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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, November 05, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

34/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the objectives of establishing the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund;

(ii) of the sources of funding for the Fund;

(iii) of the details of the properties purchased by the Government, if any, using the assets of the Fund; and

(iv) if the financial strength and the income status of the Fund have increased through the said properties or investments, of the details of it?

(b) If not, why?

2.

164/2024

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) year in which charges were framed against the individual named Arjuna Mahendran regarding the Central Bank bond scam;

(ii) number of notices issued against him by the Courts of this country in relation to that;

(iii) dates on which those notices were issued and the names of the Courts that issued them;

(iv) reasons for the inability to have him extradited to this country to date; and

(v) steps taken by the relevant Ministry to extradite him to this country?

(b) If not, why?

3.

688/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of applications that have been received by each Divisional Secretariat Division from the year 2024 to date to obtain Aswesuma benefits;

(ii) number of applications on which action has been taken to date out of the said applications;

(iii) number of applications currently pending at the Divisional Secretariats; and

(iv) measures that will be taken to properly evaluate the said applications?

(b) If not, why?

4.

989/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that a special programme for the importation of electric vehicles for migrant workers has been implemented;

(ii) of the number of electric vehicles that have been imported into the country under the said programme;

(iii) of the eligibility criteria that were adopted for the said programme;

(iv) whether an investigation has been conducted into complaints received alleging that irregularities or acts of corruption have occurred in the implementation of the said programme; and

(v) if so, of the measures that will be taken against the persons responsible therefor?

(b) If not, why?

5.

2045/2026

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the contribution of each power generation method to the total electricity generation in Sri Lanka, as a percentage, separately;

(ii) of the power generation methods with the highest and lowest generation costs; and

(iii) whether there are plans to minimize reliance on high-cost power generation methods?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) of the number of times electricity tariffs have been revised from the year 2025 to date;

(ii) of the average additional financial cost that domestic electricity consumers have had to bear due to the revisions of electricity tariffs; and

(iii) whether relief programmes have been implemented for low-income families?

(c) If not, why?

6.

2327/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

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

(ii) separately, of the number of luxury, semi-luxury and normal (standard) buses among them; and

(iii) of the number of Metro buses imported into the country in the year 2026?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) separately, on a provincial basis, of the number of private buses operating in Sri Lanka;

(ii) of the number of private buses for which permits have been issued by the National Transport Commission; and

(iii) of the approximate annual revenue received by the National Transport Commission through the issuance of permits and other related services?

(c) If not, why?

7.

2354/2026

Hon. Mayilvaganam Jegatheeswaran,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House of the amount of funds allocated annually for development and maintenance activities of the Vavuniya National College of Education from its establishment up to now, the amount expended, the activities carried out, and the amount of funds that remained unutilized, separately for each year?

(b) Will she also inform this House —

(i) whether funds have been allocated for the renovation of the student hostels, college buildings and the deteriorated playground;

(ii) if so, of the amount that has been allocated; and

(iii) if not, of the date on which the said funds will be allocated?

(c) Will she further inform this House —

(i) of the steps that will be taken to address the shortage of academic and non-academic staff;

(ii) whether officials of the Ministry have recently inspected the National College of Education;

(iii) if not, whether an inspection will be carried out in the future; and

(iv) whether prompt measures will be taken to resolve the aforementioned issues?

(d) If not, why?

8.

2403/2026

Hon. Thilina Samarakoon,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the parks operating in the Habarana, Minneriya and Kaudulla areas and the institutions that manage them; and

(ii) separately, of the number of local and foreign tourists who have visited the aforesaid parks so far in 2026 and the amount of income received?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) of the method of issuing tickets for the local and foreign tourists who visit the Minneriya National Park;

(ii) whether he accepts that there are weaknesses in the method of issuing the aforesaid tickets and admitting tourists to the park;

(iii) whether the zoological museum in the aforesaid park is currently operational;

(iv) if not, of the reasons therefor;

(v) whether adequate sanitary facilities are available for tourists who visit daily; and

(vi) if so, separately, of the number of toilets and urinals available?

(c) If not, why?

9.

2471/2026

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) separately, of the number of suspects held in remand custody, convicted inmates, and inmates sentenced to death in connection with drug-related charges;

(ii) of the daily expenditure incurred for food and other facilities for inmates; and

(iii) whether plans have been made to relax bail conditions or introduce alternative penal methods for individuals remanded for minor offenses?

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

(i) number of vacancies existing in the Department of Prisons;

(ii) measures that have been taken to address issues faced by Prison Officers regarding their security, service facilities, and profession;

(iii) steps that have been taken by the present Government to improve the health, sanitation, and nutritional standards of inmates; and

(iv) progress of the ongoing programmes that have been implemented for the rehabilitation and social reintegration of inmates?

(c) If not, why?

10.

2506/2026

Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the Ministry possesses data regarding the economic losses incurred by farmers and fishermen in the Puttalam District due to the absence of a suitable Economic Centre to manage their harvest;

(ii) whether he admits that wastage of food occurs during high-yielding seasons owing to the lack of storage facilities in these areas, and that this directly impacts national food security; and

(iii) of the steps that have been taken by the Government to establish an Economic Centre in the Puttalam District equipped with modern facilities?

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

(i) plans to minimize post-harvest wastage and to convert surplus yield into value-added products through such an Economic Centre; and

(ii) expected date of commencement of the said project and the amount of funds allocated for it?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item No. 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.

2.

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

"Bill to incorporate the Goodness Foundation."

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Trusts (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 224— Programme 01— †That this Parliament resolves that an additional sum not exceeding Rupees Four thousand two hundred and sixty-one million (Rs. 4,261,000,000) 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 224	-	Sri Lanka Air Force	
Programme 01	-	Operational Activities	
		Capital Expenditure	Rs. 4,261,000,000
		Total Expenditure	**Rs. 4,261,000,000**

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 8 of 2026 presented on 03rd November, 2026

Total of Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1 to 7 Rs. 669,413,000,000

*3.

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

*4.

Sri Lanka Cricket Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Protection of the State from Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Immigration Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Appropriation Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Prevention of Foreign Terrorist Fighters Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Prevention of Organised Crimes Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.)

*22.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

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

*25.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

Finance (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

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."

28.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

29.

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

30.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

31.

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

32.

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.

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?

2.

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?

3.

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?