(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 194.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, November 04, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

2208/2026

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

(a) Will he state the —

(i) number of institutions functioning under the Ministry of Justice and National Integration;

(ii) names of the said institutions;

(iii) number of vacancies for judicial officers and other officers, separately according to each institution; and

(iv) measures that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the said vacancies?

(b) If not, why?

2.

2250/2026

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number and names of the state-owned sugar factories located in the Monaragala District;

(ii) sugar production of the said factories from the year 2020 to date, annually and separately according to each factory;

(iii) number of farmers supplying sugarcane to the said factories, separately according to each factory; and

(iv) measures that will be taken to further develop these factories?

(b) If not, why?

3.

2295/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that certain individuals who are not qualified to obtain a driving license or who are unable to use ordinary motorcycles due to various reasons, ride motorcycles with an engine capacity of 48cc;

(ii) whether he is aware that individuals riding such motorcycles face hardships as police officers demand driving licenses from them and initiate legal action against them;

(iii) whether a driving license is mandatory to ride a motorcycle with an engine capacity of 48cc under the existing law;

(iv) if so, whether the government has focused its attention on introducing a concessionary legal or administrative mechanism for farmers, elderly persons, and low-income groups who ride the said motorcycles; and

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

(b) If not, why?

4.

2299/2026

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of motorcycles and mopeds with an engine capacity of less than 50 cubic centimeters (50cc) currently registered in Sri Lanka;

(ii) of the procedure currently in place for registering such motorcycles and mopeds;

(iii) of the conditions to be fulfilled, documents to be submitted, and technical requirements to be met for the registration of motorcycles with an engine capacity of less than 50cc; and

(iv) whether attention has been drawn to providing a concessionary procedure or a special grace period for the registration of motorcycles and mopeds with an engine capacity of less than 50cc purchased prior to the year 2010?

(b) If not, why?

5.

2457/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) separately, of the number of scheduled daily train trips and the number of daily train trips currently operated in Sri Lanka;

(ii) of the number of locomotives and power sets required to cover all the aforesaid train trips;

(iii) of the total number of locomotives and power sets owned by Sri Lanka Railways;

(iv) of the number that are currently in active running condition from the aforesaid locomotives and power sets;

(v) of the number of locomotives and power sets that have been temporarily withdrawn from service but are capable of being restored to running condition;

(vi) of the measures that have been taken to bring the aforesaid non-operational locomotives and power sets back into service to date; and

(vii) of the current progress of the aforesaid measures?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1 and 2 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Orders 27 of the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 20 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2508/27 of 01st October 2026, which were presented on 03.11.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 119— Programme 01 and Supplementary Sum,— Head 102— Programme 01— †That this Parliament resolves that an additional sum not exceeding Rupees Forty-Seven Billion (Rs. 47,000,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or any other fund or finances possessed by the Government, or any loan obtained by the Government at the discretion of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, for the services of the financial year commencing on 01st January, 2026, and ending on 31st December, 2026, and that the said sum may be expended in the manner specified in the schedule hereto:-

SCHEDULE

Head 119	-	Minister of Energy	
Programme 01	-	Operational Activities	
		Recurrent Expenditure	Rs. 41,000,000,000
Head 102	-	Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development	
Programme 01	-	Operational Activities	
		Recurrent Expenditure	Rs. 6,000,000,000
		Total Expenditure	**Rs. 47,000,000,000**

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 7 of 2026 presented on 03rd November, 2026

Total of Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1 to 6 Rs. 622,413,000,000

*3.

Trusts (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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

*5.

Sri Lanka Cricket Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Protection of the State from Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Immigration Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Appropriation Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Prevention of Foreign Terrorist Fighters Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Prevention of Organised Crimes Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.)

*22.

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.)

*23.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

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

*26.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

Finance (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*28.

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."

29.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

30.

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

31.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

32.

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

33.

UNV Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* ***Indicates Government Business.***

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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?

2.

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?

3.

2455/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether a follow-up mechanism is in operation regarding the community development projects implemented by the Department of Samurdhi Development;

(ii) if so, of the manner in which it is conducted;

(iii) separately of the amount of provisions allocated for salaries and other administrative activities, and for empowerment programmes, for the year 2026; and

(iv) of the criteria or indicators used to identify an empowered family as a ‘family lifted out of poverty’?

(b) If not, why?