



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 37.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Monday, March 10, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

419/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a serious problematic situation has arisen because of some of the decisions taken by the previous government in acquiring lands for the construction of the Ruwanpura Expressway and in paying compensation for the lands so acquired; and
 - (ii) if so, whether measures will be taken to resolve the said problems?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

435/2025

Hon. Dinindu Saman,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he state of the —
 - (i) number of special projects that were implemented by the Ceylon Electricity Board from the year 2020 to the year 2024;
 - (ii) number of projects, implemented in the Badulla district, out of aforesaid projects; and
 - (iii) name of the party that requested each of the aforesaid projects, the special reasons considered in granting approval and the amount spent, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

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451/2025

Hon. Padmasiri Bandara,—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 government school teacher transfers are made according to the National Teacher Transfer Policy, except for disciplinary issues;

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- (ii) whether she is aware that the National Teacher Transfer Policy has not been properly implemented in the recent past;
 - (iii) if so, of the policy measures that will be taken in that regard;
 - (iv) whether she is aware that rampant corruption, fraud and irregularities have taken place in the admission of students to government schools in the recent past; and
 - (v) of the practical mechanism that will be implemented to prevent them?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
- (i) whether she is aware that there are numerous vacancies in the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service, Sri Lanka Teacher Educators' Service, and Sri Lanka Principals' Service;
 - (ii) if so, separately, of the number of vacancies existing in each of the services referred to above; and.
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to fill the vacancies referred to above?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

501/2025

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the residents of the Hiniduma Electoral Division in the Galle District have been seriously inconvenienced due to halting of the i-Road project implemented in that area;
 - (ii) of the issues that have arisen in relation to each of the said roads of which the construction work has been halted, separately;
 - (iii) of the institutes that are responsible in this regard;
 - (iv) of the estimated cost of each of the said roads, separately; and
 - (v) of the steps that will be taken to maintain these roads in such manner that transportation would not be obstructed?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Seventeenth Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress, 08th March).

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*2.

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— Annual Report of the Milco (Private) Limited (2018),— That the Annual Report of the Milco (Private) Limited 2018 together with the observation of the Auditor-General as prepared for the year ended 31.12.2018 and presented on 10.08.2023 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Food Security & Agriculture on 26.04.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.09.2024)

*3.

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— Annual Report of the Milco (Private) Limited (2019),— That the Annual Report of the Milco (Private) Limited 2019 together with the observation of the Auditor-General as prepared for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 09.02.2024 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Food Security & Agriculture on 26.04.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.09.2024)

*4.

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— Annual Report of the Agricultural & Agrarian Insurance Board (2020),— That the Annual Report of the Agricultural & Agrarian Insurance Board 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 21.11.2023 under Section 12 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Food Security & Agriculture on 10.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.09.2024)

*5.

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— Annual Reports of the Land Reform Commission (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020),— That the Annual Reports of the Land Reform Commission 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 together with the observation of the Auditor-General as prepared for the years ended 31.12.2015, 31.12.2016, 31.12.2017, 31.12.2018, 31.12.2019 and 31.12.2020 respectively and presented on 05.07.2023 under the Land Reform Act, No. 1 of 1972, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Food Security & Agriculture on 15.11.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 10.05.2024)

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*6.

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— Annual Report of the Land Reform Commission (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Land Reform Commission 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General as prepared for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 23.08.2023 under the Land Reform Act, No. 1 of 1972, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Food Security & Agriculture on 15.11.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 10.05.2024)

*7.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Reports of the Elkaduwa Plantation Limited (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017),— That the Annual Reports of the Elkaduwa Plantation Limited 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the years ended 31.12.2012, 31.12.2013, 31.12.2014, 31.12.2015, 31.12.2016 and 31.12.2017 respectively and presented on 23.11.2023 under Section 151 of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*8.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation (2017),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation 2017 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2017 and presented on 24.11.2023 under Section 15 of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation Act, No. 4 of 1958, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*9.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation (2018),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation 2018 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2018 and presented on 24.11.2023 under Section 15 of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation Act, No. 4 of 1958, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

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*10.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation (2019),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 24.11.2023 under Section 15 of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation Act, No. 4 of 1958, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*11.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation (2020),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 09.02.2024 under Section 15 of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation Act, No. 4 of 1958, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*12.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Limited (2020/2021),— That the Annual Report of the Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Limited 2020/2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2021 and presented on 24.08.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*13.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka (2020),— That the Annual Report of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 23.01.2024 under Section 16 of the Tea Research Board Act, No. 52 of 1993, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

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*14.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 23.01.2024 under Section 16 of the Tea Research Board Act, No. 52 of 1993, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*15.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 09.01.2024 of the Tea Small Holdings Development Act, No. 35 of 1975, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*16.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tea Board (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tea Board 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 09.01.2024 under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law, No. 14 of 1975, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services on 14.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

*17.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 08.09.2023 under Section 33 of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans on 18.06.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 08.08.2024)

*18.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 22.03.2024 under Section 20(2) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans on 18.06.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 08.08.2024)

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*19.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Fund (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Fund 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 22.03.2024 under Section 23(4) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans on 18.06.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 08.08.2024)

*20.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 09.02.2024 under Section 40(1) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans on 18.06.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 08.08.2024)

*21.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 07.05.2024 under Section 40(1) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans on 18.06.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 08.08.2024)

*22.

The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report of the Galle Heritage Foundation (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Galle Heritage Foundation 2021 together with the observation of the Auditor-General as prepared for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 06.12.2023 under Section 16 of Part III of the Galle Heritage Foundation Act, No. 7 of 1994, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Media, Youth, Heritage and New Citizen on 10.07.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.09.2024)

*23.

The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— Annual Report of the National Youth Services Council (2021),— That the Annual Report of the National Youth Services Council 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 17.10.2023 under Section 31 of the National Youth Services Act, No. 69 of 1979, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Media, Youth, Heritage and New Citizen on 10.07.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 03.09.2024)

*24.

The Minister of Energy,— Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited (CPSTL) (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited (CPSTL) 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 13.12.2023 in terms of Section 2(1) of the conversion of Public Corporation or Government Owned Business Undertaking into Public Companies Act, No. 23 of 1987 under the Companies Act, No. 17 of 1982, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy & Transport on 08.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.07.2024)

*25.

The Minister of Energy,— Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited (CPSTL) (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited (CPSTL) 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 05.03.2024 in terms of Section 2(1) of the conversion of Public Corporation or Government Owned Business Undertaking into Public Companies Act, No. 23 of 1987 under the Companies Act, No. 17 of 1982, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy & Transport on 08.05.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.07.2024)

*26.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulation under the Finance Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 12 of the Finance Act, No. 12 of 2013 read together with the provisions of the Finance Act, No. 12 of 2012 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2411/56 of 22nd November 2024, which was presented on 14.02.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the Protocol entered on 16th December 2024 amending the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of India for the avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income, under Section 75(1) of Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017 and passed by the Parliament on 26th July 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1828/9 dated 17th September 2013, which was presented on 20.02.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*28.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 112 read with Section 16 of the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act, No. 43 of 2000 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2415/79 of 22nd December 2024, which were presented on 22.02.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*29.

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. 2421/04 of 27th January 2025, which were presented on 25.02.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*30.

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 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. 2421/44 of 31st January 2025, which were presented on 25.02.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*31.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, regarding Excise Duty on Liquor, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2418/42 of 10th January 2025, which was presented on 27.02.2025, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 01/2025).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*32.

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, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2418/43 of 10th January 2025, which was presented on 27.02.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on the “Appropriation” Bill — See separate Paper “Supplement to the Orders of the Day”.
