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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Saturday, November 21, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1022/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that housing was provided for low-income families through housing projects implemented by the previous Government via the Urban Development Authority;

(ii) whether he is aware that the housing project that was planned to be commenced in the Batticaloa District, has been halted;

(iii) whether funds have been allocated through the Authority to recommence the said project;

(iv) if so, of the total amount of money allocated for that purpose;

(v) of the breakdown of the said allocation for each Divisional Secretariat Division separately; and

(vi) whether he will submit the list of names of the beneficiaries scheduled to be allocated housing under the project in the said district?

(b) If not, why?

2.

1227/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether a programme named 'Urumaya' was implemented by the previous Government for persons who were granted ownership of State land through deeds of grant under Section 19(4) of the Land Development Ordinance, as amended by Act No. 11 of 2022; and

(ii) whether the beneficiaries handed over the grants previously issued to them to the Government in order to obtain the 'Urumaya' freehold grants under the said programme?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether the said programme is currently being implemented;

(ii) if so, of the current progress of it;

(iii) of the number of 'Urumaya' freehold grants issued to date;

(iv) of the number of grants yet to be issued;

(v) if the said programme has been suspended, whether an official announcement has been made to that effect;

(vi) if the programme has been officially suspended, whether arrangements will be made to return to the beneficiaries the grants handed over to the Government; and

(vii) if so, of the date on which this will be done?

(c) If not, why?

3.

1382/2025

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) of the date on which the project to upgrade 09 estate schools under Indian grant assistance was initiated;

(ii) of the amount of money approved for that purpose;

(iii) whether she is aware that no activity of the said project has been commenced to date; and

(iv) measures that will be taken to expeditiously commence and implement the said project?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1951/2026

Hon. Lal Premanath,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the Ministry has accepted the investigation report regarding the alleged financial fraud that has taken place in the Matara District Tea Producers' Co-operative Society;

(ii) of the measures that have been taken or are to be taken to recover the said public funds from the personal assets of the persons responsible for it;

(iii) whether a complaint has been lodged with the Criminal Investigation Department in respect of the said incident; and

(iv) of the measures that have been taken or are to be taken to prevent the persons implicated in the said incident from holding positions in other co-operative societies?

(b) If not, why?

5.

2415/2026

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— 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 vocational education institutions established in the Anuradhapura District;

(ii) names of the said institutions;

(iii) number of students studying at each of the said institutions, separately; and

(iv) courses currently conducted at these institutions?

(b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Eighth Allotted Day) — Committee.

*2.

Prevention of Foreign Terrorist Fighters Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 117— Programme 02— †That this Parliament resolves that an additional sum not exceeding Rupees Thirty One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Nine million (Rs. 31,849,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or any other fund or finances possessed by the Government, or any loan obtained by the Government at the discretion of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, for the services of the financial year commencing on 01st January, 2026, and ending on 31st December, 2026, and that the said sum may be expended in the manner specified in the schedule hereto:-

SCHEDULE

Head 117	-	Ministry of Transport, Highways and Urban Development	
Programme 02	-	Development Activities	
		Capital Expenditure	Rs. 31,849,000,000
		Total Expenditure	**Rs. 31,849,000,000**

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 9 of 2026 presented on 13th November, 2026

Total of Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1 to 8 Rs. 673,674,000,000

*15.

Sri Lanka Cricket Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

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

*17.

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.

*18.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 240— Programme 02— †That this Parliament resolves that an additional sum not exceeding Rupees Two Hundred Sixty Billion (Rs. 260,000,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or any other fund or finances possessed by the Government, or any loan obtained by the Government at the discretion of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, for the services of the financial year commencing on 01st January, 2027, and ending on 31st December, 2027, in compliance with Section 16 of the Public Financial Management Act, No. 44 of 2024, and that the said sum may be expended in the manner specified in the schedule hereto:-

SCHEDULE

Head 240	-	Department of National Budget	
Programme 02	-	Development Activities	
		Recurrent Expenditure	Rs. 10, 000,000,000
		Capital Expenditure	Rs. 250,000,000,000
		Total Expenditure	**Rs. 260,000,000,000**

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 1 of 2027 presented on 12th November, 2026

*19.

Protection of the State from Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

Prevention of Organised Crimes Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

Immigration Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

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

*27.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*28.

Finance (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*29.

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."

30.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

31.

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

32.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

33.

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

34.

UNV Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* ***Indicates Government Business.***

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on the "Appropriation" Bill — See separate Paper "Supplement to the Orders of the Day".

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2527/2026

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House, with regard to the Food (Trans-Fat) Regulations (Gazette Extraordinary No. 2319/41) —

(i) of the reasons for postponing the implementation through Gazette Nos. 2443/07 and 2485/54;

(ii) of the dates and recommendations of the Food Advisory Committee and the Technical Sub-Committee that supported such postponements;

(iii) whether Gazette No. 2485/54, omitted an implementation date for amended definition of trans-fat;

(iv) if so, of the measures taken to rectify this omission; and

(v) whether further postponement is contemplated?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether representations made by industry stakeholders influenced these postponements;

(ii) if so, of the details thereof;

(iii) of the total cost incurred in issuing these Gazette notifications; and

(iv) of the dates on which the regulations and amendments were submitted to Parliament under Section 32(2) of the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980?

(c) If not, why?
