



*(Tenth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 39.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

74/2024

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

(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?

2.

92/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that a scarcity of coconuts prevailing in the Sri Lankan market at present;
- (ii) of the contribution that has been made to Sri Lanka's coconut production through the New Coconut Triangle recently introduced, centered in the Northern Province;
- (iii) of the annual coconut consumption of Sri Lanka; and
- (iv) of the steps that have been taken to minimize the scarcity of coconuts?

(b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

125/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of approved prison guards in the cadre of the Prisons Department;
  - (ii) number of prison guards who are currently serving in that department;
  - (iii) number of vacancies existing for that post as of now;
  - (iv) measures that will be taken to fill those vacancies; and
  - (v) measures that will be taken to address the professional issues of prison guards?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

210/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of sites of archaeological value that have been identified in Sri Lanka as of now;
  - (ii) names of those sites; and
  - (iii) measures that have been taken to protect the objects of archaeological value found at these sites?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

392/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the methodology adopted in appointing the new Provincial Commissioner of Revenue who has been appointed for the Uva Provincial Council;
  - (ii) of the qualifications required for the post of Provincial Commissioner of Revenue;
  - (iii) whether the former Provincial Commissioner of Revenue who held that post prior to the appointment of the new Provincial Commissioner of Revenue, was an officer of the Inland Revenue Service;

(3)

- (iv) whether the Provincial Commissioner of Revenue is appointed from the Inland Revenue Service or from the Provincial Revenue Service or from the Accountancy Service;
  - (v) whether the new Provincial Commissioner of Revenue, who has been appointed for the Uva Provincial Council, is an officer who had been appointed to the post of Provincial Revenue Commissioner of the Uva Provincial Council earlier and subsequently removed from that post; and
  - (vi) if so, of the basis on which the officer concerned has been appointed?
- (b) If not, why?
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#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Nineteenth Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress, 11<sup>th</sup> March).

\*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 and 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 and 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 and Agrarian Insurance Board (2020),— That the Annual Report of the Agricultural and 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 and Agriculture on 10.05.2024, and presented its report to Parliament on 03.09.2024)

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\*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 and Agriculture on 15.11.2023, and presented its report to Parliament on 10.05.2024)

\*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 and 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 and 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 and 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 and Services on 14.05.2024, and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

\*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 and 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 and 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 and 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 and Services on 14.05.2024, and presented its report to Parliament on 20.06.2024)

\*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 and 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 and 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 and 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)

\*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 and 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 and 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1828/9 dated 17<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025, which was presented on 27.02.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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#### 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”.

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#### QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

610/2025

Hon. M. Nizam Kariapper, PC,— 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 under previous administrations, certain Local Authorities and Divisional Secretariat Divisions were established based on ethnic considerations, allegedly driven by political objectives;
- (ii) of the criteria that current government will follow in creating new Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
- (iii) whether ethnic composition is considered a criterion in the creation of new Divisional Secretariat Divisions; and

(11)

- (iv) of the steps that the government is taking to ensure that the creation of Local Authorities and Divisional Secretariat Divisions is based on objective criteria such as population density, geographical factors, and administrative feasibility (including the administrative language of official records) rather than ethnic or political considerations?

(b) If not, why?

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