



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 101.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, November 14, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1451/2025

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the reasons for the significant delay in issuing passports to Sri Lankans living abroad;
- (ii) whether he is aware that they have been unable to fly for urgent needs due to the said delay;
- (iii) whether compensation or priority will be given to applicants who have been aggrieved due to the said delay;
- (iv) the measures that will be taken to expedite and facilitate the process related to the issuance of the said passports;
- (v) whether attention will be paid to digital or biometric methods to reduce the delay;
- (vi) the nature of the cooperation between the Department of Immigration and Emigration and Foreign Embassies in providing expedited services; and
- (vii) whether mobile services or on-site services will be introduced in countries where large numbers of Sri Lankans live in?

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) whether special units will be established in Sri Lankan Embassies to handle urgent legal matters; and
- (ii) the future measures that will be taken to provide optimal services to Sri Lankans living abroad?

(c) If not, why?

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1463/2025

Hon. (Ms.) Ambika Samivel,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the types of cut flowers and plants imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of flowers imported annually from each type of said flowers;
 - (iii) of the annual cost of importing these types of flowers;
 - (iv) whether the types of flowers that are imported can be grown in Sri Lanka; and
 - (v) if so, of the programme that has been prepared for that purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1474/2025

Hon. Lasith Bhashana Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) total number of employees currently serving at the District General Hospital in Gampaha;
 - (ii) number of existing vacancies at that hospital, specified separately for each post; and
 - (iii) steps that have been taken to fill those vacancies;
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the said hospital does not have a standardized quality controlled drug store;
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that have been taken to establish a standardized quality controlled drug store;
 - (iii) of the average number of patients who receive treatment at the hospital daily and monthly, separately;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that a master plan has been prepared for that hospital; and
 - (v) accordingly, of the number of patients that can be treated at the hospital's maximum efficiency?
- (c) If not, why?

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1493/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Herath, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the extent of land belonging to the Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Department of Forest Conservation in the Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division, as per Gazette Notification No. 566/5 dated 11.07.1989, separately;
- (ii) whether the lands under possession, lands where people reside, and government lands held on grants within the relevant area were included, when the said Gazette Notification was issued;
- (iii) whether the said lands have been surveyed and identified; and
- (iv) whether the Hakwatunawa Reservoir and its reserve have been surveyed and demarcated?

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) whether roads, electricity, and water facilities have been provided to the above wildlife region even after the gazetting;
- (ii) the number of government schools, Grama Niladhari offices, clinic centres, and temples in the said region;
- (iii) the steps that have been taken by the officers of the Forest Conservation Office in Herathgama, to institute legal action under the State Lands (Recovery of Possession) Act; and
- (iv) whether the lands currently possessed or occupied by individuals will be handed over to them?

(c) If not, why?

5.

1497/2025

Hon. B. Ariyawansa,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) date on which the Sinharaja Forest was declared a World Heritage Site;
- (ii) extent of land area belonging to this forest; and

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(iii) measures that have been currently implemented, as well as those that will be implemented in the future, separately to conserve both the internal and external ecosystems of the Sinharaja Forest, which contributes immensely to the sustainability of the ecosystem in Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Strategic Development Projects (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item No. 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 23rd October 2025.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill— (Sixth Allotted Day)— Adjourned debate on question (07th November 2025) [1].

*2.

Social Security Contribution Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Betting and Gaming Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development regarding the Guidelines on the Grant of Exemptions or Incentives to Businesses of Strategic Importance under Section 71 read with Section 52 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2454/62 of 20th September 2025, which were presented on 22.10.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Minister of Energy,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Electricity Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Energy regarding the Terms and Conditions of Voluntary Retirement Scheme under Section 50 read with paragraph (f) of Section 18(3) of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 36 of 2024 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2451/11 of 26th August 2025, which were presented on 23.10.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Annual Report of the University of Ruhuna (2022),— That the Annual Report of the University of Ruhuna 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 17.12.2024 under Section 110 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education on 07.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 17.03.2025)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Annual Report of the Eastern University of Sri Lanka (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Eastern University of Sri Lanka 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 07.01.2025 under Section 12 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education on 07.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 17.03.2025)

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*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Annual Report of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 18.02.2025 under Section 110 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education on 06.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.09.2025)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture of the University of Peradeniya (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture of the University of Peradeniya 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 07.01.2025 under Section 110 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education on 07.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 17.03.2025)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Annual Report of the University of Peradeniya (2023),— That the Annual Report of the University of Peradeniya 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 22.02.2025 under Section 110 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 and Section II of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education on 06.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.09.2025)

*11.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 23.07.2024 under Section 19 of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment Act, No. 21 of 1985, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 08.07.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 06.08.2025)

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*12.

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— Annual Report of the Paddy Marketing Board (2017),— That the Annual Report of the Paddy Marketing Board 2017 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2017 and presented on 20.01.2022 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Agriculture on 22.02.2022 and presented its report to Parliament on 24.02.2022)

*13.

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— Annual Report of the Paddy Marketing Board (2018),— That the Annual Report of the Paddy Marketing Board 2018 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2018 and presented on 20.01.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Agriculture on 20.06.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 05.07.2023)

*14.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation (2019),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 07.01.2025 under Section 23 of the State Agricultural Corporations Act, No. 11 of 1972, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation and Community Infrastructure on 05.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 10.03.2025)

*15.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation (2020),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 07.01.2025 under Section 23 of the State Agricultural Corporations Act, No. 11 of 1972, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation and Community Infrastructure on 05.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 10.03.2025)

*16.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Ltd (2022/2023),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Ltd 2022/2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2023 and presented on 20.02.2025 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation and Community Infrastructure on 05.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 10.03.2025)

*17.

The Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— Annual Report of the National Institute of Cooperative Development (2023),— That the Annual Report of the National Institute of Cooperative Development 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 09.05.2025 under Section 29 of Part VI of the National Institute of Cooperative Development (Incorporation) Act, No. 1 of 2001, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability on 11.07.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 06.08.2025)

*18.

The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— Annual Report of the National Youth Services Council (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Youth Services Council 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 18.12.2024 under Section 31 of the National Youth Services Act, No. 69 of 1979, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports on 13.06.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 17.06.2025)

*19.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 01.12.2023 under Section 10(8) of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute Act, No. 46 of 1985, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 20.05.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.07.2025)

*20.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 05.03.2025 under Section 10(8) of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute Act, No. 46 of 1985, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 20.05.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.07.2025)

*21.

The Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 23.07.2024 under Section 32 of the National Child Protection Authority Act, No. 50 of 1998, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health, Media and Women's Empowerment on 18.06.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 08.07.2025)

*22.

The Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority (2023),— That the Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 09.04.2025 under Section 32 of the National Child Protection Authority Act, No. 50 of 1998, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health, Media and Women's Empowerment on 18.06.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 08.07.2025)

*23.

Mediation (Civil and Commercial Disputes) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

Penal Code (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned debate on question (24th September 2025) [1].

*25.

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.*

[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”
