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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Gambling Regulatory Authority Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Bills of Exchange (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Samurdhi (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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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 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2437/04 of 19th May 2025, which were presented on 17.06.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

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Friday, July 11, 2025

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Hon. Upul Kithsiri,—Preservation of places of historical value in Sri Lanka, including Maduwanwela Walawwa, which belongs to the Kolonna Divisional Secretariat Division of the Ratnapura District,— That this Parliament resolves that whereas there are many places of historical value in Sri Lanka including the Maduwanwela Walawwa, a historical place belonging to the Kolonna Divisional Secretariat Division of the Ratnapura district, whereas such places have attracted tourists and such places have become extremely unsafe at present, the government should formulate a course of action to save them for posterity for utilizing them for the tourism industry while preserving such places without damaging their original antiquity and promptly surveying and settling the lands belonging to such places.

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Hon. Upul Kithsiri,— Designation of the Udawalawe Area as a Tourist Zone,—That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary measures to declare the Udawalawe area, encompassing the Udawalawe region in the Ratnapura District and the Sevanagala region in the Monaragala District, as a designated tourist zone, in view of the inability to experience the versatility of the area in the case of both local and foreign tourists due to the absence of a proper mechanism in place, despite the presence of significant tourist attractions such as the Udawalawe National Park, Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, Sankapala Rajamaha Viharaya, Udawalawe Reservouir, Sevanagala Sugar Factory, Sevanagala Sugarcane Research Institute, Udawalawe Freshwater Fisheries Center, and Waulpana Limestone Cave.

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Hon. (Dr.) M. L. A. M. Hizbullah,— Establishment of a fund called “Sri Lanka Baithulmal Fund”,— That this parliament resolves that Government should take the necessary steps to establish a fund to be called the “Sri Lanka Baithulmal Fund” under the Ministry of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs, whereas the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs does not currently have a fund that is required in matters relating to education, culture, occupation and inter-ethnic cooperation and in matters related to livelihood of the Muslim community living in Sri Lanka, whereas a fund called “Baithulmal” has been established many years ago for these needs in Muslim countries of the world and countries where Muslim minorities live, and whereas the necessary financial provisions can be obtained from those living in this country and those living in foreign countries, if this fund is established in Sri Lanka.

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Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law,— Appointment of a trained student counsellor to every school for the educational development, vocational development and personal social development of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary steps to appoint a trained student counsellor to every school for the sake of educational development, vocational development, and personal social development of school children, whereas various psychological disturbances are currently observed among many school children and these conditions indirectly affect their physical and social well-being, and whereas teachers are appointed as student counsellors and the service expected from them has not been effectively delivered in some instances despite their being appointed as such due to their role of school teachers impinging, and whereas the necessity for a student counsellor has emerged in every school.

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Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Formulation of a pension scheme for the Sri Lankans working abroad, who are styled as “*Rata Viruwo*” (Migrant Heroes),— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should formulate a pension scheme by establishing a pension fund using a certain percentage of the money received from the Sri Lankan labour force working overseas as foreign exchange, whereas the contribution of them is very significant in revitalizing the national economy of Sri Lanka, and whereas the said employees have to undergo various difficulties by being unable to engage in a job after returning to Sri Lanka while living with their children after working abroad for many years due the economic crisis.

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

162/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the amount earned as tax income by the government by selling petroleum oils from 21.09.2023 to 20.09.2024;
 - (ii) of the profit earned / loss incurred by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation during the period referred to above;
 - (iii) whether frauds have occurred in selling fuel during the period concerned;

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- (iv) if so, of the amount that was defrauded per litre in respect of each fuel, separately;
- (v) of the total amount of money so defrauded; and
- (vi) whether the amount so defrauded from each litre is deducted from the price of fuels and its benefit is given to consumers as a relief at present?

(b) If not, why?

183/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) a government pharmacy (Osu Sala) is not available within the Manmune South Eruvil Pattu Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District;
- (ii) the relevant parties, when informed of the above fact, stated that a building with adequate space to establish a government pharmacy is not available; and
- (iii) there is nevertheless a building that had been constructed for the very purpose of establishing a government pharmacy at the Kaluvanchikudy Base Hospital?

(b) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to establish a government pharmacy in the building constructed at the Kaluvanchikudy Base Hospital premises?

(c) If not, why?

196/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of Indian investment projects that have been implemented in the energy sector of Sri Lanka from 2015 up to now, the name of each such investment project, the value of the investment and their resultant contribution to the energy sector of Sri Lanka, in relation to each year, separately; and
- (ii) stand of the government in relation to the Indian investments in the energy sector of Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

216/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of active accounts in the Employees Provident Fund from 2015 to the present, separately for each year;
 - (ii) annual interest rate paid to the contributor in each year during that period, separately;
 - (iii) factors considered in determining the annual interest rate; and
 - (iv) measures taken to further strengthen the Employees Provident Fund?
- (b) If not, why?

223/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (2)

- (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?

311/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of Sri Lankans employed overseas, separately as of 31.12.2024 and at present;
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately from 2015 to date of the —
 - (i) total foreign remittances received through foreign employment in US Dollars and Sri Lankan Rupees;

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- (ii) countries from which these remittances originated;
 - (iii) number of migrant workers deported due to default working contracts;
 - (iv) steps taken regarding these workers;
 - (v) revenue earned from the insurance scheme for Sri Lankans leaving for overseas employments; and
 - (vi) amount of money spent from this scheme on Sri Lankan migrant workers?
- (c) If not, why?

338/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the mosque which had existed in the Mahara Prison premises for a long time has not been functioning since 2019;
 - (ii) of the reasons for that; and
 - (iii) whether it is possible to provide the permission and facilities necessary to resume the functions of the mosque concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

443/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether interviews have been conducted recently for the recruitment for the Post of Sub-Inspector of Police;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of candidates who have passed the aforementioned interviews;
 - (iii) of the number of those that will be recruited for the Post of Sub-Inspector of Police;
 - (iv) whether the recruitment process for the post concerned has been currently suspended; and
 - (v) if not, of the date on which the recruitments will be made for the Post of Sub-Inspector of Police?
- (b) If not, why?

621/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of airlines that provide aviation services to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) names of those airlines;
 - (iii) current outstanding amounts of money owed by each of the airlines referred to above to the Airports and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited and to the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka separately; and
 - (iv) steps to be taken to recover the said outstanding amounts?
- (b) If not, why?

1017/2025

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he state of the —
 - (i) average annual sugar demand in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) quantity of sugar that was produced in Sri Lanka in the years 2023, 2024 and from the beginning of the year 2025 up to now, separately; and
 - (iii) quantity of sugar that is expected to be produced in Sri Lanka and to be imported into Sri Lanka by the end of 2025, separately?
 - (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) of the types of taxes and the percentages of taxes imposed on locally produced sugar, separately;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the Pelwatte and Sevanagala sugar factories of the Lanka Sugar Company (Private) Limited are currently incurring losses from sugar production;
 - (iii) of the number of direct and indirect jobs created in relation to the sugar industry in Sri Lanka, separately;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the jobs referred to above are currently under severe risk; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken to increase sugar production in Sri Lanka and to reduce the quantity of sugar imported to Sri Lanka?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, July 23, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

517/2025

Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (3)

- (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?

630/2025

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) date on which the previous government suspended the importation of vehicles into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) number of vehicles that have been imported for public servants since that date;
 - (iii) amount of money spent on the importation of the said vehicles;
 - (iv) number of vehicles that have been allocated to public servants so far from among the imported vehicles mentioned above;
 - (v) names of the individuals to whom the said vehicles have been allocated, along with the respective institutions they serve/served and their designations, separately;
 - (vi) number of vehicles that have not yet been handed over to public servants from among the imported vehicles referred to above; and
 - (vii) reasons for not handing over the vehicles to public servants?
- (b) If not, why?

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794/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of reservoirs, large-scale tanks, and small-scale tanks in Sri Lanka, separately;
 - (ii) number of such tanks and reservoirs in the Kurunegala District, separately;
 - (iii) number of tanks and reservoirs that have been restored, out of them in each year during the last ten (10) years, separately; and
 - (iv) projects that were implemented to restore the said tanks?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether an irrigation project known as ‘SARP’ is underway in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of irrigation projects that have been restored under the above project;
 - (iii) whether the ‘SARP’ project was implemented in the Kurunegala District;
 - (iv) of the manner in which provisions were obtained for the said project;
 - (v) of the total amount of provisions obtained accordingly;
 - (vi) of the allocation made for the Kurunegala District, out of them;
 - (vii) of the parts of a tank that have been restored under the project concerned; and
 - (viii) whether the project is currently underway?
- (c) If not, why?

805/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that an attack took place on the security personnel of the Sri Dalada Maligawa, where the Sacred Tooth Relic, which is the utmost treasure for Buddhists, is enshrined, on or around February 08, 1989;
 - (ii) if so, separately, of the details of the weapons seized, and the bodily injuries and other physical damages caused during the said incident;

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- (iii) whether it has been discovered through police investigations that the persons involved in the attack were affiliated with the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) or its armed wing, the Deshapremi Janatha Vyaparaya (Patriotic People's Movement);
 - (iv) whether the persons involved in the attack have been arrested;
 - (v) of the legal actions that have been taken against them;
 - (vi) whether it has been discovered through investigations that the objective of the said attack was to seize or destroy the Sacred Tooth Relic; and
 - (vii) whether he will present the police reports and investigation reports relating to that incident?
- (b) If not, why?

857/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the quantity of rock phosphate exported by Lanka Phosphate Limited in each of the years 2023 and 2024 separately;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that Eppawala rock phosphate has been exported in violation of the determination issued by the Court in the Bulankulama case which ruled that the said rock phosphate should not be exported without value addition and in violation of the Cabinet decision dated 02.11.2012 regarding the same;
 - (iii) whether a formal procurement procedure has been followed in selecting the buyers/companies for the export of rock phosphate;
 - (iv) if not, of the reasons for that;
 - (v) of the names of the companies that have been selected without following a formal procurement procedure;
 - (vi) whether the companies concerned have exported rock phosphate, surpassing the permitted limit of the same;
 - (vii) if so, of the quantities of rock phosphate that each of the companies has exported in excess of the permitted limit, separately;
 - (viii) whether he is aware that rock phosphate with a percentage of 38%, which is much higher than the stipulated 28% limit, has been exported; and
 - (ix) if so, of the amount of the loss that has been caused by that?
- (b) If not, why?

866/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of tourism zones in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the names of the areas of tourist attraction in the Matara District;
 - (iii) of the areas that have been declared as a tourist destination by a gazette notification, out of them;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that there are many places of tourist attraction in the Kotapola and Pitabeddara Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (v) if so, whether a tourist zone will be designated to cover the above two Divisional Secretariat Divisions; and
 - (vi) of the steps that have been taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

869/2025

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (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 Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (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?

874/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (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?

956/2025

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the coastal belt in the Puttalam District is severely affected by sea erosion, resulting in the losing of land, property, and even religious statues to the sea; and
 - (ii) although the Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resources Management intervened and worked to prevent the sea erosion, adequate financial provisions have not been allocated by the previous regimes to address the issue?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures taken to prevent sea erosion on the coastal belt of the Puttalam District?
- (c) If not, why?

997/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Land Reform Commission has granted lands to individuals for the establishment of factories in the Galle District;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of factories established on those lands upto now, in each Divisional Secretariat Division, separately; and
 - (iii) of the methodology followed in granting the lands referred to above?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, July 24, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

615/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of patients currently undergoing treatment at the Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama;
 - (ii) amount of money that had been received by the donation account of the said hospital as at the beginning of the year 2025;
 - (iii) amount of money that has been used and has not been used from the account referred to above from the year 2020 to date, separately; and
 - (iv) measures taken to utilize those monies received as donations by the Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama in a productive manner;
- (b) If not, why?

638/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the quantity of fish purchased by the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation from fishermen from the year 2015 up to now separately in each year;
 - (ii) of the said quantities of fish as a percentage of the total fish harvest in Sri Lanka in each of the years, separately;
 - (iii) whether he admits that the intervention of the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation is not at all sufficient in purchasing fish and in maintaining the price of fish in the market at a stable level; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken to rectify this situation?
- (b) If not, why?

652/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the project to create an artificial coastal belt in Mount Lavinia was initiated;
 - (ii) of the objectives of the project concerned;
 - (iii) of the amount of money that has been spent on the project so far;

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- (iv) whether he is aware that the project has been stopped partway as of now; and,
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken regarding the future activities of the project?
- (b) If not, why?

717/2025

Hon. Danushka Ranganath,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the measures that have been taken to protect natural streams;
 - (ii) of the extent of land related to the stream reservations that should be available alongside the natural streams;
 - (iii) whether the law is enforced against the persons who have forcibly acquired stream reservations; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that stream reservations have been given as freehold lands;
 - (ii) of the extent of stream reservations in Kalutara District that have been given on freehold basis; and
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to reacquire the stream reservations referred to above?
- (c) If not, why?

721/2025

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which the Kumbukkan Oya project was commenced;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that steps had been taken by the previous Yahapalana (Good Governance) regime to develop the Nakkala Anicut under that Project;
 - (iii) of the amount of money that had been allocated for that purpose;
 - (iv) of the number of farming families who would benefit from the development of the Anicut concerned;
 - (v) whether steps have been taken to provide alternative lands to the respective landowners for the lands submerged by the reservoir due to the development activities concerned;
 - (vi) whether he is aware that the development activities have stalled currently; and

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(vii) if so, of the measures that will be taken to recommence the said development activities?

(b) If not, why?

807/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the functions assigned to the Government Analyst's Department;
- (ii) of the number of vacancies available in aforesaid department at present;
- (iii) whether he accepts that many court cases are delayed due to non-receipt of analyst's reports in time;
- (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken to issue analyst's reports on time?

(b) If not, why?

954/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the appointments given to graduates of foreign universities as Development Officers, during the previous government's recruitment of Development officers have subsequently been revoked;
- (ii) of the specific reasons for such revocation;
- (iii) of the solution that will be given to the graduates of foreign universities aggrieved by it;
- (iv) whether graduates of foreign universities will be recruited to the public sector in future without subjecting them to any injustice or discrimination;
- (v) if not, of the reasons;
- (vi) of the solution that will be given to the persons whose appointments to the post of Development Officer were revoked, including those who had not exceeded the age limit of 45 years at the time of recruitment in 2020 but are above that age limit at present?

(b) If not, why?

975/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Is she aware that —
 - (i) action had been taken to establish separate education zones for the Uhana and Pottuvil areas in the Ampara District, and that the Governor of the Eastern Province had also given his recommendations for the same; and
 - (ii) however, the Ministry of Education has not granted its approval for the same?
- (b) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) if so, whether steps will be taken to establish separate education zones for the Uhana and Pottuvil areas; and
 - (ii) of the steps that have been taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

994/2025

Hon. Sunil Rathnasiri,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that there are petroleum storage tanks in a number of cities including Polonnaruwa, Matale and Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) of the total number of such tanks available in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) of the Ministry to which the tanks concerned belong;
 - (iv) of the average capacity of the tanks; and
 - (v) whether there is any preparation for putting the tanks to use at present?
- (b) If not, why?

995/2025

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

- (a) Will he accept that —
 - (i) the living conditions of the farmers engaged in producing crops should be uplifted;
 - (ii) farmers have to put in a lot of effort and invest a large amount of money for it;
 - (iii) nevertheless, farmers are distressed as they do not get a price commensurate with the effort and expenditure for their produce;

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- (iv) consumers have also had to pay high prices when buying agricultural products;
 - (v) the wholesale and retail traders who are in between farmer and consumer earn excessive profits; and
 - (vi) this system, which makes both farmer and consumer suffer, should be changed?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether a course of action which safeguards the interests of farmers, traders and consumers be formulated in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, July 25, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

15/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) contribution made by the tea smallholders to the total tea production in Sri Lanka as a percentage from 2015 to the present, separately in respect of each year;
 - (ii) total number of tea smallholders as at today;
 - (iii) number of government institutions dealing with tea smallholders;
 - (iv) names of those institutions;
 - (v) functions performed by each of the aforesaid institutions to uplift the living standards of tea smallholders, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

115/2024

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) of the number of officers accused by various Commissions appointed to look into the Easter Attack for not performing their duty and responsibility;
 - (ii) of the names of such officers and the positions currently held by them; and

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(iii) if any of them are still holding responsibilities under the present government, of the action that will be taken regarding such officers?

(b) If not why?

163/2024

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) of the number of students who sat for the Grade-5 Scholarship Examination pertaining to the year 2024;
- (ii) whether the question papers pertaining to the exam concerned or questions in such question papers had reached some external parties before the conducting of the examination concerned;
- (iii) of the steps that have been taken regarding it;
- (iv) whether marking of the answer scripts of the examination concerned had been suspended;
- (v) if so, of the reasons for that; and
- (vi) of the steps taken regarding the students who have been affected adversely by this incident?

(b) If not, why?

184/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the road leading to Kokkatticholai from Ambilanthurai belonging to the Manmune South-West Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District has not been reconstructed;
- (ii) although relevant authorities have been informed of it, no step has been taken so far towards reconstructing this road; and
- (iii) many people in the area, including schoolchildren and government employees, use this road for commuting and transport?

(b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to reconstruct the road leading from Ambilanthurai to Kokkatticholai?

(c) If not, why?

199/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform the House of the —
 - (i) names of companies to which licences have been granted to explore for gas and fuel deposits around the Gulf of Mannar;
 - (ii) conditions imposed in granting such licences; and
 - (iii) present progress of such explorations?
- (b) If not, why?

217/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) amount of money of the Employees Provident Fund, invested in the share market from the year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) companies on which the said amount of money has been invested; and
 - (iii) profit earned/loss incurred from each of those investments, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

225/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) whether she admits that Sri Lanka needs a new Constitution;
 - (ii) whether a pledge has been made through the policy document named 'A Thriving Nation- A Beautiful Life' that the executive presidency will be abolished and a new Constitution will be introduced expeditiously;
 - (iii) if so, of the timeline for introducing a new Constitution;
 - (iv) whether she admits that the process of drafting the new Constitution should be an all-party initiative involving all political parties represented in Parliament; and
 - (v) of the reason for not prioritizing the process of introducing a new Constitution at the national level?
- (b) If not, why?

508/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of duty-free vehicle permits issued to government employees since the suspension of importation of vehicles to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the decision that has been taken regarding the importation of vehicles under the aforesaid permits;
 - (iii) whether the importation of vehicles under the aforesaid permits has been suspended;
 - (iv) if so, how long the period of suspension will be in effect; and
 - (v) of the procedure which will be followed if permission is granted for importing vehicles under those permits?
- (b) If not, why?

622/2025

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of disaster incidents reported in Sri Lanka, the number of individuals affected by the disasters, and the amount of compensation paid to the individuals so affected in each year from the year 2015 up to now, separately;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on disaster management from the year 2015 up to now;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that many countries around the world pay special attention to disaster management; and
 - (iv) of the measures that have been taken by Sri Lanka regarding disaster management?
- (b) If not, why?

1018/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that there is a national cricket stadium in Hingurakgoda in Polonnaruwa;

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- (ii) whether he admits that a function was held at that stadium in 2024 and that a large sum of money was unnecessarily spent on it;
 - (iii) if so, whether an investigation has been initiated in that regard; and
 - (iv) if not, of the actions that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that there is a national stadium in Polonnaruwa;
 - (ii) of the total expenditure spent on the construction of the said sports complex;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that many parts of that sports complex have collapsed due to construction weaknesses; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?
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