(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 203.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

982/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) total revenue earned by the Ceylon Electricity Board from the sale of electricity in the year 2025;

(ii) total expenditure incurred by the said Board during the aforesaid year;

(iii) average cost incurred to generate a unit of electricity by January 2025;

(iv) profit/loss made by the Board in the years 2023, 2024, and 2025, separately according to each year;

(v) if the Board incurred a loss in the year 2025, the reasons therefor;

(vi) number of times electricity tariffs were revised during the said period; and

(vii) amounts of money provided by the General Treasury to the Board from the year 2023 to the year 2025 and the dates on which they were provided, separately?

(b) If not, why?

2.

990/2025

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of surveys conducted in Sri Lanka since the year 2000 up to now on 'forest density';

(ii) years in which the aforesaid surveys were conducted;

(iii) 'forest density' of Sri Lanka recorded in each of the aforesaid surveys by district and year, separately; and

(iv) measures that will be taken to maintain 'forest density' in order to preserve the ecological balance?

(b) If not, why?

3.

1671/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) vehicle No. KQ 4329 belongs to Eppawala Phosphate Limited, which operates under the Lanka Phosphate Company Limited;

(ii) the said vehicle met with an accident while being driven by the Chairman of the Lanka Phosphate Company Limited; and

(iii) the insurance company has recommended by now that the said vehicle should be condemned?

(b) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether approval had been granted to the said Chairman by the Secretary to the Ministry to utilize the said vehicle;

(ii) whether the loss incurred due to the damage to the said vehicle will be covered by the insurance company; and

(iii) if not, whether measures will be taken to recover the loss from the Chairman?

(c) If not, why?

4.

2458/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of railway crossings located in the Kalutara District;

(ii) method currently adopted to safeguard those railway crossings;

(iii) number of railway crossings protected under each method, separately;

(iv) number of bell and signal systems among the railway crossing protection systems that are not functioning properly;

(v) measures taken to ensure the proper functioning of those signal systems;

(vi) number of railway crossings among the said crossings for which an annual service fee is charged; and

(vii) amount of money received as such fees in the year 2025?

(b) If not, why?

5.

2505/2026

Hon. (Mrs.) Hasara Liyanage, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House of the —

(i) number of Government schools functioning in the Balapitiya Education Division of the Galle Education Zone in the Southern Province;

(ii) number of schools in the said education division that have been closed down due to various reasons;

(iii) reasons that led to the closure of the said schools; and

(iv) number of schools within the said division that are administered under or fall within the scope of the provisions of the Assisted Schools and Training Colleges (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Act, No. 65 of 1981?

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

(i) arrangement the Ministry has in place to utilize such public property including buildings and lands which belong to the schools that have been closed down or are not functional due to the lack of students for some productive public purposes such as conducting community educational activities or vocational training; and

(ii) steps that have been taken to prevent the misuse of such state property and to safeguard them?

(c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill — (Sixth 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.

Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the Superior Courts Complex Board of Management (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Superior Courts Complex Board of Management 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 22.11.2023 under the Section 11(2) of the Superior Courts Complex Board of Management Act, No. 50 of 1987, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 18.11.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

*11.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 20.02.2024 under the Section 93(2) of the Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Act, No. 10 of 2023, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 18.11.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

*12.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses (2023),— That the Annual Report of the National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 07.08.2025 under the Section 93(2) of the Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Act, No. 10 of 2023, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 18.11.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

*13.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 19.06.2024 under the Section 24(2) of the Legal Aid Law, No. 27 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 18.11.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

*14.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 19.08.2025 under the Section 24(2) of the Legal Aid Law, No. 27 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 18.11.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

*15.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the Official Languages Commission (2020),— That the Annual Report of the Official Languages Commission 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 05.07.2023 under the Section 32 of the Official Languages Commission Act, No. 18 of 1991, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 26.04.2024 and 18.11.2025, and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

*16.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the Official Languages Commission (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Official Languages Commission 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 09.01.2024 under the Section 32 of the Official Languages Commission Act, No. 18 of 1991, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 26.04.2024 and 18.11.2025, and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

*17.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the Official Languages Commission (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Official Languages Commission 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 04.06.2024 under the Section 32 of the Official Languages Commission Act, No. 18 of 1991, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 18.11.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

*18.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the Official Languages Commission (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Official Languages Commission 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 20.06.2025 under the Section 32 of the Official Languages Commission Act, No. 18 of 1991, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 18.11.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

*19.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the National Institute of Language Education and Training (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Institute of Language Education and Training 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 24.07.2024 under the Section 23 of the National Institute of Language Education and Training Act, No. 26 of 2007, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 18.11.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

*20.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the National Institute of Language Education and Training (2023),— That the Annual Report of the National Institute of Language Education and Training 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 10.10.2025 under the Section 23 of the National Institute of Language Education and Training Act, No. 26 of 2007, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 18.11.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.02.2026.)

*21.

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 PUCSL in terms of Section 6(6) of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 35 of 2002.

*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

2512/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the private entity named 'Lanka Metro Transit' (LMT) is subject to audit by the National Audit Office in terms of Article 154 of the Constitution of Sri Lanka;

(ii) whether approval of the Department of Management Services has been obtained for the recruitments that have been made to the said entity hitherto;

(iii) whether there is a disparity between the salary structures of the employees of the said entity and those of the employees of the Sri Lanka Transport Board;

(iv) whether experienced drivers and conductors belonging to the Sri Lanka Transport Board have been given reasonable opportunities to join the staff of Lanka Metro Transit; and

(v) if not, why?

(b) If not, why?