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Tuesday, May 20, 2025

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2428/07 of 19th March 2025, which were presented on 08.05.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Finance Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 2(1) of the Finance Act, No. 25 of 2003 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2421/30 of 31st January 2025, which was presented on 08.05.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Notification under the Finance Act,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 19 read with Section 51 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 relating to Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2421/41 of 31st January 2025, which was presented on 08.05.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, as amended, relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2421/42 of 31st January 2025, which was presented on 08.05.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

** Indicates Government Business.*

Thursday, May 22, 2025

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Foreign Loans (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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National Transport Commission (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

** Indicates Government Business.*

Tuesday, June 03, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

305/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

(a) Will she inform this House of the—

- (i) number of government owned universities in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) number of faculties in each university and the number of students in each faculty separately;
- (iii) annual average cost for a government university student and the total cost to complete a degree categorized by discipline separately;
- (iv) number of private universities in Sri Lanka;
- (v) number of students registered in each private university separately; and
- (vi) total cost for a private university student and the total cost to complete a degree categorized by discipline separately?

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- (b) Will she also inform this House separately of the —
- (i) number of professors in each government university and total number of professors;
 - (ii) total cost of running each government university;
 - (iii) total cost for a student in each of the above universities;
 - (iv) total value of the assets of each government university; and
 - (v) world ranking of each of the above universities?
- (c) If not, why?

381/2025

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
- (i) number of national schools in Sri Lanka in each province, separately;
 - (ii) number of students, the number of teachers and the number of members on the non-academic staff in each of those schools, separately;
 - (iii) number of provincial-council schools under each of the province in Sri Lanka, separately;
 - (iv) number of students, the number of teachers and the number members in the non-academic staff in each of those schools, separately;
 - (v) number of provincial-council schools that have been transformed as national schools by the previous government; and
 - (vi) measures that will be taken to develop those schools?
- (b) If not, why?

513/2025

Hon. Padmasiri Bandara,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of tanks that are currently in need of renovation out of the tanks in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether it has been planned to renovate the tanks referred to above; and
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which the renovation work will be commenced?
- (b) If not, why?

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585/2025

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Kalpitiya can be identified as a region where vegetables and fruits are produced even under adverse environmental conditions; and
 - (ii) the farmers in the said area are greatly inconvenienced due to the inundation of farmlands and the destruction of crops during the rainy season?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) If so, whether steps have been taken to pay compensation to the aforesaid farmers for their crops destroyed due to rain;
 - (ii) whether there is any arrangement in place to provide the fertilizer subsidy to vegetable and fruit farmers in Kalpitiya; and
 - (iii) if so, of the said arrangement?
- (c) If not, why?

791/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the present status of the government land known as Welangolla Estate (“Hamuge Watta”) located in Maho Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) of the extent of the said land in acres;
 - (iii) whether the land has been allocated for any industries;
 - (iv) if so, of those industries;
 - (v) of the extent of land that has been allocated for such industries in acres; and
 - (vi) of the number of employees of those industries?
- (b) If not, why?

801/2025

Hon. Dharmapriya Dissanayake,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) whether she is aware that the construction of the large function hall at Kuliyaipitiya Central College, commenced under the “Deyata Kirula” programme, has been completed only partially and stopped halfway;
 - (ii) of the amount that has been spent so far on the construction of the said building;

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- (iii) of the steps that will be taken to complete the construction of the function hall concerned, which will benefit the people of the Kuliapitiya area;
- (iv) whether the cost for the abovementioned construction has been estimated; and
- (v) if so, of the estimated cost of the said construction?

(b) If not, why?

836/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) year in which the North Central Great Canal Project was initiated;
- (ii) number of phases that comprise the said project;
- (iii) districts that will be covered by the said project; and
- (iv) expected benefits of the said project?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether he admits that the project concerned could not be completed within the scheduled time;
- (ii) of the year in which the project was scheduled to be completed;
- (iii) of the reasons for not been able to complete the project within the scheduled time; and
- (iv) of the present physical progress and financial progress of the said project, separately?

(c) If not, why?

869/2025

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) extent of land of the Southern Province that was transferred to the Land Reform Commission at the time the Commission was established, separately in relation to each Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) number of lands which are less than 50 acres in extent of which the ownership has been transferred to private individuals, the extent of each of the lands concerned and the name of the person to whom each of the lands has been transferred, and whether those lands have been transferred for business purposes or agricultural purposes, separately in relation to each of the said Divisional Secretariat Divisions;

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- (iii) names and the extents of the lands that have neither been transferred nor disposed of so far, separately in relation to each of the said Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
- (iv) lands that are currently subjected to legal proceedings, out of the said lands; and
- (v) lands that have been requested for new projects?

(b) If not, why?

871/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the extent of immovable properties possessed by each of the local authority institution in the Galle District, separately;
- (ii) of the extent of such immovable properties possessed legally and the extent possessed in a manner, which is not legal by each of the local authority institutions concerned, separately; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to legalize the properties which are possessed in an illegitimate manner by the local authority institutions referred to above if there are any such properties possessed in such manner?

(b) If not, why?

874/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that people have settled in the state lands for which 'grant documents' or 'land permits' were given during the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2025 out of the state lands situated in the Divisional Secretariat Division of Manmunai North in the Batticaloa District; and
- (ii) if so, of total number of such people and their names and other relevant information?

(b) If not, why?

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Wednesday, June 04, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

514/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika,—To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of political prisoners currently in detention;
 - (ii) period of detention of each political prisoner, the charges against them, and the Act used to detain them separately; and
 - (iii) strategy in place for the release of those political prisoners?
- (b) If not, why?

517/2025

Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of schools that have been designated as National Schools under the programme to establish 1000 National Schools in each of the Divisional Secretariat Division, separately;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that was allocated separately for the construction of name board and main entrance gate of each of the said National Schools;
 - (iii) whether the schools concerned are currently administered by the line Ministry or by the respective Provincial Council;
 - (iv) accordingly, of the total number of National Schools that have been established up to now;
 - (v) of the names of those schools; and
 - (vi) whether the physical resources of the said National Schools will be developed and the schools will be brought under the purview of the line Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

583/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of training centres that are run by the National Youth Services Council in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of training centres situated in Matara District;

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- (iii) of the number of training centres situated within the Akuressa Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) of the number of training centres situated within the Athuraliya Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (v) whether a building of one such centre that is abandoned after its construction halted halfway, has been informed of;
 - (vi) of the reasons for halting the construction of the building concerned halfway; and
 - (vii) of the plans in place to renovate that building and use it for the benefit of the youth community?
- (b) If not, why?

605/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) of the number of Early Childhood Development Centres (Pre-schools) currently registered in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the minimum educational qualification that must be possessed by the pre-school wardens serving in those pre-schools;
 - (iii) of the number of pre-school wardens currently serving who have fulfilled the above minimum educational qualification; and
 - (iv) whether a single syllabus, or any other such guiding mechanism has been introduced for every pre-school?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
- (i) whether she admits that pre-school education is the most crucial and important sector among pre-school, primary, secondary, tertiary, university and other educational sectors; and
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to bring pre-school education directly under the Ministry of Education and develop it more effectively?
- (c) If not, why?

703/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) whether she accepts that education reforms should be conducted in keeping with the current trends prevailing in the world where science and technology changes rapidly;

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- (ii) of the frequency of years at which education reforms should be conducted according to the accepted criteria;
 - (iii) of the courses of action taken to introduce new education reforms to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) of the courses of action adopted for implementing those reforms?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, June 05, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

612/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindrancee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the objectives behind the establishment of the National Health Development Fund;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has been received as donations by the said Fund from the year 2015 up to now;
 - (iii) of the projects that were implemented under the said Fund;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the National Audit Report has stated that the money received as donations to the said Fund has been used for purposes outside the objectives of the said Fund; and
 - (v) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

632/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether Israeli religious and cultural centers have been established in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the areas where the said centers have been established; and
 - (iii) whether legal approval has been obtained for the establishment of those centers?
- (b) If not, why?

635/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of Sri Lankan workers who have migrated to Israel to work as caregivers from 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) procedure that has been adopted in selecting them;
 - (iii) steps that have been taken to provide them with the necessary training; and
 - (iv) measures that have been taken to provide the job opportunities referred to above in a transparent manner?
- (b) If not, why?

649/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which Azad Maulana made a statement to Channel 4 regarding the Easter attacks in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether she is aware that an widespread dialog took place in the society regarding the statement concerned; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to bring Azad Maulana to Sri Lanka and record further statements in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

668/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Ramanathan Archchuna,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Dr. Sathyamoorthy Thangumuththu, the Director of the Teaching Hospital, Jaffna has employed 170 individuals in the government sector over the past three years;
 - (ii) these employees have been paid less than Rs. 10,000/- per month for a maximum period of only 05 months out of their 36 months employment; and
 - (iii) such employment practices have violated the labor laws of Sri Lanka?

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- (b) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) basis on which these employees were appointed to the government sector;
 - (ii) current employment status of these employees; and
 - (iii) reasons why no actions have been taken against Dr. Thangamuththu so far, despite a written complaint being submitted over the past two months?
- (c) If not, why?

702/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that thousands of acres of paddy lands in the areas of Akkaraipattu, Addalaichenai, Oluvil and Palamunai are severely damaged due to the frequent breaches of the main canal, which runs from Dighavapiya to Kaliodai, spans 4 km in length, takes off from the Kaliodai River, and falls under the purview of the Irrigation Department;
 - (ii) whether the Irrigation Department has prepared an estimate for the reconstruction of the canal concerned;
 - (iii) if so, of the estimated cost for such reconstruction work; and
 - (iv) of the date on which the reconstruction work will be commenced?
- (b) If not, why?

714/2025

Hon. Danushka Ranganath,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) whether there are any Tamil medium government schools in the Kalutara District;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such schools; and
 - (iii) of the number of schools, that provide education up to G.C.E. (O/L) and up to G.C.E. (A/L), out of the above-mentioned schools, separately?
- (b) Will she also inform this House—
- (i) of the names of the schools in the Kalutara District where G.C.E. (A/L) subjects can be studied in the Tamil medium;

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- (ii) of the number of schools, where Arts and Commerce subject streams can be studied in the Tamil medium, out of those mentioned above;
 - (iii) whether there are any schools where Mathematics, Science and Technology subject streams can be studied in the Tamil medium; and
 - (iv) if not, of the reasons for that?
- (c) Will she further inform this House—
- (i) whether there are any government schools in the Kalutara District where all the streams can be studied in the Tamil medium;
 - (ii) if not, of the reasons for that; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to establish at least one such school in the Kalutara District?
- (d) If not, why?

719/2025

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— 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 constructions that were initiated at government schools in the Moneragala District under the “Nearest School—Best School” project during the period of the Good-Governance Regime;
 - (ii) amount of money spent on the constructions concerned;
 - (iii) number of those that have been completed, out of the constructions referred to above the and the number of those that have not, separately; and
 - (iv) steps that will be taken to promptly complete the constructions that have not yet been completed?
- (b) If not, why?

772/2025

Hon. Lasith Bhashana Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that expired food items have been accumulated at the Welisara Warehouse Complex belonging to the Cooperative Wholesale Establishment;
 - (ii) of the reason for accumulating them at the said location;

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- (iii) of the reason for their expiry; and
- (iv) of the action that will be taken against the officials responsible for the expiry of such a large quantity of food items?

(b) If not, why?

854/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) A.M.M.M. Rathwaththe,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a land 02 acres in extent which is located close to ‘Mansala’ and ‘Helabojun Hala’ in Dehiattakndiya town has been disposed to two individuals;
 - (ii) of the names of those individuals, the basis on which the land was disposed and the purpose of such transfer;
 - (iii) whether a land around 60 perches in extent located between the Police Station and the ‘Shalika Hall’ has been transferred;
 - (iv) if so, of the name of the person to whom it has been disposed and the purpose of such transfer;
 - (v) whether the land close to the Cultural Centre has been plotted out and disposed; and
 - (vi) if so, of name of the individual to whom that land has been disposed and of the basis on which it has been transferred?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps that can be taken to utilize the lands referred to above for development activities in a context where the arrangements have been made by the Urban Development Authority to draft an Urban Development Plan for Dehiattakandiya;
 - (ii) whether it is possible to implement the said development activities because of the manner in which the said lands have been disposed of;
 - (iii) if not, whether it is possible to amend the transfer of lands mentioned above; and
 - (iv) whether the lands concerned can be reacquired?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, June 06, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

12/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of Dedicated Economic Centers that have been established in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) their locations;
 - (iii) the purpose of establishing such Dedicated Economic Centers; and
 - (iv) the measures that would be adopted to regularize the business and administrative matters of such centers?
- (b) If not, why?

74/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a permanent building has not been provided for the post office located in the Palukamam area of the Porathivupattu Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District and is being operated in a temporary building;
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to construct a permanent building for the above post office; and
 - (iii) of the time frame it will be constructed?
- (b) If not, why?

95/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) names of the major ports in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) income and expenditure of each of such ports in each year from 2015 up until now, separately; and
 - (iii) measures that have been taken to develop the said ports?
- (b) If not, why?

158/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the name of the Chairman of the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited;
 - (ii) his qualifications;
 - (iii) the number of members of the Board of Directors of the said company;
 - (iv) the name, address, and educational qualifications, of each of those board members, the positions they have held so far, the institutions in which they had held those previous positions and the positions they currently hold in other institutions, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

191/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of state-owned sugar companies in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) names of the factories referred to above;
 - (iii) quantity of sugar imported to Sri Lanka from the year 2022 up to now and the amount of money spent on the imports each year, separately;
 - (iv) quantities of unsold sugar and Ethanol found accumulated in the state-owned sugar factories, separately; and
 - (v) measures that will be taken to increase the sugar production in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

214/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of prisons existing in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) names of those prisons;
 - (iii) number of prisoners detained in each of those prisons at present, separately; and
 - (iv) steps that will be taken to reduce congestion prevailing in those prisons?
- (b) If not, why?

223/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the progress of land acquisition process for the export processing zone, in which construction work has been commenced by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka in the Milleniya area, Bandaragama in the Kalutara district ;
 - (ii) of the amount of compensation that has been paid so far for the lands acquired;
 - (iii) of the amount spent by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka to develop the road system, provide pipe-borne water and supply electricity to the above-mentioned export processing zone, separately;
 - (iv) of the progress of the development of the road system of the zone concerned; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to complete the remaining development work of the aforementioned export development zone considering this as a project of national importance?
- (b) If not, why?

390/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) whether the Anti-Corruption Committee Office established in 2015 was established under the Office of the then Prime Minister;
 - (ii) whether the Cabinet Memorandum and the Cabinet decision regarding the establishment of the aforesaid committee will be presented;
 - (iii) of the number of members who were at the aforesaid committee;
 - (iv) of the names and addresses of those members, separately;
 - (v) of the number of complaints that had been received by the Anti-Corruption Committee Office by the time of its closure; and
 - (vi) of the number of cases that had been filed at courts of law?

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- (b) Will she also inform this House —
- (i) of the name and address of the person who served as the Director General of the aforesaid Anti-Corruption Committee; and
 - (ii) whether she is aware that he has driven a vehicle without permission, causing an accident?
- (c) If not, why?

619/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that a programme called "Mahaweli Punaruda Sathiya" (Mahaweli Re-awakening Week) was implemented recently;
 - (ii) of the objective of the aforesaid programme;
 - (iii) of the total amount of money spent on the programme; and
 - (iv) of the measures that were implemented under the aforesaid programme to empower the Mahaweli farmers?
- (b) If not, why?

917/2025

Hon. M. Nizam Kariapper, PC,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that certain individuals holding dual citizenship are serving as Ambassadors and High Commissioners representing Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of such Ambassadors and High Commissioners, their dates of appointment and other relevant details separately;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that appointing of individuals with dual citizenship to high-level diplomatic positions could give rise to potential conflicts of interest; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that are intended to be taken to prevent/address such conflicts of interest?
- (b) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P. 3/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— 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. 4/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— 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 the then Minister on 13th February 2020 as the then 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 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. 5/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— 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. 6/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— 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, Badulla and Hambanthota will be benefitted from extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura.

P. 7/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— 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. 8/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— 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. 9 /2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— 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.10/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— 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.14/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara, — Developing a programme to properly monitor the cooperative rural banks system,— That this Parliament resolves that the cooperative rural banks, which are the closest to people, be properly monitored by the government in order to address the prevailing situation as depositors of these banks are faced with various difficulties because of the collapse of a number of these banks for various reasons.

P.16/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulating a programme to streamline the appointments made to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the government prepare a programme to make all appointments to the foreign service, which is tasked with uplifting Sri Lanka's image before the international community, based on the results of competitive examinations and on merit in order to prevent political appointments made to the foreign service, which have led to the deterioration in the quality of the service leading to failure to achieve its desired objectives.

P.17/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulating a proper procurement methodology for purchasing goods and services to depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board,—This Parliament resolves that the government do formulate a proper procurement methodology for purchasing goods and services to depots of Sri Lanka Transport Board with a view to preventing corruption as the absence of such a methodology is the main cause of the corruption rampant in the Sri Lanka Transport Board.

P.18/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—Formulating a program to make school students aware of the University of Vocational Technology,— That this Parliament resolves that a program be developed by the government to make schoolchildren aware of the courses of the University of Vocational Technology, which targets at the job market and vocational technology, deviating from the traditional university framework in Sri Lanka.

P.20/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Preparing the subjects falling under the provincial councils in a scientific methodology,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare an appropriate programme to allocate the subjects coming under the purview of the provincial councils according to a proper methodology based on a scientific basis to avoid the situation that has arisen since the subjects coming under the purview of the provincial councils have been currently allocated in a way that has no scientific basis, and that various problems have arisen because of this.

P.21/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri, — Developing a proper methodology to strengthen the Sri Lanka Transport Board, — That this Parliament resolves that the Government should develop a proper methodology to prevent fraud and corruption that occur during the procurement of goods and services by the Sri Lanka Transport Board, since strengthening the public transport service in Sri Lanka is an essential matter.

P.22/2024

Hon Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme to increase milk production,— That this Parliament resolves that a program to increase the milk production in Sri Lanka should be implemented by the government to avoid the substantial amount of foreign exchange outflow on the annual importation of milk.

P.23/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Enhancing the contribution of the livestock sector to the national product, — That this Parliament resolves that the Government of Sri Lanka should develop a programme to enhance the contribution of the livestock sector to the country's national product.

P. 26/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Making Sports Bodies in Sri Lanka free from politicization,— That this Parliament resolves that the elected politicians should be prohibited from contesting and holding leading positions in sports bodies, as it is evident that these organizations have become heavily politicised in Sri Lanka.

P. 27/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Making every Youth Member a gainfully employed person or self employed entrepreneur,— That this Parliament resolves that every youth member attaining the age of 18 years should have the right to gainful employment or if not employed, be provided with financial assistance to become a self-employed entrepreneur.

P. 30/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Banning the naming of political parties according to ethnicities or religions,— That this Parliament resolves that naming of political parties based on ethnicities or religions be banned and such a change be effected in the names of presently functioning political parties bearing names denoting ethnicities or religions, taking into consideration the situation that has arisen in Sri Lanka at present.

P. 31/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of 1% return for employees in relation to inflation,— That this Parliament resolves that the Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund which are administered by government institutions shall ensure that the employees receive returns at least 1% higher than the annual inflation rate.

P. 32/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Provision of free travelling facilities to senior citizens,— That this Parliament resolves that all senior citizens be provided with free transport facilities in public transport services.

P. 33/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Setting up of a unit with legal powers to solve the problems faced by the migrant employees,— That this Parliament resolves that a unit with legal powers be set up to look into problems faced by migrant employees including assault, abduction, rape, sexual abuse, homicide, financial fraud and facilitate the safe return of affected workers to Sri Lanka and look into their safety.

P. 34/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Formulation of a National Programme to introduce New Inventors to the World,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to introduce new inventors and citizens who are endowed with various skills to the world and to improve their skills and creations.

P. 35/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Tax concession to industrialists who utilize indigenous raw materials,— That this Parliament resolves that a two year tax concession be granted to local industrialists who utilize more than 75% indigenous raw materials in the production of goods for the international market.

P. 36/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enabling the Right to Vote,— That this Parliament resolves that every individual above the age of eighteen shall be allowed to vote as there is a greater number of registered voters that have been deprived of voting and if an individual does not vote after the name appears on the register they should be fined which help to create a more participatory democratic process.

P. 39/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,— Taking actions to prevent public dissatisfaction with all local government institutions at the grassroots level,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary steps to give more attention to all local government institutions at the grassroots level, which are the public representative bodies closest to the people, as there is often a very dissatisfied feeling among people towards these institutions.

P. 40/2025

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,— Designation of the ecosystem comprising the towns of Pitigala, Udugama, Neluwa and Deniyaya as a tourist zone,— That this Parliament resolves that, since the country's tourism industry is contributing to increasing domestic revenue in a situation where Sri Lanka has entered a new era of renaissance, necessary steps be taken by the government to designate the ecosystem comprising the towns of Pitigala, Udugama, Neluwa and Deniyaya as a tourist zone and develop it since this area encompasses the Sinharaja Forest, a world heritage site among the low-country rain forests of Sri Lanka and the Kanneliya forest, which are home to unique species of flora & fauna, and the biosystem of Hiniduma mountain (Haycock), which is an ecosystem that has attracted special attention of foreign tourists.

P. 41/2025

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Preparation of a program to amend the constitution including the composition of Sri Lanka Cricket,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take measures to amend the constitution including the composition of Sri Lanka Cricket as there has been a great deal of discussion in society regarding the Sri Lanka Cricket at present, and the Sri Lanka Cricket has become an institution where irregularities are common due to the power of a certain group of societies in its elections and such situation needs to be prevented.

P. 42/2025

Hon. Ruwan Mapalagama,— Integrating law and ethics to the school curriculum,— That this Parliament resolves that the government do take necessary action to integrate lessons on the basic law of the country to the Citizen Education syllabus of school children from Grade 6 to Grade 11 while preventing the school curriculum from turning complex as the lack of awareness in the basic law necessary for the day-to-day life has been identified as a major cause for problems faced by the general public of this country, and as ignorance of the law does not become an excuse before the law.

P. 43/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Formulating a course of action to prevent the misuse of the positions of professors and doctors,— That this Parliament resolves that the government do take necessary action to formulate a course of action through the University Grants Commission for preventing the situation, where many persons in our society misuse the titles such as Professor and Doctor.

P. 44/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Implementing the recommendations given in the audit report 2023 pertaining to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper course of action be formulated by the government to implement the recommendations given in the National Audit Report pertaining to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, which is like the heart of the Sri Lankan economy, as important recommendations have been given in the Report concerned.

P. 45/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—Using the money of local government institutions for public services in a proper manner,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper course of action be formulated by the government to prevent the state of affairs, whereas facts have been unveiled to the effect that many local government institutions deposit their money in fixed deposits with the objective of earning a profit instead of using such money for purposes such as providing public and health services as well as common amenities and improving public thoroughfares.

P. 46/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— Formulating a programme for the proper functioning of the National Drug Quality Assurance Laboratory,— That this Parliament resolves that, whereas the National Drug Quality Assurance Laboratory was established about 35 years ago, whereas the laboratory is not functioning properly at present, and as a consequence a large number of imported drugs are not subjected to proper quality testing, and therefore, a proper course of action be formulated to overcome this situation.

P. 47/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Initiation of an insurance scheme for the farming community,— That this Parliament resolves that an insurance scheme be established for the farming community, who constitute the majority of the people of this country, as it is the responsibility of a government to ensure the welfare of the farming community of a country.

P. 48/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—Bringing Industries related to Petroleum, Fuel and Water under the regulation of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that, whereas industries related to electricity, petroleum, fuel and water should be regulated, industries related to petroleum and water have not been subjected to regulation for more than 21 years because the Acts relevant to the supervision of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and the National Water Supply and Drainage Board have not been amended and therefore, necessary legal procedures be implemented to change this state of affairs.

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P. 49/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— Formulation of a programme to regulate the process of issuing licenses for filling stations,— That this Parliament resolves that, as the process of issuing filling station licenses in Sri Lanka is highly irregular, a regulatory programme be formulated to streamline the process of issuing filling station licenses.

P. 50/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,—Formulating a methodology to prevent the damage caused by the pinus plantations to sources of water and the environment,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be formulated to remove pinus plantations and to substitute useful indigenous plants considering the damage caused to sources of water and the environment by pinus plantations, which have been grown especially in mountainous areas including the Uva Province.
