(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 204.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, November 20, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

374/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that the parking lot of the Kalutara Court Complex is located irregularly;

(ii) whether steps will be taken to arrange the parking lot to proper standards and minimize traffic congestion;

(iii) whether steps have been taken to implement the development of the parking lot as a priority task; and

(iv) of the total estimated cost for upgrading the parking lot to proper standards?

(b) If not, why?

2.

479/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, — To ask the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources, — (1)

(a) Will he state —

(i) of the steps that can be taken to prevent incidents relating to the increasing number of Sri Lankan fishermen being arrested in India and the Maldives;

(ii) of the main reasons for such arrest;

(iii) whether the mandatory use of Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment in fishing vessels has contributed to minimizing these incidents;

(iv) of the main reasons for the arrest of Indian fishermen in Sri Lankan waters; and

(v) the steps that can be taken to expedite the legal procedures applicable to fishermen arrested in Sri Lanka, India and the Maldives, considering the lengthy period of time taken and the high expenses incurred in such procedures?

(b) If not, why?

3.

708/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the total number of cattle and buffaloes that live/lived in Sri Lanka in each year from 2015 to date separately;

(ii) whether the number of those cattle and buffaloes has decreased;

(iii) if not, whether the said number has increased;

(iv) will he admit that, if the number of cattle and buffaloes has decreased, it is an obstacle affecting the production of liquid milk in Sri Lanka; and

(v) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?

(b) If not, why?

4.

2414/2026

Hon. Thilina Samarakoon,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the names of the institutions that belong to the Ministry and located at Mahailluppallama in the Anuradhapura District;

(ii) separately, of the functions of each of the said institutions and the contribution made to the agricultural sector by the respective institution at present;

(iii) of the amount of the allocation made in each of the two years 2025 and 2026 for the maintenance and operation of the said institutions, separately;

(iv) separately, of the cadre strength and the amounts expended on salaries and overtime of the staff of each of the said institutions in each of the two years 2025 and 2026;

(v) whether a corporate plan has been prepared for the said institutions for the next 05 years;

(vi) if so, of the key targets envisaged therein; and

(vii) separately, of the number of buildings and official quarters that belong to each of the said institutions categorized by the usage status of such buildings and official quarters?

(b) If not, why?

5.

2508/2026

Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he accepts that the major estuaries and drainage systems in Sri Lanka do not possess sufficient capacity to withstand the heavy rainfall resulting from current climate changes;

(ii) whether there is a programme in place to restructure the drainage systems so as to allow water to flow into the sea systematically and rapidly for flood control purposes;

(iii) of the steps that have been taken to prepare a modern scientific 'National Drainage Map' incorporating Sri Lanka's major catchments and drainage paths, clear blockages at estuaries, deploy large-scale drainage technology to facilitate efficient water flow during heavy rainfall, and develop infrastructure based on geological and hydrological data to minimize future flood risks;

(iv) of the financial provisions allocated for the implementation of the said programme; and

(v) of the timeframe that is required for the said programme?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item No. 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Orders 8 and 75 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 23rd October 2026.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill — (Seventh 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

2513/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that a large number of vehicles remain detained within the premises of Hambantota Mahinda Rajapaksa Port due to the inability to pay exorbitant demurrage charges;

(ii) of the total number of vehicles thus abandoned within the port;

(iii) of the year in which the said vehicles were imported into the country; and

(iv) of the main reasons for failing to clear the vehicles from the port?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) of the impact of this long-term accumulation of vehicles within the port premises on port operations and space management;

(ii) whether steps will be taken to release these abandoned vehicles by granting a grace period or concession on charges; and

(iii) if not, whether plans are in place to confiscate the said vehicles and sell them by public auction or allocate them for use of public institutions?

(c) If not, why?