



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 12.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

134/2024

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the agreement between the government of Sri Lanka and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was inked;
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the immense pressure that has been exerted on the people due to the terms of the agreement;
 - (iii) whether the said agreement will be amended giving them some relief; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

148/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which the Kalutara District Sports Complex constructed in Bandaragama within Kalutara District was declared open;
 - (ii) of the amount that was spent for the construction of the Sports Complex concerned;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the Sports Complex has declined due to poor maintenance;
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to improve its 400-metre running track to proper standard; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to develop the land belonging to the Sports Complex which is situated outside its security wall, in order to make the land concerned suitable for parking vehicles?

(2)

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware of the agreement which the Sports Development Department has reached with Sri Lanka Cricket pertaining to the Sports Complex; and
- (ii) of the reasons for not implementing the proposals made for developing the playground of the Sports Complex in collaboration with Sri Lanka Cricket to make it suitable for playing cricket,?

(c) If not, why?

3.

175/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House, separately of the —

- (i) government owned companies, corporations and other commercial establishments functioning in Sri Lanka as at today;
- (ii) total profit/loss and return of investment (ROI) earned by them for the last 15 years;
- (iii) total cumulative or accumulated profit/loss of the above institutions from the day it started commercial operations till today; and
- (iv) value of the capital and loans invested short term basis and long term basis in these institution?

(b) If not, why?

4.

240/2024

Hon. (Dr.) Nishantha Samaraweera,—To ask the Minister of Health and Media,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that a new post styled ‘END POST’ has been created for specialist doctors at certain major government hospitals;
- (ii) of the scientific basis for creating the post concerned;
- (iii) or else, whether those are created only as and when so desired by some officers;
- (iv) whether he will take steps to formulate for it a formal and transparent methodology that cannot be manipulated according to personal desires; and
- (v) if so, the timeframe is for formulating such a methodology?

(b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

244/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether an urban development plan has been formulated for the Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) if so, what that plan is; and
 - (iii) of the timeframe according to which the plan concerned is expected to be implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

253/2024

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) total area of lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission situated in Haputale Divisional Secretariat Division and Haldummulla Divisional Secretariat Division in hectares;
 - (ii) extent of the said lands as per their Grama Niladhari Divisions, separately in hectares;
 - (iii) extent of lands out of the lands concerned have been given to second parties in hectares; and
 - (iv) name of each of the said second party, the location of the land thus granted to each such party and the basis on which the land has been granted to each person, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the—
 - (i) places where lands belonged to the state but, do not belong to the Land Reforms Commission are located in the divisional secretariat divisions named above and the extents of lands located in each such place, separately in hectares;
 - (ii) extent of agricultural lands that have been identified in the above-named Divisional Secretariat Divisions in hectares; and
 - (iii) extent that has been cultivated out of the agricultural lands concerned, in hectares?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

7.

259/2024

Hon. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra, Attorney at Law,—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 foreign official visits made by the Former President Ranil Wickramasinghe during the period from 2022 to 2024;
 - (ii) country of visit; objective, benefits accrued to Sri Lanka, those persons who were part of the visit on government expense other than the former President, and the purpose of making each of them part of it, separately in respect of each visit overseas; and
 - (iii) total expenditure borne for these visits overseas?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

316/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether —
 - (i) he is aware that the case No. SC FR 55/2019 dated 13th February 2019 filed before the Supreme Court by petitioner Muthuthanthrige Nilanka Dilshan Cooray and four other petitioners against the Ministry of Health has been settled before the said parties;
 - (ii) the 1st petitioner has been admitted to study the Ayurveda Shastri course in the year 2019, as per the settlement concerned;
 - (iii) the petitioners numbers 2 to 5 have taken and completed their examinations; and
 - (iv) steps have been taken as of now by the Department of Ayurveda to commence the Ayurveda Shastri course?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

318/2024

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he accept that—
 - (i) the pension of the pensioners who were retired from 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2019 was revised along with the operation of the salary scales specified in Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016 in full, from 01.01.2020, accordingly;

(5)

- (ii) the Public Administration Circular No. 35/2019 has been issued as per the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 11.11.2019 ;
- (iii) the Cabinet of Ministers decided to suspend it temporarily on 02.01.2020; and
- (iv) because of that, the pensioners who were retired from 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2019 are aggrieved on account of losing the pension that they should have received from 01.01.2020?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether steps will taken to enforce the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 11.11.2019 by having the decision dated 02.01.2020 cancelled;
- (ii) whether steps will taken to pay the pension receivable from 01.01.2020 from the year 2025;
- (iii) if so, the sum of money should be allocated for that in 2025;
- (iv) of the number of aggrieved persons as per (a)(iv) above; and
- (v) of the number of deceased persons out of the above number?

(c) If not, why?

10.

321/2024

Hon. Ajith Gihan,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that sand was extracted from lands belonging to Chilaw Plantations Limited during the recent past and sold;
- (ii) if so, what were the objectives of selling this sand was; and
- (iii) of the measures that have been taken regarding this course of action, which is also environmentally harmful?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the annual income earned from the coconut estates of the aforementioned company;
- (ii) whether he is aware that previous governments had been engaged in handing over the coconut estates of the aforementioned company to Amul Company in India;
- (iii) what its present status is;
- (iv) of the reasons for the decline in coconut yield in the coconut estates of the aforementioned company; and
- (v) of the measures that will be taken to increase the coconut yield in those estates?

(c) If not, why?

(6)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1),— 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. 2413/37 of 04th December 2024, which were presented on 07.01.2025.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Notification under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Notification made by the then Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended relating to Jay Jay Textiles Lanka (Private) Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2399/16 of 26th August 2024, which was presented on 03.12.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the then Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies 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. 2384/35 of 17th May 2024, which were presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(7)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the then Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2377/39 of 28th March 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 117— Programme 02— † That this Parliament resolves that, an additional sum not exceeding Rupees Thirty three thousand eight hundred seventeen million (Rs. 33,817,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or finances possessed by the Government or any loan obtained by the Government at the discretion of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, for the services of the financial year commencing on January 01, 2024 and ending on December 31, 2024 and that, the said sum may be expended in the manner specified in the schedule hereto:—

Schedule

Head	117	- Ministry of Transport & Highways (The Ministry name specified in the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023 is stated)
Programme	02	- Development Activities
		Capital Expenditure Rs. <u>33,817,000,000</u>
		Total Expenditure Rs. <u>33,817,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 15 of 2024 presented on 06th December, 2024.
Total of Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1 to 14 Rs. 234,623,000,000

* *Indicates Government Business.*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

283/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) identified areas/ places at risk of landslides in the Ratnapura District due to the rainy weather conditions prevailing since January 2024;

(8)

- (ii) places where settlements and public properties are located out of them;
- (iii) vulnerable houses and immovable properties already occupied by the people according to each of the Divisional Secretariat and Grama Niladhari Division, separately; and
- (iv) alternative measures that will be taken concerning the residents of the houses mentioned above?

(b) If not, why?

2.

284/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) identified areas/ places at risk of landslides in the Kegalle District due to the rainy weather conditions prevailing since January 2024;
- (ii) places where settlements and public properties are located out of them;
- (iii) vulnerable houses and immovable properties already occupied by the people according to each of the Divisional Secretariat and Grama Niladhari Division, separately; and
- (iv) alternative measures that will be taken concerning the residents of the houses mentioned above?

(b) If not, why?

3.

285/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) identified areas/ places at risk of landslides in the Badulla District due to the rainy weather conditions prevailing since January 2024;
- (ii) places where settlements and public properties are located out of them;
- (iii) vulnerable houses and immovable properties already occupied by the people according to each of the Divisional Secretariat and Grama Niladhari Division, separately; and
- (iv) alternative measures that will be taken concerning the residents of the houses mentioned above?

(b) If not, why?

4.

286/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) identified areas/ places at risk of landslides in the Matale District due to the rainy weather conditions prevailing since January 2024;
 - (ii) places where settlements and public properties are located out of them;
 - (iii) vulnerable houses and immovable properties already occupied by the people according to each of the Divisional Secretariat and Grama Niladhari Division, separately; and
 - (iv) alternative measures that will be taken concerning the residents of the houses mentioned above?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

287/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) identified areas/ places at risk of landslides in the Kandy District due to the rainy weather conditions prevailing since January 2024;
 - (ii) places where settlements and public properties are located out of them;
 - (iii) vulnerable houses and immovable properties already occupied by the people according to each of the Divisional Secretariat and Grama Niladhari Division, separately; and
 - (iv) alternative measures that will be taken concerning the residents of the houses mentioned above?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

288/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) identified areas/ places at risk of landslides in the Nuwara – Eliya District due to the rainy weather conditions prevailing since January 2024;
 - (ii) places where settlements and public properties are located out of them;

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- (iii) vulnerable houses and immovable properties already occupied by the people according to each of the Divisional Secretariat and Grama Niladhari Division, separately; and
- (iv) alternative measures that will be taken concerning the residents of the houses mentioned above?

(b) If not, why?
