 of the Official Languages Commission Act, No. 18 of 1991, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 18.11.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

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The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the Official Languages Commission (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Official Languages Commission 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 20.06.2025 under the Section 32 of the Official Languages Commission Act, No. 18 of 1991, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 18.11.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

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The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the National Institute of Language Education and Training (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Institute of Language Education and Training 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 24.07.2024 under the Section 23 of the National Institute of Language Education and Training Act, No. 26 of 2007, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 18.11.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

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The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the National Institute of Language Education and Training (2023),— That the Annual Report of the National Institute of Language Education and Training 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 10.10.2025 under the Section 23 of the National Institute of Language Education and Training Act, No. 26 of 2007, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 18.11.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

Wednesday, November 04, 2026

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Trusts (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

**** Indicates Government Business.***

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, November 04, 2026)

2338/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately as at 31.12.2025 of the number of —

(i) cases pending before the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Courts of Civil Appeal, Commercial High Courts, High Courts, District Courts, Magistrates' Courts, Children's Magistrates' Courts and Labour Tribunals;

(ii) Fundamental Rights cases filed before the Supreme Court in each year from 2020 to 2026; and

(iii) cases among the said cases in respect of which the Supreme Court granted 'leave to proceed', during each respective year?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the percentage of cases pending before the —

(i) Magistrates' Courts out of the total number of cases pending before all the courts and tribunals referred to above; and

(ii) District Courts out of the total number of cases pending before all the courts and tribunals referred to above?

(c) If not, why?

2389/2026

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) targeted number of persons to be directed for foreign employment for the year 2026;

(ii) number of persons directed for foreign employment from 01.01.2026 to 30.06.2026; and

(iii) measures that will be taken to achieve the targeted number?

(b) Will he state —

(i) of Sri Lankan Diplomatic Missions that currently do not have an appointed Ambassador and the duration for which each such position remained vacant; and

(ii) out of the number of Heads of Missions, the number of officers belonging to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service and the number of persons appointed externally?

(c) Will he also state the —

(i) amount expended by the Ministry on foreign visits from 01.01.2025 to date;

(ii) countries visited, dates of visit, number of participants, and the objectives of the said visits;

(iii) total expenditure incurred for each such visit including airfare, accommodation, and allowances, separately; and

(iv) agreements and Memoranda of Understanding signed, and the benefits accrued, separately?

(d) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, November 05, 2026)

2339/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the Ministry of Health prints textbooks relating to the study of 'Ayurveda', 'Siddha', 'Unani' and 'Homoeopathic' medicine through the Department of Government Printing or the Department of Ayurveda; and

(ii) if so, of the year in which such textbooks were last printed and the subjects covered by those textbooks?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) of the textbooks printed by the Government during the past 05 years for the promotion of traditional systems of medicine; and

(ii) if not, why?

(c) If not, why?

2340/2026

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

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) there are legal provisions for the use of DNA tests to resolve a dispute regarding the paternity or maternity of a child arising during legal proceedings;

(ii) in a case instituted under the Maintenance Act, No. 37 of 1999, where a dispute arises regarding the paternity or maternity of a child, the Magistrates' Court does not possess authority to compel a party to provide samples required for a DNA test; and

(iii) in a case before a District Court regarding the paternity or maternity of a child, there are no adequate statutory provisions empowering the court to order a party to provide samples required for a DNA test?

(b) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether action will be taken to introduce the necessary statutory provisions to address such legal deficiencies;

(ii) if so, of the laws proposed to be amended or enacted; and

(iii) of the expected timeframe for introducing such laws?

(c) If not, why?

2393/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the services that have been planned to be continuously provided by the Ministry of Labour out of those that were provided by the 'Shrama Wasana Fund';

(ii) of the services that will no longer be directly continued by the Ministry, and of the names of the institutions that will take over the said services;

(iii) whether a transitional action plan and a timeframe have been prepared for the transfer of such services; and

(iv) of the measures that have been taken to ensure that the beneficiaries do not lose any services or benefits during the transition period?

(b) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, November 06, 2026)

2394/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether application forms, guidelines, eligibility criteria, and other information regarding the services provided by the 'Shrama Wasana Fund' have been made available in all three languages, namely Sinhala, Tamil, and English;

(ii) if not, of the reasons therefor;

(iii) whether the Ministry will take steps to provide the application forms, guidelines, online services, and letters regarding the decisions in all three languages after taking over the provision of the said services by the Ministry; and

(iv) if so, of the timeframes for taking such action?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether facilities will be provided to submit application forms directly to any district labour office of the Ministry to obtain the services provided by the Fund;

(ii) whether workers who lack internet access or sufficient digital literacy will be provided with alternative facilities to submit their applications directly or by post;

(iii) whether coordinating officers will be appointed for the Mullaitivu, Mannar, and Vavuniya districts; and

(iv) of the measures that will be taken to raise awareness among workers in the rural areas and in the informal sectors?

(c) If not, why?

2497/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the proposal mentioned on page 48 of the National People's Power government's policy statement 'A Thriving Nation - A Beautiful Life' to review the current competitive examination system for government employments and update the selection process, had been accomplished as at 01.09.2026; and

(ii) if so, of its financial/physical progress?

(b) If not, why?

2498/2026

Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Minister of Digital Economy,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the proposal mentioned on page 57 of the National People's Power government's policy statement 'A Thriving Nation - A Beautiful Life' to introduce a unique digital identification code (UDI) to every citizen to liaise with the Government to access public services, had been accomplished as at 01.09.2026; and

(ii) if so, of its financial/physical progress?

(b) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, November 13, 2026)

2341/2026

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

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) indigenous traditional medical practitioners have contributed toward sustaining the system of indigenous medicine in Sri Lanka; and

(ii) the said system of medicine has traditionally been transmitted through a lineage of teacher-disciple relationships?

(b) Will he accept that —

(i) the said system of medicine was subsequently nurtured and expanded through the ‘Vaidya Thaksalawa’ (Gurukula) system;

(ii) specialized and expert medical lineages renowned for treating various diseases existed throughout the country; and

(iii) the said system of medicine, which has been continuously preserved to date, ought to be declared a ‘national heritage’?

(c) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the World Health Organization and UNESCO have declared that indigenous systems of medicine should be preserved;

(ii) of the measures taken by the Government to preserve and sustain the said system of medicine in conformity with those policies; and

(iii) whether it has been ensured that the new Bill drafted for the registration of traditional medical practitioners upholds those international policies?

(d) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Saturday, November 14, 2026)

2342/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House whether the revision of the 'Ayurveda Pharmacopoeia' prohibits traditional medical practitioners from treating patients using their indigenous medicine?

(b) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the Government has a formal programme to teach basic theoretical principles to students that pursue traditional medicine; and

(ii) of the officers who have been appointed to supervise these students prior to their written examination?

(c) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether the Medical Council has empowered Community Health Officers to determine the number of students pursuing traditional medicine; and

(ii) if so, of the relevant legal provision?

(d) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Monday, November 16, 2026)

2499/2026

Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the proposals mentioned on page 64 of the National People's Power government's policy statement ‘A Thriving Nation - A Beautiful Life’ to ‘provide agricultural inputs including fertilizer at fair prices’ and to ‘promote the use of chemical and organic fertilizer and other agricultural inputs based on Good Agricultural Practices’ have been accomplished as of 01.09.2026; and

(ii) if so, of its financial/physical progress?

(b) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, November 17, 2026)

2500/2026

Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the proposal mentioned on page 57 of the National People's Power government's policy statement 'A Thriving Nation - A Beautiful Life' to 'expedite providing Export Development Tax rebate on Input VAT for exporters' had been accomplished as at 01.09.2026; and

(ii) if so, of its financial/physical progress?

(b) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, November 18, 2026)

2501/2026

Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the proposal mentioned on page 41 of the National People's Power government's policy statement ‘A Thriving Nation - A Beautiful Life’ on ‘Development and implementation of a broad pension policy applicable to all workers in the country’ had been accomplished as at 01.09.2026; and

(ii) if so, of its financial/physical progress?

(b) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, November 19, 2026)

2512/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the private entity named ‘Lanka Metro Transit’ (LMT) is subject to audit by the National Audit Office in terms of Article 154 of the Constitution of Sri Lanka;

(ii) whether approval of the Department of Management Services has been obtained for the recruitments that have been made to the said entity hitherto;

(iii) whether there is a disparity between the salary structures of the employees of the said entity and those of the employees of the Sri Lanka Transport Board;

(iv) whether experienced drivers and conductors belonging to the Sri Lanka Transport Board have been given reasonable opportunities to join the staff of Lanka Metro Transit;

(v) if not, why?

(b) If not, why?

Friday, November 20, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

374/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that the parking lot of the Kalutara Court Complex is located irregularly;

(ii) whether steps will be taken to arrange the parking lot to proper standards and minimize traffic congestion;

(iii) whether steps have been taken to implement the development of the parking lot as a priority task; and

(iv) of the total estimated cost for upgrading the parking lot to proper standards?

(b) If not, why?

479/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, — To ask the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources, —

(a) Will he state —

(i) of the steps that can be taken to prevent incidents relating to the increasing number of Sri Lankan fishermen being arrested in India and the Maldives;

(ii) of the main reasons for such arrest;

(iii) whether the mandatory use of Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment in fishing vessels has contributed to minimizing these incidents;

(iv) of the main reasons for the arrest of Indian fishermen in Sri Lankan waters; and

(v) the steps that can be taken to expedite the legal procedures applicable to fishermen arrested in Sri Lanka, India and the Maldives, considering the lengthy period of time taken and the high expenses incurred in such procedures?

(b) If not, why?

708/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the total number of cattle and buffaloes that live/lived in Sri Lanka in each year from 2015 to date separately;

(ii) whether the number of those cattle and buffaloes has decreased;

(iii) if not, whether the said number has increased;

(iv) will he admit that, if the number of cattle and buffaloes has decreased, it is an obstacle affecting the production of liquid milk in Sri Lanka; and

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

(b) If not, why?

2414/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the names of the institutions that belong to the Ministry and located at Mahailluppallama in the Anuradhapura District;

(ii) separately, of the functions of each of the said institutions and the contribution made to the agricultural sector by the respective institution at present;

(iii) of the amount of the allocation made in each of the two years 2025 and 2026 for the maintenance and operation of the said institutions, separately;

(iv) separately, of the cadre strength and the amounts expended on salaries and overtime of the staff of each of the said institutions in each of the two years 2025 and 2026;

(v) whether a corporate plan has been prepared for the said institutions for the next 05 years;

(vi) if so, of the key targets envisaged therein; and

(vii) separately, of the number of buildings and official quarters that belong to each of the said institutions categorized by the usage status of such buildings and official quarters?

(b) If not, why?

2508/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he accepts that the major estuaries and drainage systems in Sri Lanka do not possess sufficient capacity to withstand the heavy rainfall resulting from current climate changes;

(ii) whether there is a programme in place to restructure the drainage systems so as to allow water to flow into the sea systematically and rapidly for flood control purposes;

(iii) of the steps that have been taken to prepare a modern scientific 'National Drainage Map' incorporating Sri Lanka's major catchments and drainage paths, clear blockages at estuaries, deploy large-scale drainage technology to facilitate efficient water flow during heavy rainfall, and develop infrastructure based on geological and hydrological data to minimize future flood risks;

(iv) of the financial provisions allocated for the implementation of the said programme; and

(v) of the timeframe that is required for the said programme?

(b) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, November 20, 2026)

2513/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that a large number of vehicles remain detained within the premises of Hambantota Mahinda Rajapaksa Port due to the inability to pay exorbitant demurrage charges;

(ii) of the total number of vehicles thus abandoned within the port;

(iii) of the year in which the said vehicles were imported into the country; and

(iv) of the main reasons for failing to clear the vehicles from the port?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) of the impact of this long-term accumulation of vehicles within the port premises on port operations and space management;

(ii) whether steps will be taken to release these abandoned vehicles by granting a grace period or concession on charges; and

(iii) if not, whether plans are in place to confiscate the said vehicles and sell them by public auction or allocate them for use of public institutions?

(c) If not, why?

Saturday, November 21, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1022/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that housing was provided for low-income families through housing projects implemented by the previous Government via the Urban Development Authority;

(ii) whether he is aware that the housing project that was planned to be commenced in the Batticaloa District, has been halted;

(iii) whether funds have been allocated through the Authority to recommence the said project;

(iv) if so, of the total amount of money allocated for that purpose;

(v) of the breakdown of the said allocation for each Divisional Secretariat Division separately; and

(vi) whether he will submit the list of names of the beneficiaries scheduled to be allocated housing under the project in the said district?

(b) If not, why?

1227/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether a programme named ‘Urumaya’ was implemented by the previous Government for persons who were granted ownership of State land through deeds of grant under Section 19(4) of the Land Development Ordinance, as amended by Act No. 11 of 2022; and

(ii) whether the beneficiaries handed over the grants previously issued to them to the Government in order to obtain the 'Urumaya' freehold grants under the said programme?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether the said programme is currently being implemented;

(ii) if so, of the current progress of it;

(iii) of the number of 'Urumaya' freehold grants issued to date;

(iv) of the number of grants yet to be issued;

(v) if the said programme has been suspended, whether an official announcement has been made to that effect;

(vi) if the programme has been officially suspended, whether arrangements will be made to return to the beneficiaries the grants handed over to the Government; and

(vii) if so, of the date on which this will be done?

(c) If not, why?

1382/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, 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 date on which the project to upgrade 09 estate schools under Indian grant assistance was initiated;

(ii) of the amount of money approved for that purpose;

(iii) whether she is aware that no activity of the said project has been commenced to date; and

(iv) measures that will be taken to expeditiously commence and implement the said project?

(b) If not, why?

1951/2026

Hon. Lal Premanath,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the Ministry has accepted the investigation report regarding the alleged financial fraud that has taken place in the Matara District Tea Producers' Co-operative Society;

(ii) of the measures that have been taken or are to be taken to recover the said public funds from the personal assets of the persons responsible for it;

(iii) whether a complaint has been lodged with the Criminal Investigation Department in respect of the said incident; and

(iv) of the measures that have been taken or are to be taken to prevent the persons implicated in the said incident from holding positions in other co-operative societies?

(b) If not, why?

2415/2026

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— 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 vocational education institutions established in the Anuradhapura District;

(ii) names of the said institutions;

(iii) number of students studying at each of the said institutions, separately; and

(iv) courses currently conducted at these institutions?

(b) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Saturday, November 21, 2026)

2527/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House, with regard to the Food (Trans-Fat) Regulations (Gazette Extraordinary No. 2319/41) —

(i) of the reasons for postponing the implementation through Gazette Nos. 2443/07 and 2485/54;

(ii) of the dates and recommendations of the Food Advisory Committee and the Technical Sub-Committee that supported such postponements;

(iii) whether Gazette No. 2485/54, omitted an implementation date for amended definition of trans-fat;

(iv) if so, of the measures taken to rectify this omission; and

(v) whether further postponement is contemplated?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether representations made by industry stakeholders influenced these postponements;

(ii) if so, of the details thereof;

(iii) of the total cost incurred in issuing these Gazette notifications; and

(iv) of the dates on which the regulations and amendments were submitted to Parliament under Section 32(2) of the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980?

(c) If not, why?

Monday, November 23, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1003/2025

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 average quantity of waste disposed of daily within the Colombo Municipal Council area;

(ii) of the locations where waste is currently being disposed of in the City of Colombo;

(iii) whether he is aware that a project was implemented to transport garbage from the City of Colombo to the Aruwakkalu area in Puttalam;

(iv) of the total amount of money spent on the said project to date; and

(v) of the measures that will be taken regarding the future activities of the project?

(b) If not, why?

1225/2025

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) whether there is a national policy to address the growing disparity between underpopulated and overcrowded schools across the country;

(ii) whether any short-term and long-term plans have been formulated to improve infrastructure, teaching resources and classroom facilities in overcrowded schools;

(iii) whether there are strategic plans to merge or redevelop underpopulated rural and estate sector schools without compromising access to education for students in remote areas;

(iv) whether there is a policy to allocate and deploy teachers in proportion to actual student enrolment in order to prevent both teacher shortages and surpluses; and

(v) of the measures that are being taken, to ensure equitable access to educational facilities, technology and extracurricular opportunities between overcrowded and underpopulated schools?

(b) If not, why?

1341/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of ship accidents that have been reported along the coastline of Sri Lanka and within the maritime zone of Sri Lanka from 2015 to date;

(ii) whether the damage caused to the maritime zone of Sri Lanka as a result of those accidents has been assessed;

(iii) if so, of the details in that regard;

(iv) whether compensation has been provided to persons whose livelihoods depend on the ocean for the damage caused by those accidents;

(v) if so, of the details in that regard; and

(vi) of the measures that will be taken to protect the marine ecosystem of Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

1368/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that the Kittangi Bridge, located in the Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat Division of the Ampara District, is submerged during floods, thereby disrupting the transportation of thousands of residents in the areas of Navithanveli, Central Camp, Natpiddimunai and Senaikkudiyiruppu, and adversely affecting their livelihoods; and

(ii) if so, of the steps that have been taken so far to construct the Kittangi Bridge in a flood-resistant manner?

(b) If not, why?

1535/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of railway running sheds operating under the Department of Sri Lanka Railways;

(ii) of the names of the said railway running sheds;

(iii) separately, of the number of trains operated by each of the said railway running sheds;

(iv) separately, of the number of vacancies existing for each post in those railway running sheds;

(v) of the deficiencies existing in terms of physical and human resources and infrastructure facilities in those running sheds; and

(vi) of the measures that will be taken to remedy the said deficiencies in those railway running sheds in order to improve the railway service to an optimal level?

(b) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Monday, November 23, 2026)

2528/2026

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the quantity, revenue, profit/loss, cost of production per kilogram, quantity sold and unsold stocks of each unit of brown sugar and white sugar produced by the Pelwatte and Sevanagala Units of Lanka Sugar Company (Pvt) Ltd. in each year from 2020 to 23rd September 2024 and from 24th September 2024 to date, separately;

(ii) of the annual profit/loss of Lanka Sugar Company (Pvt) Ltd. for the aforesaid periods, separately;

(iii) of the number of Company-owned sugar sales outlets operating before September 2024 and the number opened thereafter, together with their locations, turnover and profit/loss, separately;

(iv) whether the production capacity, sugar recovery, cultivated acreage and quantity of sugarcane purchased have increased or declined since September 2024; and

(v) of the measures and targets that have been established to restore Pelwatte and Sevanagala to profitable production and reduce Sri Lanka's dependence on imported sugar?

(b) If not, why?

Wednesday, November 25, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1194/2025

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that sea route is the main mode of transportation to Delft Island in the Jaffna District;

(ii) of the number of employees engaged in service on the 'passenger boat Neduntharakai' deployed in its passenger transport service;

(iii) of the designations of the said employees;

(iv) of the basis on which the said employees have been appointed and the dates of their appointment separately as per the designation;

(v) of the name of the authority by whom the said employees have been appointed on contract basis;

(vi) whether Mr. William Yesudasan Anthonyraj, Mr. Sindakulam Melkiyasmilan, Mr. Albert Mariyadasan, Mr. Anthony Amaladas and Mr. Anroos Rakeemlayon would be given permanent appointments taking into consideration their education, professional qualifications, and service tenure;

(vii) if so, of the date on which permanent appointments will be given; and

(viii) if not, of the reasons therefor?

(b) If not, why?

1646/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the total area of land belonging to the Mullaitivu, Mannar and Vavuniya Districts separately;

(ii) separately, of the area of land that belonged to the Department of Forest Conservation, Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Department of Archaeology in the said districts before 2009 and the area of land that belongs to those departments at present; and

(iii) of the area of land in the said districts under the control of the Army, Navy, Air Force and the Police, separately?

(b) If not, why?

1683/2025

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) separately, of the dates on which the Abdul Majeed Hall at Kinniya Central College and the M.E.H. Maharoof Auditorium at Al-Aqsa College were constructed;

(ii) whether she is aware that the M.E.H. Maharoof Auditorium at Al-Aqsa College, which was constructed after the Abdul Majeed Hall at Kinniya Central College, has been demolished;

(iii) if so, of the date on which the aforesaid building was demolished;

(iv) whether the aforesaid building was demolished with proper approval;

(v) if so, of the individuals who approved it;

(vi) whether she is aware that neither the Engineer in Charge of the buildings of the relevant education zone nor the Zonal Education Director was informed regarding the demolition of the aforesaid building;

(vii) whether steps will be taken against the officers who approved the demolition of a building that was fit for use; and

(viii) whether she is aware that the students of the aforesaid college are currently facing difficulties due to the lack of an auditorium following its demolition?

(b) If not, why?

1837/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of fishery harbours currently in Sri Lanka;

(ii) separately, of the dates on which fishing landing sites were established as fishery harbours and the names of the Ministers in charge of the subject of Fisheries during those periods;

(iii) of the period during which the highest number of landing sites were developed as fishery harbours; and

(iv) of the development activities carried out when establishing a landing site as a fishery harbour?

(b) If not, why?

1964/2026

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether medical rehabilitation hospitals and related units are functioning in Sri Lanka;

(ii) if so, of the locations where such hospitals and units are situated;

(iii) of the number of such hospitals and units functioning in Sri Lanka, separately; and

(iv) of the annual allocation made for such hospitals and units, separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether the staff currently employed in the aforesaid hospitals is adequate to ensure the effective provision of services;

(ii) if not, of the reasons therefor;

(iii) whether steps will be taken to fill the existing staff vacancies; and

(iv) if so, of the date by which the existing vacancies are expected to be filled?

(c) Will he further inform this House —

(i) whether the aforesaid units are equipped with facilities for the production of artificial limbs, the manufacturing of wheelchairs, and the provision of repair services;

(ii) if so, whether special provisions will be made for those purposes; and

(iii) if so, of the amount allocated for such purposes?

(d) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, November 25, 2026)

2529/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) technical, legal, and administrative reasons for repeatedly postponing the Food (Labelling and Advertising) Regulations, 2022 (Gazette No. 2319/40) from January 2024, amending them, and ultimately replacing them with Gazette No. 2494/47 in June 2026, and their impact on local industries, trade, and consumers; and

(ii) number of prosecutions for food labelling and advertising violations in 2024 and 2025, year and district-wise, separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether consumer protection and advertising safeguards from the 2022 Regulations were omitted/weakened by the 2026 Regulations;

(ii) if so, of the reasons thereof;

(iii) of the total expenditure incurred in drafting, gazetting and amending the said Regulations;

(iv) of the dates they were submitted to Parliament under Section 32(2) of the Food Act; and

(v) of the measures taken to prevent future repeated postponements, amendments and revocations of similar regulations;

(c) If not, why?

Thursday, November 26, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1913/2026

Hon. B. Ariyawansha,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the volume of annual coconut oil production in Sri Lanka in each year from 2015 up to now, separately;

(ii) if coconut oil has been exported during the said period, of the export volume of coconut oil and the income earned therefrom in each year separately;

(iii) if coconut oil has been imported during the said period, of the import volume of coconut oil and the amount spent thereon in each year separately; and

(iv) of the measures that will be taken to assure the quality of coconut oil?

(b) If not, why?

2200/2026

Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of officers currently serving as Labour Welfare Officers at foreign diplomatic missions;

(ii) separately, of the names of the said officers and the places where they are serving;

(iii) of the duties assigned to the said officers;

(iv) of the procedure followed in recruiting the said officers; and

(v) of the measures that will be taken to ensure that these recruitments are conducted on a merit-based system?

(b) If not, why?

2290/2026

Hon. Aboobucker Athambawa,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (2)

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) the public trust in the Sainthamaruthu Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society has eroded due to alleged large-scale corruption and irregularities that occurred in the past; and

(ii) irregularities such as leasing buildings at low rates, sub-leasing of those buildings by certain lessees, and the failure to collect lease arrears over a long period of time have taken place?

(b) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of branches of the above Society, the date on which the last election was held, and of its current operations;

(ii) of the period during which it was administered by an interim committee prior to the last election;

(iii) whether he accepts that issues exist regarding irregularities in the voters' register, the majority of members being elderly, the recruitment of new members being restricted to a specific group, and the lack of awareness among the youth regarding the social contribution of the Society; and

(iv) of the steps that will be taken to recover the losses caused by corruption and irregularities, and to rectify the administrative irregularities of the Society?

(c) If not, why?

2291/2026

Hon. Sunil Rajapaksha,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the people residing in estate housing belonging to private plantation companies and state plantation companies have the opportunity to engage in self-employment or business activities in addition to their employment as labourers;

(ii) if so, whether they are able to register businesses under their names;

(iii) of the provisions applicable to verify the ownership of the business premises at the time of business registration; and

(iv) whether there is a programme to provide unutilized estate land to the people residing in estate housing who are selected for Praja Shakthi or Samurdhi empowerment programmes, to be used for agricultural or animal husbandry activities?

(b) If not, why?

2571/2026

Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) proof of land ownership is required when registering kovils;

(ii) when registering kovils located in estate areas, approval from the estate administration is required, and on certain occasions, the registration of such kovils is prevented due to the failure to obtain the required recommendation; and

(iii) Grama Niladharis also do not provide the necessary recommendations confirming the clearance of land ownership issues when registering kovils located in estate areas?

(b) Will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken to resolve these issues?

(c) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, November 26, 2026)

2560/2026

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the proposal mentioned on page 60 of the National People's Power Government's Policy statement 'A Thriving Nation - A Beautiful Life' to "Establish large-scale economic and exchange centres at the district level", had been accomplished as at 01.09.2026; and

(ii) if so, of its financial/physical progress?

(b) If not, why?

Friday, November 27, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2179/2026

Hon. Sarath Kumara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of Civil Security personnel currently serving in the Department of Civil Security;

(ii) whether their appointments have been confirmed; and

(iii) of the names of the camps in which the said personnel are serving?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether the said personnel have been attached to temporary work stations;

(ii) if so, whether a programme has been formulated to meet their basic needs;

(iii) whether there is a possibility of providing specific work stations for the said personnel; and

(iv) of the procedure that is followed when granting transfers to Civil Security personnel?

(c) If not, why?

2209/2026

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

(a) Will he state the —

(i) number of foreign employment agencies registered under the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau;

(ii) name and address of each such agency, separately;

(iii) number and names of the agencies that have been blacklisted since 2015 to date; and

(iv) mechanism adopted by the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau to regulate foreign employment agencies?

(b) If not, why?

2515/2026

Hon. Dewananda Suraweera,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the total amount of loans disbursed and the number of beneficiaries under the 'Small Business Development Loan Scheme' in the year 2025;

(ii) of the institution that conducts the selection process to select the said beneficiaries;

(iii) whether a programme exists under the said scheme to provide loans to uplift entrepreneurs whose business, having been established and maintained through bank loans, were crippled due to natural disasters such as 'Ditwah' and 'COVID-19';

(iv) if so, of the number of beneficiaries of the said programme; and

(v) whether any investigation has been conducted regarding allegations that loans are being disbursed to ineligible persons over eligible persons;

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether an evaluation has been conducted regarding job creation and income growth among the beneficiary small businesses who have received loans to date;

(ii) if so, of the methodology for the said evaluation;

(iii) whether it is expected to make policy changes in the future regarding interest rates, collateral, and technical training programmes to improve this loan scheme; and

(iv) if so, of the said changes?

(c) If not, why?

2517/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of official residences allocated for Officers-in-Charge of Police Stations;

(ii) whether official residential facilities are available at every Police Station; and

(iii) if not, of the number of Police Stations where official residential facilities are not available?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) of the estimated cost of constructing or providing official residences for Police Stations that do not have such facilities;

(ii) of the number of official residences currently under construction;

(iii) of the Police Stations at which the said official residences are located; and

(iv) whether there are instances where official residences are constructed with the labour contribution of police officers and the public?

(c) Will he further inform this House —

(i) whether private-owned houses have been rented due to the lack of official residences;

(ii) if so, of the amount of money spent annually for this purpose;

(iii) whether a formal programme has been prepared to provide all the required official residential facilities; and

(iv) if so, of the expected timeframe for the completion of the said programme?

(d) If not, why?

2565/2026

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of judicial zones to which the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Monaragala District belong;

(ii) of the names of the said judicial zones;

(iii) of the names of the judicial zones to which the Galgamuwa, Nelliyadda, Mullegama, and Inginiyagala Grama Niladhari Divisions of the Madulla Divisional Secretariat Division belong;

(iv) if the said judicial zones have been officially declared by gazette notifications, of the relevant gazette notifications; and

(v) if the said judicial zones have not yet been declared by gazette notifications, of the immediate steps that will be taken to solve the difficulties faced by the public in connection with the said matter?

(b) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, November 27, 2026)

2561/2026

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the proposal mentioned on page 67 of the National People's Power Government's Policy statement 'A Thriving Nation - A Beautiful Life' of 'Providing tax relief for livestock and other raw materials to ensure fair prices for eggs and poultry meat', had been accomplished as at 01.09.2026; and

(ii) if so, of its financial/physical progress?

(b) If not, why?

Saturday, November 28, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

36/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether there is a fund named the Land Reform Commission Fund;

(ii) if so, of the total amount of assets currently held by the said Fund;

(iii) whether a programme has been commenced to produce organic fertilizer utilizing the money of the Fund; and

(iv) if so, of the details in that regard?

(b) If not, why?

167/2024

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) number of Government Departments, Corporations, Boards, and other Statutory Bodies currently operating in Sri Lanka; and

(ii) names of those institutions?

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

(i) institutions, out of those mentioned above, that are housed in private buildings,;

(ii) total amount paid as rent and other building usage charges for those institutions from the year 2015 to date; and

(iii) measures that will be taken to relocate these institutions to government-owned buildings?

(c) If not, why?

2377/2026

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) existing legal provisions relating to the taxes, licence fees, and other charges levied by Local Authorities on hotels, tourist resorts, and guest houses registered with the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA); and

(ii) legal action that can be taken by the Local Authorities against establishments that fail to make those payments?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) of the amount of taxes due, taxes collected and outstanding tax arrears from tourist resorts in the Batticaloa District during the past 05 years, separately for each year;

(ii) in a situation where revenue has decreased due to the default on tax payments, how the expenditure of 40% for employee salaries is met;

(iii) of the measures that will be taken to ensure that deficiencies in tax collection do not affect employees' salaries and essential services; and

(iv) whether a special tax collection mechanism will be introduced to recover outstanding tax arrears promptly and maintain financial stability;

(c) If not, why?

2546/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether there is a commercial and housing complex belonging to the National Housing Development Authority located on Mihindu Mawatha, near the Gunasinghe Statue in Pettah;

(ii) if so, of the years in which the construction activities of the aforesaid commercial and housing complex were commenced and completed;

(iii) whether the housing units and shops therein have been bestowed to the public following the completion of construction;

(iv) if so, of the procedure followed for the aforesaid purpose; and

(v) of the current status of the housing units and shops so bestowed?

(b) If not, why?

2566/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of nursing schools currently operating in Sri Lanka;

(ii) number of student nurses currently undergoing training in the aforesaid nursing schools;

(iii) number of nursing officers required for hospitals in Sri Lanka for the year 2026;

(iv) number of existing vacancies for nursing officers; and

(v) current status of the programme that has been implemented to upgrade nursing schools to the university level and to recruit nursing officers?

(b) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Saturday, November 28, 2026)

2567/2026

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) separately, of the number of tanks being renovated or repaired by the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, the Department of Agrarian Development, and the Department of Irrigation under the 2026 budget allocations; and

(ii) separately in US dollars, of the foreign-aid or foreign-loan projects, implemented under the Ministry, together with the amount of funds allocated to each project?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) of the projects among the above-mentioned projects under which the renovation, repair, or new construction of tanks, anicuts, and canals is carried out;

(ii) of the number of tanks, anicuts, and irrigation canals to be renovated, repaired, or newly constructed in the year 2026, under each of the aforesaid projects; and

(iii) separately, of the specific amount of funds allocated for the year 2026 under each of the aforesaid projects?

(c) If not, why?

Monday, November 30, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

690/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— 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 there is a school named NCP/A/TH/GAL/ Nelumpathgama Vidyalaya in Negampaha in Siyambalewa in the North Central Province;

(ii) of the number of students currently studying in the said school;

(iii) of the number of teachers currently serving in the said school; and

(iv) of the measures that will be taken to develop and maintain the continuous operation of this school?

(b) If not, why?

991/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of public and private sector institutions that have been revealed to have failed to properly provide benefits payable to the members of the Employees' Provident Fund since 2015 to date;

(ii) names of aforesaid institutions;

(iii) measures taken to provide proper benefits to the respective members; and

(iv) measures taken against public and private sector institutions that have not properly credited the contributions to the provident accounts during the period mentioned in (i) above?

(b) If not, why?

1745/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the electricity generation capacity of the Uma Oya Hydropower Plant has been connected to the national grid following the construction of the said plant;

(ii) if so, of the electricity generation capacity currently added to the national grid through the said plant;

(iii) of the amount of funding provided by the Government of Iran for the said project;

(iv) whether the said funding was provided as a grant or as a loan; and

(v) whether the payment of compensation to persons affected by the construction of tunnels as part of the said project has been completed?

(b) If not, why?

2459/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) total number of buses currently owned by the Sri Lanka Transport Board;

(ii) number of buses currently in roadworthy condition;

(iii) number of buses, out of those not in roadworthy condition, that can be restored to roadworthy condition; and

(iv) measures that have been taken to restore the said buses to operation?

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

(i) total distance, in kilometers, that the Board expects its buses to operate daily;

(ii) average daily distance, in kilometers, that remains unoperated out of the said total distance;

(iii) daily loss of revenue incurred as a result; and

(iv) measures that have been taken to minimize the said loss of operational mileage?

(c) If not, why?

2509/2026

Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether a common and formal national-level curriculum and a systematic regulatory framework exist for driving schools currently operating in Sri Lanka; and

(ii) if not, whether steps will be taken to formulate a new curriculum and regulatory mechanism to ensure that training of uniform standards and quality is provided across all driving schools?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether the current driver training curriculum includes theoretical and practical training on identifying and rectifying minor technical and mechanical faults that may occur in a vehicle; and

(ii) if not, whether steps will be taken to include a practical training module on rectifying such faults in the basic training required to obtain a driving license?

(c) Will he further inform this House, whether it is proposed to include road safety, updated knowledge on traffic rules and regulations, road etiquette, and basic first aid in this training?

(d) If not, why?

Tuesday, December 01, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

375/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will she accept that —

(i) women's representation within the political structure should be increased to at least 50%;

(ii) a proposal exists to allocate at least 50% of the National List in Parliament to women; and

(iii) a proposal exists to allocate 50% of the nomination list for each district to women in Parliamentary Elections?

(b) If so, will she inform this House of the legislative reforms expected to be implemented to achieve that policy?

(c) If not, why?

480/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of families registered for receiving social welfare benefits in Sri Lanka to date, in each district, separately;

(ii) of the number of families received benefits under the Samurdhi programme during the years 2023 and 2024, in each district, separately;

(iii) of the mechanism used to identify and select families eligible to receive benefits under the Samurdhi programme;

(iv) whether any assessment has been made regarding the effectiveness of the beneficiary selection process; and

(v) the total administrative expenditure incurred annually in implementing the Samurdhi programme?

(b) If not, why?

709/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that the previous Government had planned a programme to seek Indian assistance to develop the livestock sector in Sri Lanka;

(ii) of the measures that will be taken by the incumbent Government in that regard; and

(iii) of the measures that will be taken to develop the livestock sector in Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

999/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) products manufactured at sugar factories in addition to sugar;

(ii) annual production quantities of sugar and other products at each factory, separately, from the year 2023 to date; and

(iii) annual revenue and expenditure of each factory during the said period, separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether there are any sugar factories that are currently incurring financial losses;

(ii) if so, of the names of such factories;

(iii) of the annual losses incurred by each of those factories, separately, from the year 2023 to date;

(iv) of the reasons for such losses; and

(v) of the measures taken by the Government to return the said factories to profitability?

(c) If not, why?

1356/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that there are drainage systems to be newly constructed and repaired in the Periyathona area of the Kattankudy Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District;

(ii) whether he is aware that there are drainage systems to be newly constructed and repaired on the Lagoon Park Road in the Eravur Divisional Secretariat Division; and

(iii) if so, whether necessary steps will be taken in that regard?

(b) If not, why?

Wednesday, December 02, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1342/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that a factory owned by the Ceylon Ceramics Corporation is situated in the Bangadeniya area in the Chilaw Electorate;

(ii) of the total extent of the said land;

(iii) whether he is aware that buildings situated on the said land have been demolished; and

(iv) of the measures that will be taken to make maximum use of the said factory and land?

(b) If not, why?

1383/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) amount of provisions allocated for maternal and child health activities in the year 2025;

(ii) amount of provisions utilized so far out of the said allocation;

(iii) programmes and projects implemented under the same; and

(iv) provision utilized as a percentage of the total provision allocated?

(b) If not, why?

1703/2025

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 of the —

(i) number of Teacher Training Colleges currently functioning in Sri Lanka;

(ii) names of the said colleges;

(iii) courses that are conducted in these colleges; and

(iv) measures that will be taken to reform the courses offered in Teacher Training Colleges in accordance with the new educational reforms?

(b) If not, why?

2009/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that the residents of the Bewaraliya Estate belonging to the Mathurata Plantations have been rendered helpless due to the neglect of the legal responsibility by the present estate management to register natural deaths occurring in the said estate;

(ii) whether he accepts that, as per the Births and Deaths Registration Act, No. 17 of 1951 and Circular No. 08/2023, the legal authority and responsibility to report a death occurring in a registered estate lie with the estate management;

(iii) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry against the decision of the management to suspend, only at the Bewaraliya Estate, the common practice followed in other estates, citing the absence of an estate hospital and a welfare officer;

(iv) whether action will be taken to grant relief to the affected estate residents by issuing instructions to the said estate management; and

(v) if so, of the time that will be taken for that purpose?

(b) If not, why?

2568/2026

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the North Central Province to which drinking water has been supplied to date under the 'Maha Ela Water Project';

(ii) number of families to whom water connections have been provided to date under the said Project;

(iii) total length, in kilometres, of roads along which water pipelines have been laid to date under the said Project;

(iv) length, in kilometres, of roads along which water pipelines are yet to be laid; and

(v) total number of families expected to be covered by the said Project?

(b) If not, why?

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Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Select Committee of Parliament to conduct a comprehensive study and report on the tragic incident of Black July of 1983 and its impact and to submit its proposals and recommendations to Parliament on ensuring national harmony and providing relief to the affected people,— Whereas the Black July, which took place in 1983, dragged the country back economically, socially and culturally for several decades, and as a result, thousands of valuable lives were lost, massive damage to property was caused, and the country suffered a huge setback economically;

And whereas, the most serious and devastating damage that was caused to the country was the escalation of tension, fear and suspicion among the communities rather than the physical damage;

And whereas, the loss of lives, damage to property and the psychological and social damage caused to the people by the Black July of 1983, which is considered to be the worst tragedy in the history of Sri Lanka, have not yet been properly assessed;

And whereas the need has arisen to develop a strong legal, social and reconciliation mechanism in order to prevent the recurrence of such racist and crisis-ridden incidents in the future;

And whereas it has become essential to take necessary steps to prevent activities that undermine the trust and goodwill existing between different ethnic groups in Sri Lanka;

And whereas the factors that led to the occurrence of the said incident and the individuals who led such destructive acts must be uncovered;

And whereas it is the responsibility of the State to provide some just relief or dignified redress to all the people who were affected and aggrieved by the said incident in order to provide solace to the people;

That this Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to conduct a comprehensive study and report on the tragic incident of Black July of 1983 and its impact and to submit its proposals and recommendations to Parliament on ensuring national harmony and providing relief to the affected people.

2. (a) that the Chair and Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Speaker; and

   (b) that in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 101 of Parliament, the Committee shall consist of not more than twelve (12) Members.

3. That the Committee shall have the power to—

   (a) fix its quorum;

   (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;

(c) obtain the services of specialists and experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and

(d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment or prorogation of Parliament.

4. The Committee shall present its report to Parliament within a period of six months (06) from the first meeting of the Committee or within such further period as Parliament may grant.