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FOR

Tuesday, November 03, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1195/2025

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— 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 schools located in Delft Island in the Jaffna District are operating with inadequate physical resources and a shortage of staff;

(ii) of the category to which J/Delft College, located in that area, belongs;

(iii) of the number of students that receive education at the said school;

(iv) of the approved cadre of the school, including the principal, teachers, and non-academic staff;

(v) the number of staff members currently serving;

(vi) of the reasons for not filling the vacancies in the staff, to date;

(vii) of the period of time that is required to fill the said vacancies; and

(viii) of the difficulties the students of the said school are experiencing as a result of inadequate academic staff?

(b) If not, why?

2.

1574/2025

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

(a) Is he aware that the —

(i) forest situated behind the human settlement opposite the Thirumurikandy Pillaiyar Kovil (Ganadevi Devalaya) in the Mullaitivu District is a reserved area;

(ii) forest in the said reserve has been cleared after the year 2010 and constructions have been erected therein; and

(iii) said reserve has not yet been released from the administration of the Department of Forest Conservation?

(b) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the name of the aforesaid forest reserve;

(ii) of the date and number of the Gazette notification by which the said forest area was declared a reserve;

(iii) whether an Environmental Impact Assessment report has been obtained in respect of the felling of trees carried out within the reserve; and

(iv) whether the officials of the State Timber Corporation have carried out the said felling of trees under proper approval?

(c) If not, why?

3.

1684/2025

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

(a) Is he aware that the —

(i) office of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board located in the Kinniya area is inadequate, relative to the population and the number of water consumers in that area; and

(ii) vehicle provided to the said office is in an unusable condition?

(b) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of consumers who have been provided with drinking water supply services which are maintained by the Kinniya office of the Water Board;

(ii) whether steps will be taken to establish a new office with adequate facilities in place of the existing office;

(iii) if not, of the reasons therefor; and

(iv) whether action will be taken to provide new public water connections, given the increase in the number of persons requesting new water connections in the Kinniya area?

(c) If not, why?

4.

1827/2026

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) separately, average number of deaths and injuries resulting from road accidents in Sri Lanka per year;

(ii) average number of individuals who become temporarily and permanently disabled due to the said accidents;

(iii) average number of hospital beds allocated and the average number of bed-days utilized per year for road accident victims; and

(iv) approximate annual cost incurred in treating those injured in road accidents?

(b) If not, why?

5.

2126/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of Multi-Purpose Cooperative Societies in the Western Province;

(ii) whether those societies have been registered under the Cooperative Societies Act;

(iii) if not, of the number of Cooperative Societies that have not been registered;

(iv) of the number of cooperative banks in the Province that are regulated by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, covered by the Deposit Insurance Scheme, and not covered by the scheme;

(v) of the number of depositors and the value of deposits in the cooperative banks operating within the Province as at 31.12.2025;

(vi) of the number of cooperative banks that have defaulted on the repayment of deposits to depositors, and the value of such unpaid deposits as at the said date; and

(vii) of the names of those banks?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether expedited mechanisms have been established for the recovery of deposits and loans;

(ii) if so, of the said mechanisms; and

(iii) of the legal actions that will be taken against cooperative societies that are not registered and not subject to the regulation of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, and against the management of such societies that has committed corruption and irregularities?

(c) If not, why?

6.

2164/2026

Hon. Sarath Kumara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the year in which the Gazette notification was issued declaring the 'Gal Oya Valley National Park' as a national park;

(ii) of the administrative districts and Divisional Secretariat Divisions to which the said national park belongs;

(iii) of the total land area of the said national park;

(iv) whether legal permission has been granted for cultivation activities within the boundary of the national park located in the Baduluwela Grama Niladhari Division of the Madulla Divisional Secretariat Division in the Monaragala District; and

(v) if so, of the extent of land allocated for cultivation activities?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether permanent houses or other buildings have been constructed within the reservation limits of the Baduluwela area in the Madulla Divisional Secretariat Division belonging to the said national park;

(ii) if so, of the number of families currently residing within the said reservation limits;

(iii) of the legal status regarding the said residents and cultivators; and

(iv) of the steps taken to resolve the issues of those people?

(c) If not, why?

7.

2198/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the recruitment procedure to the Sri Lanka Scientific Service;

(ii) of the approved cadre of the said Service;

(iii) of the number of existing vacancies in the aforesaid Service;

(iv) of the designations of the posts approved for the said Service in each Government institution;

(v) if officers from other services have been assigned to cover up duties of the relevant posts due to vacancies in the said Service, the particulars thereof; and

(vi) of the measures that will be taken to address the issues relating to the existing vacancies and other matters pertaining to the said Service?

(b) If not, why?

8.

2275/2026

Hon. Sugath Wasantha de Silva,— To ask the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of persons with disabilities in Sri Lanka at present;

(ii) number of such persons, separately, according to the nature of their disability; and

(iii) measures taken by the Government for the welfare of such persons with disabilities?

(b) If not, why?

9.

2381/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the follow-up mechanism that is currently in place to verify that a Sri Lankan worker who has migrated for foreign employment is employed at the agreed place of employment;

(ii) of the programme that has been implemented to ensure that a worker maintains contact with their relatives in Sri Lanka upon migrating for employment;

(iii) of the manner in which it is ensured that migrant workers receive their stipulated salary on the due date, as well as requisite facilities including appropriate accommodation, food, and warm clothing;

(iv) of the manner in which the physical and mental safety of the said workers are guaranteed;

(v) whether a regulatory mechanism is maintained to monitor whether migrant workers return to Sri Lanka at the end of their contract period or extend their contract period; and

(vi) of the programmes that will be implemented for the safety and welfare of a worker's spouse and children while the said worker is employed overseas?

(b) If not, why?

10.

2484/2026

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether there is a tendency for officers and other ranks of the Tri Forces, who have been recruited for various professions, to vacate their service;

(ii) if so, of the reasons for such a tendency;

(iii) of the actions taken against officers who, having vacated the service and remained overseas, are arrested or surrender themselves upon returning to Sri Lanka;

(iv) whether there is a possibility for officers who have vacated the service and are residing abroad to rejoin the service;

(v) if not, why; and

(vi) of the time required to process the request of an officer applying to resign from the service?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether the members of the Tri-Forces have been included in the 05-year foreign leave scheme for the public servants;

(ii) if not, why;

(iii) of the number of members of Tri-Forces who have obtained foreign leave under the said scheme, for each Force separately;

(iv) if such foreign leave has subsequently been cancelled, of the reasons for such cancellation; and

(v) of the reasons for not granting a general amnesty period to the persons referred to in (a)(i) above who have vacated the service, and for not including them in previous general amnesty periods, separately?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Civil Procedure Code (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Civil Procedure Code (Chapter 101).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2.

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

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

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Hon. Thanura Dissanayake

Hon. (Mrs.) M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani

Hon. Gayan Janaka

Hon. Sunil Watagala, Attorney at Law

Hon. Gamagedara Dissanayake

Hon. Shantha Pathma Kumara Subasingha

Hon. Janitha Ruwan Kodithuwakku

Hon. Chaminda Lalith Kumara

Hon. (Mrs.) Anushka Thilakarathne, Attorney at Law

Hon. Eranga Weeraratne

Hon. Muneer Mulaffer

Hon. Ramalingam Chandrasekar

Hon. Lasith Bhashana Gamage

Hon. Kitnan Selvaraj

Hon. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi

Hon. (Dr.) Sandaruwan Madarasinghe

Hon. Jagath Manuwarna

Hon. (Mrs.) Deepthi Wasalage

Hon. Kanchana Welipitiya

Hon. R.G. Wijerathna

Hon. (Mrs.) Nilanthi Kottahachchi, Attorney at Law

Hon. Muhammad Faizal

Hon. Sunil Biyanwila

Hon. Chandima Hettiaratchi

Hon. Manjula Sugath Rathnayaka

Hon. Aruna Panagoda

Hon. Susantha Dodawatta, Attorney at Law

Hon. Roshan Akmeemana

Hon. U.P. Abeywickrama, Attorney at Law

Hon. Sugath Thilakaratne

Hon. Nanda Bandara

Hon. Wasantha Pushpa Kumara

Hon. Asoka Sapumal Ranwala

Hon. (Dr.) Nihal Abeysinghe

Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara

Hon. Nishantha Perera

Hon. K. Ilankumaran

Hon. Ananda Wijepala

Hon. (Dr.) S. Sri Bavanandarajah

Hon. Kanthasamy Prabu

Hon. Ravindra Bandara

Hon. Fasmin Sharif

Hon. (Dr.) Sellaththamby Thilaganathan

Hon. Bhagya Sri Herath, Attorney at Law

Hon. Eranga Gunasekara

Hon. R.M. Samantha Ranasinghe

Hon. Sanjeewa Ranasingha

Hon. Riyas Farook

Hon. Sudath Balagalla

Hon. E.M. Basnayaka

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.

*2.

Elimination of Rabies and Registration of Dogs Bill — Adjourned debate on question (23rd October 2026) [1].

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Sri Lanka Cricket Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Protection of the State from Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Immigration Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Appropriation Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Prevention of Foreign Terrorist Fighters Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Prevention of Organised Crimes Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

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

*24.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

Finance (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

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."

27.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

28.

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

29.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

30.

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

31.

UNV 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.

2452/2026

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 separately, in respect of each project implemented or being implemented under foreign loans or grants by the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education and its affiliated institutions during the period from 01.01.2020 to 30.06.2026, of the —

(i) name of the project and the project number of the lending institution;

(ii) funding foreign institution or State;

(iii) relevant agreement numbers, dates of signing, and effective dates;

(iv) total cost, the amount of foreign funds, and the government allocation; and

(v) relevant interest rate, grace period, and repayment period?

(b) Will she also inform this House, as at 30th June 2026 separately, in respect of each project of the —

(i) amount expended from the allocated funds and its percentage;

(ii) physical progress as a percentage;

(iii) variance between the progress expected according to the original plan and the actual progress; and

(iv) delay that has occurred?

(c) If not, why?

2.

2453/2026

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 foreign funds have been utilized for the printing of textbooks and subject modules issued under the new educational reforms implemented from the year 2026;

(ii) if so, of the name of the said project and the funding agency or State;

(iii) whether the said funding was obtained as a loan or a grant;

(iv) of the duration of the project and the total amount of funds that were allocated for printing; and

(v) of the amount expended out of those funds as at 30.06.2026?

(b) Will she also inform this House —

(i) of the number of copies that had to be withheld from distribution or withdrawn due to errors, categorized separately according to grade, subject, and medium;

(ii) of the financial loss incurred by the Government as a result;

(iii) of the number of copies that were reprinted, the total cost for the same, and the source of funding;

(iv) of the conclusions of the investigations that were conducted in this regard; and

(v) whether steps have been taken to recover the said loss from the responsible parties?

(c) If not, why?

3.

2454/2026

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the construction of the Jaffna Indoor Stadium has commenced;

(ii) if so, of the date of commencement of the said construction;

(iii) of the total provisions allocated for the said purpose;

(iv) of the methodology by which the contract was awarded;

(v) of the contractor to whom the said construction has been entrusted; and

(vi) of the agreed contract amount of the said contract?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) of the expenditure incurred so far and the physical progress achieved as a percentage for the said project;

(ii) if expenditure has been incurred in excess of the estimated amount, of that amount and the reasons therefor;

(iii) of the remaining provisions required for the year 2026, and the scheduled date of completion of the said project; and

(iv) of the estimated annual maintenance and operational cost?

(d) If not, why?