



*(Tenth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 41.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

255/2024

Hon. (Dr.) Nishantha Samaraweera,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the “Walahanduwa Estate” land in Nugaduwa of Galle District was planned to be subdivided and allocated for various projects;
  - (ii) of the present status of those projects;
  - (iii) of the amount of money that has been spent on those projects so far;
  - (iv) whether the need for and the expected benefits of each project have been identified;
  - (v) accordingly, which of the projects are essential;
  - (vi) if some of those projects have now been halted midway, whether there is a possibility of restarting those projects; and
  - (vii) if not, of the loss that those projects will incur?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

275/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a course of action has been proposed for the development of the road running from the IDH to the Kolonnawa Junction;
  - (ii) if so, of the expected timeframe for the implementation of the course of action concerned; and

(2)

(iii) of the method in which the necessary provisions will be secured for the development of the above-mentioned road?

(b) If not, why?

3.

382/2025

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana,—To ask the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of Samurdhi Development Officers in service at present and the number of vacancies existing in the post concerned at present, separately;

(ii) whether new officers will be recruited for the vacancies concerned;

(iii) of the number of the Samurdhi Managers who are in service at present and the number of those who cover the duties of Samurdhi Managers, separately;

(iv) of the number of the Samurdhi Development Officers and the Samurdhi Managers who have retired by now, separately; and

(v) whether they are paid pensions?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether the functions of Samurdhi Development Officers and those of Samurdhi Managers are similar;

(ii) whether Samurdhi Development Officers and Samurdhi Managers have promotion schemes; and

(iii) if so, of the respective schemes, separately?

(c) Will he further inform this House of the —

(i) number of Samurdhi Banks that have been established by now; and

(ii) course of action planned for the Samurdhi programme?

(d) If not, why?

4.

429/2025

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

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) despite the lapse of several years since the establishment of the Thoppur Sub-Divisional Secretariat Division, which is part of the Trincomalee District's Muttur Divisional Secretariat Division, the Thoppur Sub-Divisional Secretariat Division has not been designated as a separate Divisional Secretariat Division yet; and

(3)

- (ii) although the proposal to make the Kinniya Pradeshiya Sabha area a separate Divisional Secretariat Division has been approved by the Local Government Commission, the proposal has not yet been implemented?
- (b) Will he inform this House, separately of the obstacles to designate the Thoppur Sub-Divisional Secretariat Division into a separate Divisional Secretariat Division and to designate the Kinniya Pradeshiya Sabha area into a separate Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether he is aware that more than 1000 families reside in certain Grama Niladhari Divisions of the Trincomalee District, whilst around 100 families reside in other Grama Niladhari Divisions;
  - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to rectify this imbalance?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

437/2025

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

- (a) Will he state —
    - (i) of the name of the person who requested for the power project to be implemented covering the Sinhalayaagama, Unakanda and Annaasigala areas bordering the Badulla and Monaragala districts;
    - (ii) of the name of the person who has given approval for the said project;
    - (iii) of the procedure that has been followed in granting such approval;
    - (iv) of the amount spent on the said project;
    - (v) whether due permissions have been obtained from the Department of Forest Conservation, the relevant line Ministry and other relevant institutions for implementing the said project;
    - (vi) if so, of the dates on which the said permissions were obtained, separately; and
    - (vii) whether the copies of the relevant documents will be presented?
  - (b) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Twenty First Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress, 14<sup>th</sup> March).

\*2.

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)

\*3.

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)

\*4.

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)

\*5.

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)

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\*6.

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)

\*7.

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)

\*8.

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)

\*9.

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)

\*10.

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)

\*11.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*12.

Proceeds of Crime Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*13.

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.)

\*14.

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.)

\*15.

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.)

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\*16.

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.)

\*17.

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.)

\*18.

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.)

\*19.

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.)

\*20.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(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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