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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, November 06, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

202/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of elephants and tuskers that have been killed in collisions with trains from 2020 to date for each year, separately;

(ii) locations where such accidents have occurred; and

(iii) measures that have been taken to provide a sustainable solution to prevent elephants and tuskers from being killed in collisions with trains?

(b) If not, why?

2.

373/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of remand prisoners and convicted prisoners, currently detained in the Kalutara Prison;

(ii) approved number of prisoners that can be detained in the aforesaid prison;

(iii) whether he admits that prisoners have been detained in excess of the approved capacity of the prison;

(iv) whether he admits that severe unsanitary conditions prevail in the prison; and

(v) measures that will be taken to make the aforesaid prison a clean and hygienic place?

(b) If not, why?

3.

477/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of aircraft in the full fleet operated by Sri Lankan Airlines to date; and

(ii) terms and conditions under which such aircraft have been leased?

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

(i) number of permanent and casual staff members to date, separately;

(ii) total salaries and emoluments paid to staff during each of the last 05 years, separately; and

(iii) number of staff employed per aircraft at present, and a comparison of this ratio with other leading airlines in the region?

(c) Will he further inform this House of the —

(i) subsidiaries of SriLankan Airlines;

(ii) dates of incorporation of each subsidiary;

(iii) total accumulated profit or loss carried forward, by each entity, separately; and

(iv) total turnover, gross profit, net profit, return on investment, direct taxes, and net balance sheet value of the said subsidiaries, for the last 05 years, separately?

(d) If not, why?

4.

906/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) of the number of Early Childhood Development Centres (Preschools) registered in the Eastern Province at present;

(ii) of the minimum educational qualification that should be fulfilled by the teachers employed in those preschools;

(iii) of the number of preschool teachers who have fulfilled the minimum educational qualification, out of those currently employed;

(iv) whether a uniform syllabus or a similar guideline method has been introduced for every preschool; and

(v) whether steps will be taken to provide a permanent salary to the preschool teachers by the government?

(b) If not, why?

5.

920/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of members in the delegation that represented Sri Lanka and participated in the 'BIMSTEC Youth Summit' held in India in February 2025;

(ii) names and designations of the said members;

(iii) duration for which the summit was held;

(iv) dates on which the said delegation departed from Sri Lanka and returned;

(v) objectives of holding this summit;

(vi) total amount of money spent by the Government on behalf of the Sri Lankan delegation that participated in the said summit; and

(vii) breakdown of the said expenditure in detail?

(b) If not, why?

6.

1157/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) whether there is a methodology to notify the relevant applicant, in writing or by any other means to acknowledge receipt of requests submitted to the Ministry under the Right to Information Act;

(ii) whether steps have been taken to provide the requested information within the time frame stipulated by the said Act; and

(iii) of the circumstances under which the provision of requested information can be refused?

(b) Will she also inform this House —

(i) whether a fee is charged for the information provided;

(ii) if so, of the basis and methodology of levying such fees; and

(iii) of the stage at which such fees should be paid?

(c) If not, why?

7.

1670/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) maximum number of inmates that can be accommodated in all the prisons in Sri Lanka;

(ii) total number of inmates currently detained in prisons;

(iii) said number, separately by gender;

(iv) measures taken by the Government at present to minimize overcrowding in prisons; and

(v) timeframe for implementing such measures?

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

(i) number of prisoners who, having been convicted and sentenced following a judicial trial, have lodged appeals before higher courts while being held in remand custody; and

(ii) number of prisoners who were eligible to receive the relief provided under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, No. 25 of 2024 regarding the counting of the period spent in remand custody towards the term of imprisonment, prior to 03rd May 2024, given that the said relief came into effect on that date?

(c) If not, why?

8.

1983/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the Ministry will intervene to manage the economic costs faced by Sri Lankan tea exporters due to the rise in marine insurance charges by approximately 20% owing to the Middle East crisis and transport bottlenecks in the Red Sea;

(ii) of the alternative banking mechanisms introduced to resolve payment issues arising in selling tea to major buyers such as Iran, following the conclusion of the ‘Tea-for-Oil’ credit facility;

(iii) of the date on which the proposed subsidized interest loan scheme will be implemented to protect smallholders from auction price volatility, in the face of the cost of production per kilogram of tea exceeding Rs. 1,000;

(iv) whether new trade agreements or direct marketing strategies targeting China, Russia, and the CIS countries have been implemented to date to mitigate Middle Eastern market risks; and

(v) whether a study has been conducted regarding the potential to earn additional foreign exchange through the declaration of 'Tea Tourism Zones' in plantation areas?

(b) If not, why?

9.

2400/2026

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of sites of archaeological value currently identified in the Anuradhapura District;

(ii) names of the said sites;

(iii) measures taken to conserve these archaeological sites; and

(iv) provisions allocated for the conservation of the said sites for this year, separately for each site?

(b) If not, why?

10.

2516/2026

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of persons who did not receive compensation for damage to their houses during the 'Ditwah' disaster in 2025 due to the absence of deeds or because they were unauthorized occupants;

(ii) of the criteria considered in classifying houses as unauthorized houses or houses without deeds in this regard; and

(iii) although Rs. 25,000 was provided for cleaning houses after the disaster and Rs. 50,000 was provided for purchasing essential items required for resettlement, of the reasons for not providing compensation for damaged houses on the basis that they were unauthorized houses or houses without deeds?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether the 52 houses in the Hansagama Jana Udana Gammanaya, in Grama Niladhari Division No. 504A, Belagama, within the Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat Division, have been identified as unauthorized houses;

(ii) of the number housed out of the said 52 houses that have received compensation for damaged house; and

(iii) whether actions will be taken to provide compensation to the houses that have not yet received such compensation?

(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 Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 24(2) of the Parliament.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.30 p.m. on Thursday, November 12th, 2026.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

P. 76/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Introduction of a Smart Grid and Smart Meters,— That this Parliament resolves that measures be taken to convert the national electricity grid into a Smart Grid and to introduce Smart Meters, in view of the fact that the electricity generated, particularly through rooftop solar panels, cannot currently be distinguished at the system control center, despite the importance of promoting solar energy as a renewable energy source.

2.

P. 130/2026

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— Formulation of a programme to increase train services on the Puttalam Railway Line,— That this Parliament resolves that, in view of the increase in fuel prices consequent to the prevailing situation in the Middle East region, and the growing reliance on public transportation among the large number of commuters traveling daily on the Puttalam railway line for employment and business purposes, a programme be formulated to increase train services between Puttalam and Colombo to provide an adequate service to the passenger community.

3.

P. 133/2026

Hon. Lasith Bhashana Gamage,— Formulation of a systematic methodology for the planting, scientific management, and maintenance of trees within road reserves,— That this Parliament resolves that, a systematic methodology be formulated to precisely determine the boundaries of road reserves in a manner that preserves environmental aesthetics, to maintain the tree canopy through the institutional training of relevant personnel, and to mitigate

hazards and disasters through the proper management of trees within road reserves, whereas trees within the road reserves perform a vital function by providing shade to pedestrians, enhancing environmental aesthetics and green canopy cover, absorbing pollutant gases emitted by vehicles, and serving as bio corridors in urban areas, and whereas trees within the road reserves of Sri Lanka are not managed in a professional manner by arborists, and whereas an unsystematic practice is currently followed by employees of entities such as electricity service providers, the Road Development Authority (RDA), Provincial Road Development Authorities (PRDA), local authorities, and Sri Lanka Telecom, whereby branches of trees obstructing power lines and road signage are merely lopped and cleared.

4.

P. 4/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Converting all Colleges of Education in Sri Lanka into University Faculties,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary action be taken by the Government to enforce the Cabinet decision regarding which the proposal was presented and approval obtained by the then Minister of Education on 13th February 2020 to convert the currently functioning nineteen Colleges of Education into University Faculties to be suitable for awarding a four-year degree course with a three-year theoretical course and one-year school-based training, whereas it is necessary to make all the teachers in the school system into trained graduate teachers in order to upgrade the education in Sri Lanka to the advanced international level, and whereas the majority of teachers are currently awarded a higher diploma at the end of a three-year theoretical and practical course.

5.

P. 103/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Designing a programme to improve swimming skills,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be established to promote the exceptional swimming skills possessed by our ancestors, who developed a highly advanced irrigation civilization, among the current generation whereas the number of individuals drowning in water has been observed to be steadily increasing in recent times.

6.

P. 56/2025

Hon. Upul Kithsiri,— Designation of the Udawalawe Area as a Tourist Zone,—That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary measures to declare the Udawalawe area, encompassing the Udawalawe region in the Ratnapura District and the Sevanagala region in the Monaragala District, as a designated tourist zone, in view of the inability to experience the versatility of the area in the case of both local and foreign tourists due to the absence of a proper mechanism in place, despite the presence of significant tourist attractions such as the Udawalawe National Park, Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, Sankapala Rajamaha Viharaya, Udawalawe Reservoir, Sevanagala Sugar Factory, Sevanagala Sugarcane Research Institute, Udawalawe Freshwater Fisheries Center, and Waulpana Limestone Cave.

7.

P. 79/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law,— Favourable control and suppression of the proliferation of common water hyacinth,— That this Parliament resolves that it is opportune that the government formulate relevant project proposals for a sustainable solution through the favorable control and suppression of the common water hyacinth plant, whereas it is an invasive plant known by its scientific name *Eichhornia crassipes (Mart.) Solms*, has encroached upon farmlands and wetlands exhibiting an accelerated propagation rate that displaces indigenous flora and destabilizes the ecological balance, whereas consequent sediment accumulation has impeded water transport courses and flow of water, exacerbated flood risks, degraded the quality of water needed for daily use and disrupted hydropower generation, whereas its suppression through the use of chemical herbicides poses a health risk to people using that water, and whereas the breeding of maggots and the spread of diseases such as filariasis and dengue occur in these areas.

8.

P. 5/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Developing the bee honey industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be implemented by the government to develop the local bee honey industry as bee honey is of very high medicinal value and in great demand in the local and international market.

9.

P. 6/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to extend the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura since it is considered as one of the railway lines that generate a higher income for the Sri Lanka Railways Department, whereas people living in a number of districts, including Ratnapura, Badulla and Hambantota will be benefitted from extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura.

10.

P. 8/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Combining the knowledge on Sri Lankan food culture with the teaching process,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be implemented by the government to make the food culture of Sri Lanka known among local and foreign people and elevate the Sri Lankan identity by endowing the future generations with the Sri Lankan food culture pedagogy through pedagogical methodologies as food art of Sri Lanka is comprised of a number of aspects including the art of flavors and mixing art of cooking food, art of coloring and the art of food carving.

11.

P. 9/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Making the society aware of the value of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that a national level programme be formulated and implemented by the government in regard

to the manner in which children should be protected in the face of social challenges for the future betterment of the society and the country, having explained the value of children in a simple manner through sociological and psychological methodologies to the persons such as parents, teachers, sports coaches, school van drivers that always associate with school children.

12.

P.10/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Developing sports in estate sector,— That this Parliament resolves that a Sports development programme should be launched in order to get the youth contribution of the estate sector for the sports development of the country, as they have displayed their skills locally and internationally, and they do not have any sports facilities in their estate schools as well as the estate areas where they live.

13.

P. 31/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of 1% return for employees in relation to inflation,— That this Parliament resolves that the Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund which are administered by government institutions shall ensure that the employees receive returns at least 1% higher than the annual inflation rate.

14.

P. 32/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Provision of free travelling facilities to senior citizens,— That this Parliament resolves that all senior citizens be provided with free transport facilities in public transport services.

15.

P. 34/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Formulation of a National Programme to introduce New Inventors to the World,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to introduce new inventors and citizens who are endowed with various skills to the world and to improve their skills and creations.

16.

P. 35/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Tax concession to industrialists who utilize indigenous raw materials,— That this Parliament resolves that a two-year tax concession be granted to local industrialists who utilize more than 75% indigenous raw materials in the production of goods for the international market.

17.

P. 36/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enabling the Right to Vote,— That this Parliament resolves that every individual above the age of eighteen shall be allowed to vote as there is a greater number of registered voters that have been deprived of voting and if an individual does not vote after the name appears on the register they should be fined which helps to create a more participatory democratic process.

18.

P. 41/2025

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Preparation of a programme to amend the composition including the constitution of Sri Lanka Cricket,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take measures to amend the composition including the constitution of Sri Lanka Cricket as there has been a great deal of discussion in society regarding the Sri Lanka Cricket at present, and the Sri Lanka Cricket has become an institution where irregularities are common due to the power of a certain group of societies in its elections and such situation needs to be prevented.

19.

P. 44/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Implementing the recommendations given in the Audit Report 2023 pertaining to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper course of action be formulated by the government to implement the recommendations given in the National Audit Report pertaining to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, which is like the heart of the Sri Lankan economy, as important recommendations have been given in the Report concerned.

20.

P. 45/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Using the money of local government institutions for public services in a proper manner,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper course of action be formulated by the government to prevent the state of affairs, whereas facts have been unveiled to the effect that many local government institutions deposit their money in fixed deposits with the objective of earning a profit instead of using such money for purposes such as providing public and health services as well as common amenities and improving public thoroughfares.

21.

P. 49/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— Formulation of a programme to regulate the process of issuing licenses for filling stations,— That this Parliament resolves that, as the process of issuing filling station licenses in Sri Lanka is highly irregular, a regulatory programme be formulated to streamline the process of issuing filling station licenses.

22.

P. 51/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of a Faculty of National Languages,—That this Parliament resolves that a Faculty of National Languages should be established in order to teach Sinhala, Tamil and English to teachers.

23.

P. 53/2025

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— Formulation of a programme to develop and regulate the Teledrama industry, — That this Parliament resolves that a regulatory body be established to develop and regulate the teledrama industry, which is a major industry that provides entertainment to the people of the country.

24.

P. 57/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M. L. A. M. Hizbullah,— Establishment of a fund called "Sri Lanka Baithulmal Fund",— That this parliament resolves that Government should take the necessary steps to establish a fund to be called the "Sri Lanka Baithulmal Fund" under the Ministry of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs, whereas the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs does not currently have a fund that is required in matters relating to education, culture, occupation and inter-ethnic cooperation and in matters related to livelihood of the Muslim community living in Sri Lanka, whereas a fund called "Baithulmal" has been established many years ago for these needs in Muslim countries of the world and countries where Muslim minorities live, and whereas the necessary financial provisions can be obtained from those living in this country and those living in foreign countries, if this fund is established in Sri Lanka.

25.

P. 62/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Making Rail freight transport more efficient,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology be formulated by the government for the transport of goods and fuel by train whenever possible whereas the main purpose of starting the railway service in Sri Lanka had been the transport of goods, and whereas the railway service has now deviated from that objective, and whereas rail freight is a less expensive method, and whereas its benefits are directly accrued to the people of the country.

26.

P. 63/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody, — Minimizing the injustice caused to farmers in selling their agricultural produce,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate measures to change the processes in which both the farmer and the consumer suffer injustices at the same time and to serve justice to the farmer and to the consumer whereas the farmers of this country experience grave injustices in selling their agricultural produce as the wholesale dealers as well as the retail sellers set a very low price for their produce and whereas the consumers have to pay very high prices in buying the said agricultural products.

27.

P. 64/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Designing a regulatory framework for pre-school education,— That this Parliament resolves that a unified system for regulating pre-school education in Sri Lanka, should be established through a single institution, recognizing that the pre-school education is of vital importance and a crucial factor among all the educational opportunities, currently available in the country.

28.

P. 65/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Facilitating the producers of export goods,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary steps be taken to facilitate the young entrepreneurs involved in the export sector, who play a key role in generating foreign exchange, whereas producers of agricultural and other goods targeting exports lack adequate facilities, expertise, and access pathways for export market.

29.

P. 66/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Introduction of Literature as a subject in the Advanced Level Science, Commerce and Technology streams,— That this Parliament resolves that Literature should be introduced as an additional subject in the Advanced Level Science, Commerce and Technology streams in schools in Sri Lanka in order to enhance the skill of literary appreciation of the students pursuing such streams for Advanced Level.

30.

P. 67/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Provision of care to inpatients at hospitals,—That this Parliament resolves that the Government should formulate a system whereby patients receiving inpatient treatment at hospitals are provided care by caregivers employed by the hospital, whereas nursing officers in charge of the ward inform that a custodian should accompany a patient receiving inpatient treatment at a hospital day and night, and whereas, in the absence of such a custodian, private caregivers have to be hired on a fee-paying basis, and whereas such caregivers charge approximately Rs. 3,500 per day, which is unaffordable if the patient is required to stay in the hospital for several days.

31.

P. 68/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Granting permanent title deeds to permit holders of lands,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper system of granting permanent title deeds to the people of this country be developed whereas a significant number of the people only have permits or deeds such as Swarnabhoomi for their lands.

32.

P. 71/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Establishment of a permanent Special Economic Zone in Jaffna and the Northern Province to create sustainable youth employment,—That this Parliament resolves that a permanent Special Economic Zone (SEZ) be established in Jaffna and the Northern Province, alongside other strategic locations nationwide, whereas the establishment of a permanent Special Economic Zone could stimulate economic growth, attract both local and foreign investment, and generate sustainable employment opportunities for the youth, and whereas by developing such zones, the government can promote industrial expansion, enhance skills development, and encourage entrepreneurship, thereby addressing unemployment and fostering the long-term socio-economic advancement of Jaffna and the Northern Province, and the country as a whole.

33.

P. 73/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Sri Lankans be afforded better opportunities for health,— That this Parliament resolves that all Sri Lankans be afforded better health opportunities means of which employees of the private sector must be provided with free facilities through Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund and in the case of Public Servants or non-employees, by the Government through the President's Fund with full cost, whereas majority of the population are subject to open heart surgeries.

34.

P. 74/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—Establishment of Bus Priority Lanes Expeditiously in the Morning and Late Afternoon Hours on Working Days of the Week in Main Towns,—This Parliament resolves that a bus priority lane system be implemented in the morning and late afternoon hours as a remedy for the severe road congestion that prevails in the morning and afternoon hours in major towns.

35.

P. 75/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Renewal of the Bilateral Agreement of Driving Licenses between Italy and Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that steps should be taken to renew the bilateral agreement of driving licenses between Italy and Sri Lanka, as it provides great benefits to Sri Lankans.

36.

P. 77/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Banning harmful artificial flavoring agents used to flavor food,— That this Parliament resolves that the use of harmful flavoring agents be banned after conducting a proper study through a recognized institution, since it is reported that artificial flavoring agents used in local restaurants and hotels to flavor food items such as rice, kottu and noodles contribute to various non-communicable diseases.

37.

P. 82/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Formulation of a methodology to consider the Key Performance Indicators as criteria for the appointment of heads of institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be integrated to the public service to consider the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) of public sector officials as a criterion alongside their seniority when appointing heads of government ministries and departments, and that recommendations be obtained for the appointment of heads of institutions accordingly.

38.

P. 83/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Taking the Key Performance Indicator into consideration in assigning positions to the Members of Parliament and the Ministers,— That this Parliament resolves that the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) of the Members of Parliament and the Ministers be reviewed annually and a system for assigning positions to them be developed taking the said indicator into consideration.

39.

P. 84/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Safeguarding the independence of persons who have held positions commencing from the Chief Justice down to lower ranks in the judiciary when they are appointed to other positions,— That this Parliament resolves that persons who have held positions commencing from the Chief Justice down to the lower ranks in the judiciary, should not be appointed to positions in the public service, corporate boards, commissions, tribunals or the foreign service (such as ambassadors) for a period of at least three years from the date on which they ceased to hold those positions in order to protect their independence.

40.

P. 86/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Prohibition of political parties from crediting the salaries, allowances and vehicle permits, etc. of public representatives to their party funds,— That this Parliament resolves that the political parties shall not be permitted to credit the salaries, allowances and vehicle permits, etc. of public representatives to their party funds whereas the practice of political parties crediting the monthly salaries, allowances and vehicle permits, etc. of elected public representatives of their party, to party funds is detrimental to the independence of such representatives, and whereas such action poses a serious challenge to democracy.

41.

P. 87/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Establishment of a Rehabilitation Centre in each District for Drug Addicts,— That this Parliament resolves that at least one rehabilitation centre be established in each district with all facilities, whereas a rapid increase in the number of users of drugs such as heroin is observed at present, whereas the fact that addicts are not limited to one area, but are spread throughout the country and are promoting the drug use has led to this increase, and whereas the fact that rehabilitation centers for drug addicts are found only in a few locations across the country poses a serious problem in controlling the growth of the number of drug users.

42.

P. 89/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— More productive use of agricultural lands in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that lands be used in a more productive manner to increase agricultural production by 30% over the next few years, thereby increasing farmers' incomes, expanding commercial agriculture, and establishing a baseline database containing information on land type, crop suitability, water and cultivation by exploring all agricultural lands, with the goal of ensuring national food security and improving the living standards of farmers, whereas the agricultural sector is a prominent entity in Sri Lanka’s economy, whereas only about 40% of agricultural lands are used in the production process annually, and the remaining lands are not used due to improper planning, lack of water resources, lack of technical knowledge and lack of innovation, and whereas a large amount of money is spent annually on importing food due to the low level of production.

43.

P. 90/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Improving the sea transport facilities for residents of the offshore islands in the Jaffna District,—That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate action to provide modern, safe, fast and reliable sea transportation for the residents of the offshore islands, particularly Neduntheevu, Nainatheevu, Eluvaithivu and Analaitivu in the Jaffna District, whereas the residents of these islands have been deprived of adequate sea transport facilities for several decades, whereas, as a result, they are compelled to spend several hours travelling by sea, whereas patients, pregnant women, the elderly, school staff and employees of non-governmental organisations face severe difficulties and risks while undertaking these journeys, and whereas it is acknowledged that “The development of villages is the development of the Nation”.

44.

P. 91/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Commencing the Talaimannar - Rameswaram ferry service,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate actions to commence the Talaimannar-Rameswaram ferry service, whereas it would increase tourist arrivals particularly from India, and whereas it enables the public to travel to Tamil Nadu at a lower cost and purchase essential goods at affordable prices subject to the prevailing laws and regulations, thereby improving their livelihoods.

45.

P. 95/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— Regularization of the procedure for issuing permits for private buses,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be developed to prevent corruption in the process of issuing permits for private buses carried out by the Provincial Road Passenger Transport Authority whereas the said procedure has become extremely corrupt.

46.

P. 98/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera, — Promoting the ‘Sooryabala Sangramaya’ Project,— That this Parliament resolves that the ‘Sooryabala Sangramaya’ (Battle for Solar Energy) Project should be further promoted and protected as a method of reducing the price of a unit of electricity and a strategy of protecting the environment, whereas solar energy has been identified as a profitable and environmentally friendly energy source out of the energy sources in Sri Lanka, and whereas over 2000 MW of electricity generated from solar energy has been already added to the national grid under the ‘Sooryabala Sangramaya’ Project which was launched on 06.09.2016.

47.

P. 99/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Promotion of the 'Kalutara Coastal Zone' as a Special Economic Zone,— That this Parliament resolves that the 'Kalutara Coastal Zone,' which includes the new land created due to the shifting of the Kalu River estuary and the Calido beach, should be promoted and developed as a Special Economic Zone, both for the purpose of developing a tourist zone based around the Kalutara town and as a strategy for the protection of the Kalu River estuary and the coast.

48.

P. 100/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Expediting the Construction of the ‘Millaniya Export Processing Zone’,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should consider the construction of the ‘Millaniya Export Processing Zone’ a priority project and take the necessary steps accordingly, whereas a total of 240 acres of land have already been acquired for the construction of the said Export Processing Zone in the Kalutara district, whereas the government has already spent nearly one billion rupees to provide expressway access, piped water, and electricity for the project, and whereas the land selected for the Export Processing Zone has already been identified by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka as suitable for the proposed project.

49.

P. 101/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Promotion of Providing Secondary Education in English,— That this Parliament resolves that English medium education should be implemented in all secondary schools in Sri Lanka and that the government should prioritize adequate investment for the initiative, whereas 'English' has been recognized as the Link Language of Sri Lanka in terms of Article 18(3) of the Constitution, whereas 'English', as an international language, is a crucial means of acquiring knowledge for citizens, whereas it is essential for all Sri Lankans to achieve proficiency in English as the link language to live together in one country, regardless of linguistic or ethnic differences, whereas the system of providing secondary education in English within the Central College system of Sri Lanka which emerged under the concept of free education and in a number of other schools has been successful, and whereas education in English is extremely important for Sri Lankan citizens to access international employment opportunities.

50.

P. 102/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Establishment of a Faculty of Engineering for Uva Wellassa University,— That this Parliament resolves that an Engineering Faculty be established for Uva Wellassa University, taking into account the growing needs of the construction, mechanical, industrial, and information technology sectors in Sri Lanka, as well as global requirements, whereas considering that Uva Wellassa University is an institution that supplies graduates with modern technical skills who fulfill the requirements of both the domestic and foreign job markets.

51.

P. 109/2026

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Establishment of a Truth Commission,— That this Parliament resolves that a Truth Commission be established to strengthen the process of investigating the loss of life, disappearances, and other destruction caused by the war in the North and East which spanned over twenty-six years, and to identify the future steps that can be taken toward establishing national unity.

52.

P. 110/2026

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Introducing a legal mechanism to restrict the use of social media for children under the age of 15,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken to introduce a legal mechanism to restrict the use of social media for children under the age of 15, whereas issues such as increased mental pressure and stress, decline in educational performance, cyberbullying, and exposure to indecent and unsafe content among children are rising due to excessive social media use; and whereas developed countries such as Australia, France, and Denmark have already introduced laws to restrict social media use for children; and whereas it is necessary to protect the mental health, safety, and educational development of children by implementing measures such as setting the minimum age for opening social media accounts at 15 years, making age verification methods mandatory for social media companies, imposing fines and taking legal action against entities that violate the law, and taking appropriate measures regarding children who access social media using the accounts of adults.

53.

P. 112/2026

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— Repeal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act,— That this Parliament resolves that, the Government of Sri Lanka should take immediate steps to repeal the Prevention of Terrorism Act, No. 48 of 1979 (PTA) in its entirety, without introducing any replacement legislation containing similar provisions, whereas the PTA has been used for over 40 years to enable prolonged arbitrary detention, to extract false confessions through torture, and to target minority communities and civil society groups and whereas a state of emergency may be declared when absolutely necessary, and terrorism-related offences are already prosecutable under the Penal Code, and whereas there is no justification for a permanent counter-terrorism law with sweeping powers.

54.

P. 114/2026

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Protection of the World Environment,— That this Parliament resolves that, Sri Lanka must pay more attention to the protection of the world environment and specially take action to prevent global warming.

55.

P. 115/2026

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Repayment of funds of the depositors who are duped,— That this Parliament resolves that, the government must take steps to pay the depositors who have been duped with the funds that have been deposited in registered finance companies, and the Central Bank of Sri Lanka who is the custodian of these companies should be diligent, whereas there are many depositors who have been duped with the funds that have been deposited in these companies.

56.

P. 116/2026

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme to reduce the congestion in the Out-patient Departments of the government hospital system,— That this Parliament resolves that, irrespective of our country's position on the World Health Index, a programme should be formulated to control the severe congestion prevailing in the Out-patient Departments of government hospitals.

57.

P. 117/2026

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— Formulating a programme to promote apiculture (beekeeping) in areas where human-elephant conflict is prevalent,— That this Parliament resolves that a pilot project, modelled on successful initiatives implemented in countries such as Kenya, be established for the promotion of apiculture (beekeeping) as a measure to mitigate human-elephant conflict in affected areas, whereas statistical reports indicate that Sri Lanka is among the countries most severely affected by human-elephant conflict, whereas such conflict results in the substantial loss of both human and elephant lives annually, and whereas it causes significant destruction to physical resources, including property.

58.

P.119/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Establishment of proper accommodation facilities or housing schemes for the benefit of teachers and public officers belonging to the Jaffna District who are serving in other districts of the Northern Province,— That this Parliament resolves that, in order to provide a permanent solution to the transport and accommodation difficulties faced by public officers and teachers, who belong to the Jaffna District and serve under challenging conditions in the districts of Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Mannar and Vavuniya, and to ensure the efficient delivery of their services, the Government should implement proper accommodation facilities or housing schemes equipped with all necessary amenities at central or otherwise suitable locations in the respective districts.

59.

P.120/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Establishment of an Ocean University in the Mullaitivu District for the efficient utilization of marine resources and the enhancement of marine-related industries in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that a fully-fledged Ocean University with all necessary facilities be established in the Mullaitivu District in order to modernize the livelihoods of the fishing community in the Mullaitivu District, which possesses high marine potential in the Northern Province, and to provide higher education opportunities for youth in the fields of marine engineering, oceanography, and aquatic resource management, whereas the economy of the country can be strengthened through the development of the human resources required for the scientific and technical management of the deep-sea and coastal marine resources surrounding Sri Lanka.

60.

P.121/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Expansion of seawater desalination plants as a permanent solution to the severe scarcity of drinking water in island areas and coastal villages in the Jaffna District,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should give priority to the expansion of seawater desalination plants by increasing the capacity of existing desalination facilities in areas such as Nagadeepaya and by expediting the water supply project for distribution of water through pipelines across Kurikadduvan, in order to ensure the provision of safe drinking water, which is a basic human necessity, to the people residing in these areas, whereas groundwater sources in many parts of the Jaffna District are becoming brackish, and whereas the residents of islands such as Velanai and Nagadeepaya continue to face severe difficulties in accessing drinking water.

61.

P. 122/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy, — Establishment of a special task force for the control of the rapidly spreading drug menace among the youth in the Northern Province and establishment of fully fledged rehabilitation centres,— That this Parliament resolves that, the government should take steps to establish a Special Task Force to

increase special raids in coordination with the security forces to suppress the drug distribution network, and to establish fully fledged government rehabilitation and counselling centres within the Northern Province to rehabilitate the youth who have fallen victim to drugs, whereas the recently escalating drug trafficking and drug menace in the Northern Province is causing the breakdown of the social fabric and adversely affecting the future of schoolchildren.

62.

P.123/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Creating employment opportunities for unemployed graduates by establishing export-oriented industries based on palmyrah and coconut in the Northern Province,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should formulate plans to establish export-oriented industries at district level with the participation of Government and private sector to manufacture value-added products utilizing modern technology from palmyrah and coconut which are abundant in the Northern Province rather than using them merely as raw materials; thereby securing the livelihoods of unemployed youth and graduates in those areas.

63.

P. 124/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Release of public lands held by the security forces in the Northern Province and granting permission to use those lands for agricultural and fishing activities,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take steps to expeditiously release the remaining unreleased public lands in a manner that does not pose a threat to national security, and to grant permission to utilize those lands for agricultural and fishing activities in order to restore the livelihoods of the public, whereas the lands of the people have not been completely released thus far during the post-war resettlement process, and whereas they have lost the opportunities to engage in their traditional agricultural activities and the fishing industry.

64.

P. 128/2026

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Providing solutions to the shortage of teachers and to the issues relating to digital education in schools in the Vanni and island areas of Jaffna in the Northern Province,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken to fill the teacher vacancies existing for the subjects of Mathematics, Science and English in schools in the Vanni and island areas of Jaffna by making recruitments at district level, to provide modern computer laboratories and proper internet facilities to develop the information technology literacy of the students in those areas, and to implement special scholarship schemes to provide additional educational opportunities to students from families below the poverty line.

65.

P. 129/2026

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,— Promotion of Traditional Industries in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that, in view of the significant contribution that traditional industries utilizing the stems, pseudo-stems and leaves of plants such as bamboo, cane, reed and palm can make to the industrial and tourism sectors of Sri Lanka, and in line with the current

revival of those sectors, the government should take steps to establish an appropriate institutional mechanism to provide the necessary technical assistance for the promotion of such traditional industries, expand markets for their products, grant official recognition to such industries, promote the cultivation of the raw materials required for the development of large-scale industries, encourage entrepreneurs to engage in such industries, ensure greater value for the labour and skills of the artisans engaged therein, and formulate a programme to safeguard their lives on retirement.

66.

P. 131/2026

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney-at-Law,— Implementation of a programme to install Solar Charging Points in public places and state institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be implemented to install Solar Charging Points in public places and within the premises of state institutions, in order to provide relief to users of electric motorcycles and vehicles, and to facilitate the charging of batteries for those traveling long distances by electric motorcycles and vehicles, whereas the use of fully electric motorcycles and vehicles has now become popular among the public, and whereas it represents a crucial step towards minimizing environmental pollution, and whereas it serves as a solution to current high fuel consumption as well as a reasonable remedy for the high fuel costs, and whereas electricity consumption is likely to increase due to the usage of electric motorcycles and vehicles, and whereas citizens using these vehicles face a high likelihood of experiencing severe hardship in the event of power outages.

67.

P. 134/2026

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney-at-Law,— Establishment of a Commission to study the civil insurrection that occurred during the period 1988/90 and the measures to be taken to prevent the recurrence of such a situation,—That this Parliament resolves that a Commission should be established to undertake a comprehensive study of the economic value of the destruction caused during the civil insurrection centred around the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna that occurred in Sri Lanka during the period 1988/90, the youth uprising underlying the events that gave rise to such a situation, the political ideologies associated therewith, and the measures to be taken to prevent the recurrence of such a situation.

*68.

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

*69.

Sri Lanka Cricket Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*70.

Protection of the State from Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*71.

Immigration Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*72.

Appropriation Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*73.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*74.

Prevention of Foreign Terrorist Fighters Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*75.

Prevention of Organised Crimes Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*76.

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.)

*77.

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.)

*78.

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.)

*79.

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.)

*80.

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.)

*81.

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.)

*82.

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.)

*83.

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.)

*84.

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.)

*85.

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.)

*86.

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.)

*87.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*88.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*89.

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

*90.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*91.

Finance (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*92.

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."

93.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

94.

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

95.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

96.

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

97.

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.

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?

2.

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?

3.

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?