



(Ninth Parliament - Fifth Session)

No. 1(11).]

ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 1

OF

PARLIAMENT

Issued on Friday, June 07, 2024

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 001— Programme 02— † That this Parliament resolves that a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Million (Rs. 8,750,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or any other fund or money of, or at the disposal of, the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the financial year beginning of 01st January, 2024, and ending on 31st December, 2024, and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:—

SCHEDULE

Head 001 - His Excellency the President
Programme 02 - Development Activities •

Capital Expenditure	Rs. 8,750,000,000
Total Expenditure	Rs. 8,750,000,000

- Allocation of Rupees Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Million (Rs. 8,750,000,000) will be made by Transferring the unutilized allocations expected under Sub Projects No. 024, 025, 026, 027, 028 and 032 of the Project 06 — “National Level Guidance and Coordination for National Priorities”, Programme 02 — Development Programme of the Head 001, to the Sub Project No. 003.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 01 of 2024 presented on 07th June, 2024.

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Investment Promotion in consultation with the Colombo Port City Economic Commission under Section 71 read with Section 52 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2381/24 of 22nd April 2024, which were presented on 06.06.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— That the Annual Report of the GSMB Technical Services (Pvt) Ltd (2021),— That the Annual Report of the GSMB Technical Services (Pvt) Ltd 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 09.01.2024 under Section 154(6) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Sustainable Development on 08.02.2024/09.02.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.03.2024)

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The Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media,— Annual Report of the National Transport Medical Institute (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Transport Medical Institute 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 13.12.2023 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy and Transport on 23.01.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 21.03.2024)

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The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation (2021),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 06.10.2023 under Section 12(5) of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation Act, No. 1 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Media, Youth, Heritage and New Citizen on 10.01.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 23.01.2024)

**** Indicates Government Business.***

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, June 20, 2024)

2141/2024

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) amount of allocation set aside for the Puttalam district under the Decentralized Budget Program and other similar programs under the expenditure head of Presidential Secretariat for the year 2024;
 - (ii) name of each Member of Parliament who has submitted project proposals under the aforementioned Decentralized Budget Program and other similar programs, the number of project proposals submitted, the Divisional Secretary's Division and Grama Niladhari Division implementing each of the said proposals and the amount of allocation set aside for each project proposal separately; and
 - (iii) criteria followed in setting aside the allocations to Members of Parliament under the above programmes?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, July 09, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1909/2024

Hon. Tissa Attanayake, — To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) reasons for the removal of Mount Lavinia main bus station where operations were carried out by the Ratmalana Depot;
 - (ii) name of the original owner and the plan number of the land, acquired for establishing the aforesaid main bus station;
 - (iii) extent of the aforesaid land;
 - (iv) extent of the land used for establishing the aforesaid main bus station;
 - (v) year in which the land was acquired for establishing the main bus station; and
 - (vi) institution that owns the aforesaid land, at present?
- (b) If not, why?

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1913/2024

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of pharmacies owned by the State Pharmaceutical Corporation in the Colombo District;
 - (ii) the address of each of the said pharmacy, separately; and
 - (iii) the actions that will be taken to expand the network of State Pharmaceutical Corporation pharmacies in the Colombo District?
- (b) If not, why?

1917/2024

Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) number of complaints received by the Department of Labour regarding labour disputes from the year 2020 to date;
 - (ii) number of settled and unsettled complaints separately; and
 - (iii) the number of persons who have received compensation through the Office of the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation?
- (b) If not, why?

1942/2024

Hon. Milan Jayathilake,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, the volume of dairy products imported to Sri Lanka from year 2015 to date, according to each year;
 - (ii) of the annual volume of dairy production in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) of the annual volume of dairy production in Sri Lanka, as a percentage of the volume of dairy production required by Sri Lanka annually; and
 - (iv) of the province that has recorded the highest consumption of dairy products?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) area that has recorded highest dairy production;
 - (ii) measures that will be taken to increase the dairy production of Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

1969/2024

Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the approved cadre of the Sri Lanka Customs Department;
 - (ii) separately of the number of employees of the Customs Department and of the number of employees of the combined service;
 - (iii) of the amount of monthly salary and allowances paid to the executive officers and junior officers of the Customs Department separately according to each position; and
 - (iv) of the amount of monthly salary and allowances paid to the executive officers and junior officers of the combined service separately according to each position?
- (b) If not, why?

1995/2024

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that cultivated lands in many regions of the South-Eastern plains including Hambantota, Udawalawa region, Kirama Oya region and Malalaara region have been destroyed due to the severe drought;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to implement the two solutions proposed by the 'Surakimu Ruhuna' organization, streamlining the old irrigation conservation system and diverting excess water from the wet zone to the above areas (Kalu Ganga Diversion Project);
 - (iii) if not, what are the immediate measures expected to be implemented to avoid the water shortage in the above mentioned regions; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to start the Gin and Nilwala River projects that have been currently halted?
- (b) If not, why?

2008/2024

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total area of lands where tea is cultivated in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of lands owned by state sector and private sector from the said area;
 - (iii) of the annual amount of income earned from tea production;
 - (iv) of the names of the areas where tea is cultivated using organic fertilizer; and
 - (v) of the annual yield of tea obtained using organic fertilizer?

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

- (i) names of the countries to which Sri Lanka exports tea;
- (ii) amount of tea exported annually;
- (iii) annual amount of foreign exchange earned from the said exportation; and
- (iv) ranking for Ceylon Tea in the world tea market?

(c) If not, why?

2024/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam— To ask the Minister of Public Security,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that there are a number of fake media operating in Sri Lanka, which publish news that may create chaos in the country;
- (ii) if so, of the names of the aforesaid media;
- (iii) whether he will take action to ban unregistered fake websites; and
- (iv) if so, of the said action?

(b) If not, why?

2042/2024

Hon. Lalith Ellawala,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (2)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) it takes over ten months for the payment of monthly pension to public servants to commence after retirement from public service;
- (ii) there are occasions of certain public servants passing away before receiving the first pension owing to the said delay; and
- (iii) the said delay is a severe injustice done to the public servants?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the reasons for the said delay;
- (ii) of the steps taken by now to avoid the said delay;
- (iii) whether a proper programme will be implemented to avoid the said delay; and
- (iv) if so, the date on which such programme will be implemented?

(c) If not, why?

2055/2024

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (2)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) Kandy city has been declared as a world heritage site by the UNESCO organization; and
 - (ii) numerous historically important places for Sri Lanka have been located in the aforementioned city?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the sacred places and buildings situated in Kandy city that have been recognized as the world heritages;
 - (ii) whether financial aids will be granted by the UNESO to protect the aforesaid places;
 - (iii) if so, the total amount of financial aids granted annually;
 - (iv) the which private buildings situated in Kandy city that have been recognized as the world heritages;
 - (v) whether any financial aid will be granted for the owners of the said buildings; and
 - (vi) if so, the amount of the financial aid mentioned above?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether places mentioned in above (b)(i) will remain the same;
 - (ii) whether approval has been granted for any renovation made in them; and
 - (iii) of the programmes that have been implemented to keep/continue the Kandy city as a world heritage site?
- (d) If not, why?

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4/2024

Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) although the three-wheeler services fulfil the transportation needs of the people, no formal system in place to regulate the same; and
 - (ii) the passengers are inconvenienced by the irregular tolling practices of the three-wheeler drivers?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of registered three-wheelers in Kandy district out of the total number in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether there is a formal system to regulate the three-wheeler service;
 - (iii) whether it has been proposed to introduce an identity card and a uniform for the identification of the three-wheeler drivers and to install a meter on the three-wheelers; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which the above proposals will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

43/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,—(2)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the former president Maithripala Sirisena signed the gazette notification in 2019 for the inclusion of 13 forest reserves located around the Sinharaja Forest Reserve, which is a World Heritage, into the Sinharaja Forest and for increasing the area of the Sinharaja Forest Reserve up to 30,000 hectares; and
 - (ii) however, the said gazette notification has not been published so far?
- (b) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the acreage of each of the aforesaid forest reserves that had been proposed to be included into the Sinharaja World Heritage Forest Reserve as per the above gazette notification;
 - (ii) of the reasons behind the delay in publishing the aforesaid gazette notification;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to publish the aforesaid gazette notification; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which the said gazette notification will be published?
- (c) If not, why?

2077/2024

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of active accounts that have existed in the Employees' Provident Fund from 2015 to date and the interest rate paid for those accounts separately according to each year;
 - (ii) of the criteria considered in determining the aforesaid interest rates;
 - (iii) whether he admits that the above interest rates are not sufficient given the current inflation; and
 - (iv) if so, the action will be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why ?

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2085/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of villages that lack clean drinking water facilities and their names;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of families who do not access to clean drinking water facilities in each divisional secretariat;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of ongoing projects to provide clean drinking water facilities, the name of each project and the number of families that will be benefitted; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to provide clean drinking water facilities for the people who do not have access to them; in the North Western Province?
- (b) If not, why?

2143/2024

Hon. Udaya Gammanpila ,—To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Final Certificate Examination of Dhamma schools and Dharmacharya Examination have been ranked under the Qualification Framework of Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, of the said level of grading?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, July 11, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

309/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of,—
 - (i) the number of official foreign trips undertaken by the Speaker of the Ninth Parliament on international relations and educational programmes for the wellbeing of the country from 20.08.2020 up to date;
 - (ii) the names of the Members of Parliament and the officials who attended each such foreign tour, separately; and
 - (iii) the benefits accrued to the country from the above foreign tours?
- (b) If not, why?

359/2024

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately for each year, of the number of—
 - (i) road accidents;
 - (ii) fatal accidents;
 - (iii) persons that got killed, totally disabled, seriously injured and hospitalized with minor injuries due to road accidents;
 - (iv) vehicles involved in accidents; and
 - (v) vehicles destroyed beyond repair among the vehicles damaged in road accidents;in Sri Lanka from 2021 to date?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the annual additional expenditure incurred by the Government on account of road accidents has been calculated; and
 - (ii) if so, separately of the amount of the annual additional expenditure incurred on the sectors of health, highways and transport?
- (c) If not, why?

369/2024

Hon. Gayantha Karunatilaka,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Buddhist places of worship in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) of them, the number of temples;
 - (iii) the number of Buddhist monks registered in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) the number of temples that ended up in closure due to non-availability of Buddhist monks?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a national programme known as 'Sasun Udawa' has been commenced in order to properly maintain and develop the temples in the rural areas, as articulated in the Vision of Prosperity election manifesto, by now;
 - (ii) if so, when; and
 - (iii) if not, the expected date of the commencement of that programme?
- (c) If not, why?

374/2024

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a fingerprint machine is available at Sri Lanka Customs to record the arrival and departure of the officers and employees;

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- (ii) separately, of the number of officers and employees those who do not use the fingerprint machine to record the arrival and departure;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of officers and employees who have received overtime payments without keeping records of arrival and departure in the year 2022; and
 - (iv) of the total amount of overtime payments that have been made for the said officers and employees?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the—
- (i) measures that have been taken by Sri Lanka Customs to prevent fraudulent overtime payments;
 - (ii) number of frauds tracked with the progress of the steps taken; and
 - (iii) steps taken against the people who have engaged in the said fraudulent activities?
- (c) If not, why?

381/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) value of the net assets of the Farmers Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme by the year 2022;
 - (ii) manner in which the funds are received into the scheme;
 - (iii) age limit at which its beneficiaries can claim for benefits; and
 - (iv) number of annual beneficiaries of the said scheme and the amount paid to them annually, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
- (i) number of members who have met the eligibility requirements for receiving the benefits of the above scheme but are not currently receiving the benefits;
 - (ii) the reasons for not providing benefits to them; and
 - (iii) the amount payable to them?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
- (i) whether the above scheme is inoperative by now; and
 - (ii) of the steps that have been taken to maintain it further?
- (d) If not, why?

467/2024

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the decision to ban the importation of Refuse Plastic to Sri Lanka, was taken;
 - (ii) the volume of Refuse Plastic imported from 2018 up to date, in relation to each year, separately;
 - (iii) the number of institutions to which permission has been granted by the Central Environment Authority to import Refuse Plastic;
 - (iv) their names;
 - (v) the reason that led to permission being granted to a number of institutions by the Central Environment Authority to import Refuse Plastic despite the decision to ban the importation of Refuse Plastic; and
 - (vi) the measures that would be taken in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

512/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a grave shortage of teachers exists in the Gamini Vidyalaya in the Bogas Handiya area in Padawiya, Anuradhapura; and
 - (ii) the students and their parents of the school staged a massive demonstration over this shortage of teachers?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that would be taken to address this shortage of teachers?
- (c) If not, why?

543/2024

Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene,—To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform the House —
 - (i) of the number of international schools registered in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of students studying at such schools and academic and non-academic employees serving in them, separately;
 - (iii) whether the Ministry of Education regulates the syllabuses and extra-curricular activities of such schools; and
 - (iv) whether the Ministry has issued guidelines pertaining to student activities and fitness activities at such schools?
- (b) If not, why?

566/2024

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna,— To ask the Non Cabinet Minister of State Plantation Enterprises Reforms,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the plantation crops that have been cultivated by now on the lands owned by Janatha Estates Development Board; and
 - (ii) the products made out of those crops?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a register is maintained about the trees yielding timber with commercial value that are found on the lands owned by the Board;
 - (ii) if so, what those tree species are;
 - (iii) whether those trees are sold to the private sector; and
 - (iv) if so, of the procedure followed in such selling?
- (c) If not, why?

1242/2024

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Police Stations established in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the number of Police officers deployed at the above mentioned Police stations and for other duties, separately; and
 - (iii) if vacancies exist in the Sri Lanka Police service at present, the number of such vacancies in relation to each post, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Police officers deployed for the personal security of the Members of Parliament;
 - (ii) whether Police officers have been deployed for the security of other individuals or institutions other than Members of Parliament; and
 - (iii) if so, the number of such Police officers in relation to each individual/ institution?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, July 12, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

592/2024

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithrarachchi,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Members of Parliament who received the Pension and are in the process of receiving the Pension and the pension of each such Member of Parliament, separately;

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- (ii) out of those Members of Parliament, the number of Members of Parliament who represented the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna, and the Pension of each such Member of Parliament and the period of service, separately;
 - (iii) of the period of time a Member of Parliament should complete to be eligible for Pension entitlements;
 - (iv) of the Pension of a Member of Parliament who has completed a period of service of 5 years; and
 - (v) of the manner in which the Pension of a Member of Parliament varies according to his period of service?
- (b) If not, why?

614/2024

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of microfinance institutions in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of such institutions, the number which have got registered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that there are microfinance institutions that are not duly registered;
 - (iv) if so, the number of such institutions, their names and addresses; and
 - (v) the number of loans provided by microfinance institutions registered and unregistered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and their interest percentages, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the microfinance institutions have given a grace period for commencement of loan repayment;
 - (ii) if so, what the grace period is;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that employees of microfinance institutions inflict physical and psychological abuse on people who default on loans;
 - (iv) if so, what action has been taken against those institutions;
 - (v) whether he accepts the fact that microfinance institutions should be regulated; and
 - (vi) if so, of the regulatory program?
- (c) If not, why?

638/2024

Hon. B. Y. G. Ratnasekara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) total milk requirement of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) quantity of milk, produced in Sri Lanka as opposed to the requirement; and
 - (iii) amount spent on importing milk powder in the year 2023?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the total egg production in Sri Lanka in the year 2023;
 - (ii) as to how the egg production has been fluctuated in year 2023 in comparison to year 2022;
 - (iii) of the current production cost of an egg; and
 - (iv) of the measures that have been taken to reduce the cost of production and the prices of eggs?
- (c) If not, why?

1093/2024

Hon. Samanpriya Herath,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of Multi Purpose Cooperative Societies in Kurunegala district;
 - (ii) number of employees serving in those Cooperative Societies;
 - (iii) services provided by those Cooperative Societies;
 - (iv) number of regional outlets controlled by the Societies; and
 - (v) measures that have been taken to develop the cooperative movement in Kurunegala district?
- (b) If not, why?

1128/2024

Hon. D. Weerasinghe,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of government-owned paddy warehouses in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the areas where they are established;
 - (iii) of the quantity of paddy stored in them at present;
 - (iv) whether it is planned to construct new paddy warehouses; and
 - (v) if so, in which areas?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government-owned paddy warehouses have been used for other purposes; and
 - (ii) if so, what those purposes are?
- (c) If not, why?

1155/2024

Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the landless, low income earners in Sri Lanka have been identified by now;
 - (ii) whether a transparent system has been developed for the allotment of land to them; and
 - (iii) of the date, if any, that the system will be implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

1247/2024

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the progress of the introduction of proposed unified labour law reforms;
 - (ii) if there is progress, separately, the date that the new legislation will be gazetted in this regard and the date it will be presented to the Parliament ; and
 - (iii) if there is no progress, reason for the delay?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) whether the provisions exist in the proposed labour law reforms to address less female labour force participation;
 - (ii) if so, the relevant provisions; and
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for exclusion?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of—
 - (i) the provisions with regard to flexible and part-time work in the proposed reforms;
 - (ii) whether the effects of prevailing informalization on female labour have been taken into account; and
 - (iii) if not, steps taken to formalize the issues on female labour?
- (d) If not, why?

1253/2024

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of licenses that have been issued by the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau since 2015;
 - (ii) of the procedure followed by the said Bureau in issuing licenses;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that it has been revealed in the Committee on Public Enterprises in Parliament that the independence of the licensing process is being influenced;
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that have been taken to ensure the independence of the licensing process; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken to restore the above institution out of the corrupt situation which is prevalent?
- (b) If not, why?

1282/2024

Hon. Asanka Navarathna,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an assessment has been conducted regarding the annual crop damage due to wildlife activity;
 - (ii) if so, of the steps thereon; and
 - (iii) of the measures adopted as of now to minimize the damage?
- (b) If not, why?

1287/2024

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which the 'Shrama Wasana Fund' was initiated;
 - (ii) its initial objectives;
 - (iii) the number of people who have benefitted from that Fund from 2015 to date;
 - (iv) the sources of this fund; and
 - (v) the steps that would be taken to strengthen the Fund further?
 - (b) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.1/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing the damage caused to bio-diversity by invasive plants and animals,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should make interventions to identify and name the invasive plants and animals that can cause damage to bio-diversity in Sri Lanka and to prohibit breeding and importing of such plants and animals in order to protect the environment in Sri Lanka and that appropriate action should be taken promptly to formulate necessary laws in that regard.

P.2/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating the research theses of the students of universities and other tertiary education institutions with a focus on the development work undertaken by the relevant ministries,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal procedure be formulated by the government to make use of the research theses written by the students of the universities and the other tertiary education institutions to achieve the long-term, medium-term and short-term objectives of the relevant ministries when the future development processes are undertaken as it is of utmost importance to draft the research theses of the students of universities and other tertiary education institutions functioning in Sri Lanka at present related to their courses of study, with a focus on the economic, social and cultural developments in Sri Lanka, and whereas an officer responsible for each ministry at ministry level is required to be appointed to coordinate between the thesis supervisor and the ministry concerned.

P.3/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking the initiative to protect the Buddhist places of worship worldwide,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be formulated by the government enabling Sri Lanka to initiate advocating the Buddhist leaders and organizations around the world with a view to establishing a strong organization to tighten the security of the Buddhist temples worshipped by the Buddhists living around the world to lobby on behalf of Buddhists at the international level.

P.4/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Expanding the Maintenance Boards for Elders island wide,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary steps be taken by the government enabling the expansion of Maintenance Boards for Elders functioning under the National Council and Secretariat for Elders of the Ministry of Health to the provincial, district and divisional secretariat levels with the objective of facilitating the elders, who spend the last stage of life, to lodge complaints regarding various injustices faced by them due to the discrimination caused by their family members and certain organizations.

P.5/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Combining the knowledge on Sri Lankan food culture with the teaching process,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be implemented by the government to make the food culture of Sri Lanka known among local and foreign people and elevate the Sri Lankan identity by endowing the future generations with the Sri Lanka food culture pedagogy through pedagogical methodologies as food art of Sri Lanka is comprised of a number aspects including the art of flavors and mixation, art of cooking food, art of coloring and the art of food carving.

P.6/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Suppressing the drug rackets carried out through online marketing,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formulated and implemented by the government whereas substandard pharmaceuticals, medical equipment and beauty culture products are hugely sold online at present and this makes a huge threat to the safety of the lives of the people of our country.

P.7/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making the society aware of the value of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that a national level programme be formulated and implemented by the government in regard to the manner in which children should be protected in the face of social challenges for the future betterment of the society and the country, having explained the value of children in a simple manner through sociological and psychological methodologies to the persons such as parents, teachers, sports coaches, school van drivers that always associate with school children.

P.8/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Strengthening the economy of elderly communities through a loan scheme,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should make a suitable arrangement to implement a loan scheme through the banking system for those who are above 60 years of age, whereas the contribution of the elderly community over 60 years can be obtained to enhance the development in the entire Sri Lankan economy by strengthening their livelihood, and whereas they are discriminated against in the society as that elderly community is not granted loan facilities through the banking system.

P.9/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Launching a book on the history of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that suitable steps be taken by the government to launch a book on the history of Sri Lanka on the sponsorship of the government under a proficient board of editors upon studying archeology, literature, folklore and Roman, Greek and Persian history from the human evolution.

P.10/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— The need for preventing religious extremism,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare an expeditious program to prevent the attempts made to surface and promote religious extremism and to rehabilitate those who have already become victims of it, since having extremist views in any field in any country can be immensely harmful, whereas there has been a serious discourse in society regarding religious extremism following the Easter Sunday attack taken place.

P.11/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Continuing the construction work of Ruwanpura Expressway,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary measures to carry out the construction work of Ruwanpura Expressway continuously at least in phases since not only the people living in Ratnapura district but also in Badulla and Hambanthota districts will be benefitted from the construction of the Expressway as it would help gain immense benefits despite the economic difficulties the country is currently experiencing.

P.12/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to extend the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura since it is considered as one of the railway lines that generate a higher income for the Sri Lanka Railways Department, whereas people living in a number of districts, including Ratnapura, Hambanthota and Badulla will be benefitted from extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura.

P.13/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Uplifting the collapsed financial institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated by the Government with immediate effect to uplift the financial institutions of the country, whereas several such institutions have collapsed throughout the past period and whereas the depositors of the said institutions encounter a number of common issues in spite of the fact that a significant impact is made by these financial institutions towards the economic development and on the financial market of a country.

P.14/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Increase of the local canned fish production,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to initiate a programme with immediate effect to develop the local canned fish industry, whereas a substantial amount of money is annually spent on the importation of canned fish required by the country amidst Sri Lanka being a country surrounded by the sea.

P.15/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Repairing the disposable vehicles in Local Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare an accelerated programme to repair the disposable vehicles that are piled up in Local Authorities, which is a common scene, whereas a large amount of money can be saved by repairing those vehicles without purchasing new vehicles.

P.16/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Ensuring welfare for migrant workers,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken expeditiously to launch a programme ensuring welfare for the families of migrant workers who contribute most of the foreign exchange to Sri Lanka.

P.17/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Developing the bee honey industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be implemented by the government to develop the local bee honey industry as bee honey is of very high medicinal value and in great demand in the local and international market.

P.18/2024

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Filling all public sector job vacancies on the basis of Z-score obtained by students in the G.C.E (Advance Level) Examination,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary measures to take into account the Z-score obtained in the G.C.E (Advance Level) Examination by the students when filling vacancies at all government departments, corporations, authorities, boards and provincial councils affiliated institutions, whereas the policies adopted by the former and existing governments in recruitment to the public service on the basis of political allegiance or preferences have seriously damaged the independence of the public service, and due to the fact that it is necessary to make the highly politicized public service completely independent, as giving jobs only on the basis of educational qualification will ensure justice and fairness to the talented and qualified youth, and eradicate youth unrest, and as the vacancies arising in the district would be given to the residents of the respective district will assure the economic security of the employees and create the opportunity to get a highly efficient service to the public sector.

P.19/2024

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Compilation of the Constitution of Sri Lanka in “Braille” and “Audio” mode,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary actions be taken by the Government to compile the Constitution of Sri Lanka in “Braille” and “Audio” mode for hearing and visually impaired community to gain knowledge and understanding of the fundamental law of the country, whereas the Constitution is the fundamental law and the basic model of the state in any country, whereas almost two million citizens out of nearly twenty two million Sri Lankan citizens are from the disabled community, and whereas almost six hundred thousand citizens from among the disabled community are hearing and visually impaired citizens as well .

P.20/2024

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Computing the Z-score, the index used to select the university admissions on National Merits and School Basis at 50% each,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken by the government to categorize all three thousand forty two schools (3042) within the school system in which A/L stream is available computing the Z-score for university entrance admissions based on National Merits and school basis distinctively at 50% each in place of the district and remote district basis, whereas the number of university admissions eligible for all faculties

except for art faculties among the students who have passed the A/L examination is based on the Z-score as the accepted index, accordingly, whereas 40% of the Z-score is based on national merits, 55% is based on district basis and 5% is based on the remote district basis and whereas it is unfair and unjustifiable to consider or substitute the same cut-off mark for all schools in each district.

P.21/2024

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Mentioning only the initials of the family name along with the first name or the National Identity Card number when calling out the name of a person publicly,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary measures to mention only the initials of the family name along with the first name or the National Identity Card number when calling out the name of a person publicly abolishing the law, the custom or the tradition that is rejected by the present generation and which cannot be applicable to the modern world whereas many persons are left embarrassed when their first names are called out loud along with the family name during a court hearing or when a voter is asked to cast the vote during an election or when an undergraduate's name is announced during a convocation whereas in the Sri Lankan society family names are mainly based on the duties vested to each person in the feudal society and the positions their ancestors had served the king therefore indicating the caste relevant to each profession.

P.22/2024

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Converting all Colleges of Education in Sri Lanka into University Faculties,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary action be taken by the Government to enforce the Cabinet decision regarding which the proposal was presented and approval obtained by me on 13th February 2020 as the Minister of Education to convert the currently functioning nineteen Colleges of Education into University Faculties to be suitable for awarding a four-year degree course with a three-year theoretical course and one-year school-based training, whereas it is necessary to make all the teachers in the school system into trained graduate teachers by the year 2023 in order to upgrade the education in Sri Lanka to the advanced international level, and whereas the majority of teachers are currently awarded a higher diploma at the end of a three-year theoretical and practical course.

P.23/2024

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Giving at least 5% representation to citizens with disabilities in the election of representatives to all public representative bodies,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should amend the relevant Acts and Laws so that citizens with disabilities have at least 5% representation in the preparation of nominations for electing representatives to all public representative bodies, whereas the disabled community in this country has exceeded 8% of the total population as per the last census conducted in Sri Lanka, whereas the space is very little for the disabled community to be elected to public representative bodies from the local government where the rural administration takes place to the Parliament where national policies are formulated and whereas the policies related to the disabled citizens of this country have not been made and are not made in accordance with the concepts of developed countries.

P. 24/2024

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Providing opportunities for sportsmen and sportswomen who represent a national sports team or claim a national level record to read for any degree course related to the field of sports,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare the necessary legal and higher educational structure for sportsmen and sportswomen who represent any national sports team in Sri Lanka or claim a national level record to pursue any degree course related to the field of sports, not based on their basic educational qualification or the Z-score.

P.25/2024

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Speedy implementation of the Nilwala River Development Project,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should implement speedily the preliminary plans of the Nilwala river development project with a focus on diverting the Uruboku Oya and Kirama Ara to Hambantota district in the arid zone, creating the Batuwita reservoir, Athuraliya reservoir, Kadawedduwa reservoir and Dediyaigala reservoir of the lower basin and reconstructing the abandoned bunds after making fresh studies on the safe zone and unsafe zone, all of which have a direct bearing on the districts of Matara and Hambantota, and whereas the daily lives and the economy of the people living in the Matara district and the Nilwala basin are faced with a severe crisis owing to the failure of the completion of the Nilwala River Development Scheme which was initiated in the 1980's.

P.30/2024

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Developing sports in estate sector,— That this Parliament resolves that a Sports development program should be launched in order to get the youth contribution of the estate sector for the sports development of the country, as they have displayed their skills locally and internationally, and they do not have any sports facilities in their estate schools as well as the estate areas where they live.

P.31/2024

Hon. Velu kumar,— Developing cricket in up country estate areas,— That this Parliament resolves that a special program should be implemented to provide necessary training facilities to the areas whether many talented players are residing, in order to get the contribution of the talented cricket players in estate areas, as Sri Lanka is a country which had earned international recognition in Cricket and the performance of the Sri Lankan Cricket team was very unsatisfactory in the recent past.

P.32/2024

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Improvement of Traditional Arts of Up Country People into a Commercial Activity,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should establish a suitable centre in order to facilitate the protection of Traditional Arts and improve them as commercial activity as up country people of Indian Origin of Estate Sector is a community representing Sri Lanka, and Traditional arts such as Nadagam, Kohombakale dance, kavadi dance and traditional stick dance are seen within this community.

P.33/2024

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Setting up a Standard and a Regulatory System for Child Day Care Centers,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take appropriate steps to set up a proper standard and a regulatory system with regard to Day Care Centers for the safety and the welfare of the children who decide the future of the country, as private parties run Day Care Centers in different areas of the country and no proper standard, methodology and a regulatory system in regard to such centers that are run by estate Companies.

P.34/2024

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Improving the process of forest cultivation in the Central Province,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should initiate necessary measures to stop cultivating the pine trees completely and launch the natural afforestation system as an alternative whereas most of the water catchment areas in Sri Lanka are located in the central hills, especially in the Kandy and Matale districts have severely been affected by pine cultivation.

P.35/2024

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Providing drinking water supply to the Estate community of the upcountry,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary measures be taken for the inclusion of plantation areas in the Government programme for the provision of potable water, having paid attention to the need for the implementation of drinking water supply programme carried out in other areas since the people of the plantation sector in the upcountry fulfill their drinking water requirement from natural water springs, rivers, canals and wells as a result of the poor implementation of plans for the supply of drinking water, whereas these people have to face various health problems owing to a situation where they are unable to find water suitable for drinking due to increasing population and environment pollution caused by excessive use of agrochemicals, and whereas a scarcity of water has occurred due to the diversion of water in plantation areas to other parts of the country.

P.36/2024

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Acquisition of estate roads to the Government,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken to acquire the estate roads to be under the Local Government and Provincial Council roads as the ownership, as management and administration of estates that have a significant place in the plantation sector of Sri Lanka are subjected to changes at different times whereas the dwellings of the plantation workers are located in the middle of the estates far away from the main road and whereas the estate roads used by these people are in highly dilapidated condition with no development.

P.37/2024

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Declaring the Day of the Martyrs of the Hill Country Trade Union,— That this Parliament resolves that the Hill Country Trade Union Martyrs Day be declared in order to commemorate the first worker and all the martyrs who laid down their lives in the pursuit of non-violent struggle for the rights and welfare of the plantation workers and that the day shall be set on the 10th of January as it aligns with the sacrifice of the first Hill Country martyr, “Mulloya Govinthan”, who had been shot

dead by a white national in the face of their opposition to the struggle, during the first trade union struggle for salary hikes of plantation workers in Sri Lanka unfolded from December 1939 to January 1940, and whereas through democratic means, the Hill Country plantation workers have fervently fought for and secured their rights and as a testament to their struggles, the Hill Country people of Indian origin have long demanded that these martyrs who selflessly laid down their lives in the pursuit of democracy be commemorated on a designated day, and the Hill Country plantation workers stand as a community in Sri Lanka's history, having made significant contributions to its economic growth.

P.38/2024

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Regularization of the Postal Service of Sri Lanka in the Plantation Sector,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary measures be initiated by the Government to regularize the postal services for the plantation community, who have been integral to the nation for nearly two centuries, whereas marking two centuries since the establishment of settlements by plantation communities in Sri Lanka, it is noteworthy that this community has faced with various difficulties due to the deprivation of the convenience of door step mail delivery, and whereas Sri Lanka's postal service has a history spanning two centuries which commenced in 1798 and subsequently came under regularization by the English in 1882, and whereas after independence, the Postal Service of Sri Lanka has emerged as one of the pivotal government service run by the Postal Department.

P.39/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Formulation of a programme to establish the foundational framework for the digital education system,— That this parliament resolves that the government should formulate a programme to establish a foundational framework necessary for the digital education system in Sri Lanka, given the rapidly evolving global landscape at present, requiring a corresponding change in the education system accordingly.

P.40/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Preparation of a programme to strengthen the audit and legal sections of the Ministry of Sports,— That this parliament resolves that, whereas, many sports associations in Sri Lanka including cricket have become extremely corrupt at present, the government should develop a programme aimed at strengthening the audit and legal sections of the Ministry of Sports to effectively mitigate this situation.

P.41/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Protection of depositors' savings in Co-operative Rural Banks,— That this parliament resolves that the government should implement a suitable program to ensure justice for the depositors who find themselves in dire straits as certain rural banks, such as Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia Co-operative Rural Bank and Maharagama Co-operative Rural Bank have gone bankrupt despite the high level of trust that rural people have in co-operative rural banks that are part of the co-operative movement.

P.42/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Investing the monies of the Employees' Provident Fund effectively,— That this parliament resolves that a suitable programme should be implemented by the government to invest monies of the Employees' Provident Fund in productive sectors so that private sector employees could yield more benefits, whereas the National Audit Report has disclosed that no benefit has been yielded by investing the funds of the Employees' Provident Fund that has been established for the welfare of private sector employees, in the shares of companies that are not listed in the share market.

P.43/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Preparation of an institutional structure flexible to the timely changes in the Department of Railways,— That this parliament resolves that the government should prepare an institutional structure flexible to the timely changes in the Department of Railways whereas the department can no longer be maintained under the departmental framework introduced during the colonial period, in a rapidly developing world with emerging technology.

P.44/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Enhancement of Financial Literacy,— That this parliament resolves that the government should prepare a suitable programme to make the public aware of Financial Literacy from school age as financial literacy is still at a low level, whereas the literacy rate, that is the ability to read and write is high in Sri Lanka.

P.45/2024

Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe,— Providing formal national career guidance to the Sri Lankan student community to help them succeed in their future,— That this parliament resolves that a permanent national course of action be established by the government to provide correct career guidance aimed at making the student community understand formally and informed of the degree courses conducted in the current system of universities in Sri Lanka, the technical and technological colleges and their courses, recognized private universities, world-recognized foreign universities and methods of obtaining local and foreign scholarships whereas hundred thousands of students appear for G.C.E(O/L) and G.C.E(A/L) in Sri Lanka every year, whereas it has been observed that the majority of the above students and their parents do not have a proper understanding of how to mould the future of the students who pass and fail these exams, whereas it appears that the government institutions established to provide correct career guidance are not fulfilling their duties and responsibilities properly.

P.46/2024

Hon. (Dr.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle,— Increasing the representation of women among the office bearers in political parties,— That this parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken by the government to ensure that every registered political party appoints at least 30% women within the decision-making level/capacity of its executive committee as a holistic approach to increasing women's participation in politics and women's representation in Parliament.
