

(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 206.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Monday, November 23, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1003/2025

Hon. Mujibur Rahman,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the average quantity of waste disposed of daily within the Colombo Municipal Council area;

(ii) of the locations where waste is currently being disposed of in the City of Colombo;

(iii) whether he is aware that a project was implemented to transport garbage from the City of Colombo to the Aruwakkalu area in Puttalam;

(iv) of the total amount of money spent on the said project to date; and

(v) of the measures that will be taken regarding the future activities of the project?

(b) If not, why?

2.

1225/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— 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 national policy to address the growing disparity between underpopulated and overcrowded schools across the country;

(ii) whether any short-term and long-term plans have been formulated to improve infrastructure, teaching resources and classroom facilities in overcrowded schools;

(iii) whether there are strategic plans to merge or redevelop underpopulated rural and estate sector schools without compromising access to education for students in remote areas;

(iv) whether there is a policy to allocate and deploy teachers in proportion to actual student enrolment in order to prevent both teacher shortages and surpluses; and

(v) of the measures that are being taken, to ensure equitable access to educational facilities, technology and extracurricular opportunities between overcrowded and underpopulated schools?

(b) If not, why?

3.

1341/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of ship accidents that have been reported along the coastline of Sri Lanka and within the maritime zone of Sri Lanka from 2015 to date;

(ii) whether the damage caused to the maritime zone of Sri Lanka as a result of those accidents has been assessed;

(iii) if so, of the details in that regard;

(iv) whether compensation has been provided to persons whose livelihoods depend on the ocean for the damage caused by those accidents;

(v) if so, of the details in that regard; and

(vi) of the measures that will be taken to protect the marine ecosystem of Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1368/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that the Kittangi Bridge, located in the Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat Division of the Ampara District, is submerged during floods, thereby disrupting the transportation of thousands of residents in the areas of Navithanveli, Central Camp, Natpiddimunai and Senaikkudiyiruppu, and adversely affecting their livelihoods; and

(ii) if so, of the steps that have been taken so far to construct the Kittangi Bridge in a flood-resistant manner?

(b) If not, why?

5.

1535/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of railway running sheds operating under the Department of Sri Lanka Railways;

(ii) of the names of the said railway running sheds;

(iii) separately, of the number of trains operated by each of the said railway running sheds;

(iv) separately, of the number of vacancies existing for each post in those railway running sheds;

(v) of the deficiencies existing in terms of physical and human resources and infrastructure facilities in those running sheds; and

(vi) of the measures that will be taken to remedy the said deficiencies in those railway running sheds in order to improve the railway service to an optimal level?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Orders 8 and 75(2) of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 18th November 2026, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Ninth Allotted Day) — Committee. (Progress, 21st November).

*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".

[1].
Motion made and question proposed "That the Bill be now read a second time."

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2528/2026

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the quantity, revenue, profit/loss, cost of production per kilogram, quantity sold and unsold stocks of each unit of brown sugar and white sugar produced by the Pelwatte and Sevanagala Units of Lanka Sugar Company (Pvt) Ltd. in each year from 2020 to 23rd September 2024 and from 24th September 2024 to date, separately;

(ii) of the annual profit/loss of Lanka Sugar Company (Pvt) Ltd. for the aforesaid periods, separately;

(iii) of the number of Company-owned sugar sales outlets operating before September 2024 and the number opened thereafter, together with their locations, turnover and profit/loss, separately;

(iv) whether the production capacity, sugar recovery, cultivated acreage and quantity of sugarcane purchased have increased or declined since September 2024; and

(v) of the measures and targets that have been established to restore Pelwatte and Sevanagala to profitable production and reduce Sri Lanka's dependence on imported sugar?

(b) If not, why?