



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 62.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

76/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that there are drainage systems that need to be renovated and that need to be established newly within the areas belonging to the Batticaloa Municipal Council and in areas adjacent to it;
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to renovate the existing drainage systems and to establish new drainage systems; and
 - (iii) if so, of the steps that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

113/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) income earned through transport of passengers and carriage of goods by the Sri Lanka Railways in each year from 2015 up to now, separately; and
 - (ii) steps to be taken to enhance carriage of goods by train?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

215/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankans who departed for seasonal employment in South Korea under the E.S. visa scheme, separately in each year from 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that an external party has intervened in this regard at present; and
 - (iii) whether he accepts that the Sri Lankans seeking employment in South Korea have been inconvenienced as a result of the above situation?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

720/2025

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of villages in the Moneragala District that are faced with drinking water problems;
 - (ii) names of those villages;
 - (iii) number of community-based water projects that have been implemented in the Moneragala District so far;
 - (iv) number of community-based water projects, that are currently functioning successfully, out of the said projects; and
 - (v) steps that will be taken to further implement community-based water projects in order to resolve the drinking water problem in the Moneragala District?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that although an office of the Urban Development Authority had been established in Moneragala, that office has now been removed;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that, as a result, the people of the Moneragala area are suffering great inconveniences as they have to travel to Badulla or Kataragama to obtain the services from an office of that Authority; and

(3)

(iii) if so, whether steps will be taken to re-establish an office of the Urban Development Authority in Moneragala?

(c) If not, why?

5.

855/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) A.M.M.M. Rathwaththe,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) a land measuring about 1000 acres in the Mahaweli C zone has been disposed to Informatics Private Limited for an investment project; and

(ii) when the first period of lease of that land ended, and when the approval was granted for the second period of lease, a tax concession has been granted on account of the excessive figure of the valuation, and as a result the government loses a substantial loss in tax revenue?

(b) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether a tax concession can be granted as mentioned above;

(ii) of the basis of granting such tax concession; and

(iii) of the measures that can be taken to revise it?

(c) If not, why?

6.

916/2025

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

(a) Will he state —

(i) whether he is aware that a 76-acre land belonging to the Land Reform Commission in No. 472 Pothuwila Grama Niladhari Division of Ganewatta Divisional Secretariat Division in Kurunegala, was acquired in 1999 for a pilot project of the Ministry of Agriculture;

(ii) of the compensation, interest and the total amount paid to the Commission for aforesaid purpose, separately;

(iii) of the name of the person who made the request to acquire the land;

(iv) of the name of the person to whom the possession was handed over after the acquisition of the land;

(v) of the name of the said agricultural production pilot project concerned; and

(4)

(vi) whether he is aware that the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka has borne a large amount of capital expenditure to develop the infrastructure facilities of the project?

(b) Will he also state —

(i) whether he is aware that the acquired land has been given to the 'Hiriyala Farmers Company Ltd' on a part-time lease basis for 30 years by the Department of the Commissioner General of Lands;

(ii) of the annual lease amount payable by aforesaid company;

(iii) of the name of the chairman of aforesaid company;

(iv) whether he accepts that public money/property has been misused there; and

(v) of the steps that will be taken in this regard?

(c) If not, why?

7.

918/2025

Hon. M. Nizam Kariapper, PC,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this house —

(i) of the details of all approved projects to be implemented in Eastern Province of Sri Lanka under the assistance of the Government of India, pursuant to the Memoranda of Understanding signed between the President of Sri Lanka and the Prime Minister of India during Indian Prime Minister's visit to Sri Lanka;

(ii) of the process followed in identifying and approving the each of the above projects separately;

(iii) whether relevant stakeholders were consulted during the process of identifying the aforesaid projects; and

(iv) if so, of the names and other relevant details of individuals/entities consulted?

(b) If not, why?

8.

922/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) current wild elephant population in Sri Lanka;

(ii) year in which the Red Data Book was last issued;

(5)

- (iii) level of threat to wild elephants in Sri Lanka according to;
- (iv) number of wild elephants and people who died due to the elephant-human conflict in 2024, separately; and
- (v) amount of money paid in compensation in 2024 in respect of those who lost their lives and to those who suffered property damage due to elephant-human clashes?

(b) If not, why?

9.

925/2025

Hon. Stepni Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that a portion of the land on which the Welisara Warehouse Complex belonging to the Cooperative Wholesale Establishment is situated has been allotted for the construction of an office complex for the lawyers of the Wattala Court Complex;
- (ii) of the procedure that has been followed in allotting the said portion of land;
- (iii) whether he is aware that the Wattala Bar Association has leased out the said portion of land to another person to be used as a vehicle park at present;
- (iv) if so, of the action that will be taken in this regard; and
- (v) of the measures that will be taken regarding the said portion of land?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

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.

(6)

2.

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Colombo Association of Language Skills and Dramatic Art.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2429/39 of 27th March 2025, which was presented on 03.06.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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 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. 2434/12 of 29th April 2025, which were presented on 03.06.2025, 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 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. 2435/02 of 05th May 2025, which were presented on 03.06.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Companies (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*7.

National Minimum Wage of Workers (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme,—
Adjourned debate on question (10th April 2025) Motion made and question proposed,—
“Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme, which was tabled in Parliament on 14th March 2025, be considered by Parliament.”

* *Indicates Government Business.*
