

(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

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FOR

Saturday, November 14, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1196/2025

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) whether she is aware that schools in Delft Island are experiencing shortages of physical resources and staff;

(ii) of the category of the J/Delft Roman Catholic (R.C.) Ladies' College, situated in Delft Island in the Jaffna District;

(iii) of the number of students studying in the said school;

(iv) of the approved cadre of academic and non-academic staff of the aforesaid school, and the number currently in service, separately;

(v) of the reasons for not filling the existing vacancies so far;

(vi) of the period within which the existing vacancies are expected to be filled; and

(vii) of the impact of the existing teacher vacancies on the education at the aforesaid school?

(b) If not, why?

2.

1507/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) whether she will submit the details of the teachers currently serving as volunteer teachers in schools in the Eastern Province along with their service periods; and

(ii) whether actions are being taken by the Ministry to appoint the said volunteer teachers as Teacher Assistants?

(b) If not, why?

3.

1529/2025

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) separately in relation to the schools in each education zone of the Northern Province, of the approved cadre of the non-academic staff, the number of those currently in service, the number of those in excess and the number of vacancies existing for them; and

(ii) separately of the number of schools in each province that do not have night watchmen as per the approved staff allocation?

(b) Will she also inform this House —

(i) whether information is available regarding thefts of electronic devices reported from schools island-wide during the last 05 years;

(ii) of the measures that will be taken to ensure the protection of information technology equipment in schools;

(iii) whether special provisions have been allocated in the Budget 2026 for the deployment of night watchmen or implementation of alternative security measures in order to ensure the protection of the said equipment; and

(iv) of the measures that will be taken to implement the digital education programmes that have been scheduled to be implemented from 2027, while ensuring adequate security and regular maintenance?

(c) If not, why?

4.

1836/2026

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) whether she is aware that a quota of 5% was allocated for the National Cadet Corps, when sports coaches were recruited to government schools in the year 2019;

(ii) of the objectives of such recruitment;

(iii) whether it is expected to utilize the services of the sports coaches so recruited, for school cadetting activities;

(iv) whether action will be taken to provide an opportunity for those sports coaches to serve as commissioned officers of the National Cadet Corps in the future; and

(v) if not, of the obstacles or limitations against such a measure?

(b) If not, why?

5.

1944/2026

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he accepts that persons who were arrested or surrendered during the period of conflict in the Northern and Eastern areas and thereafter have been rehabilitated by the former Government;

(ii) if so, of the number of persons thus rehabilitated;

(iii) of the rehabilitation programmes implemented for them;

(iv) whether all persons who were rehabilitated have been released;

(v) whether vocational training has been provided for the livelihood development of those persons;

(vi) if so, whether equipment or other assistance relevant to the training has been provided;

(vii) whether loans or other financial assistance schemes have been implemented to strengthen the livelihood of those persons; and

(viii) if not, whether plans have been made to implement such programmes?

(b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill — (Second Allotted Day) — Adjourned debate on question (12th November 2026) [1].

*2.

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

*3.

Sri Lanka Cricket Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Protection of the State from Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Prevention of Organised Crimes Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Prevention of Foreign Terrorist Fighters Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Immigration Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka Act,— Whereas the Chairman and the Members of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (PUCSL) shall be paid such remuneration as may be determined by a resolution of Parliament and such remuneration shall be charged to the Fund of the PUCSL under Section 6(6) of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 35 of 2002;

And Whereas, by considering the provisions set out in Section 6(6) of the Act relating to the appointment of five Commissioners by the Minister with the concurrence of the Constitutional Council, of whom are qualified, and have experience, either in the fields of engineering, law or business management and recognizing the extent of the responsibilities to be discharged by the Commissioners, approval has been granted by the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers No.26/1892/804/220 dated 14.09.2026 for the payment of remuneration and other allowances to the Commissioners of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka, as follows:

Remuneration/Allowances	Chairman	Member
Monthly allowance	Rs. 200,000.00	Rs. 100,000.00
Monthly transport allowance/ Vehicle	Vehicle	Transportation and any other incidental expense incurred for the participation in official commitments.
Monthly Fuel limit/ Liters	150 Liters	-
Monthly Communication allowance	Reimbursement of mobile telephone bills	Reimbursement of mobile telephone bills

That this Parliament resolves that the Chairman and Members of the PUCSL be paid remuneration and allowances mentioned above to be charged to the Fund of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 35 of 2002.

*21.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

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

*24.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

Finance (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme,— Adjourned debate on question (10th April 2025) Motion made and question proposed,— "Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme, which was tabled in Parliament on 14th March 2025, be considered by Parliament."

27.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

28.

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

29.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

30.

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

31.

UNV Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* ***Indicates Government Business.***

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[1].

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2342/2026

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

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

(b) Will he also inform this House —

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

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

(c) Will he further inform this House —

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

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

(d) If not, why?
