



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 109.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Monday, November 24, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1272/2025

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of teaching hospitals established to date;
 - (ii) areas where the said hospitals have been established;
 - (iii) objectives of establishing a teaching hospital; and
 - (iv) basic facilities that should be available in such a hospital?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether a medical faculty has been linked to every teaching hospital;
 - (ii) whether a professorial unit has been established in every such hospital;
 - (iii) of the teaching hospitals that have and those that do not have a professorial unit established, separately;
 - (iv) separately, of the medical faculties that are linked to the said hospitals;
 - (v) whether it had been intended to establish a professorial unit at the Kuliyaipitiya Teaching Hospital for the clinical training of medical students of the Wayamba University when that Hospital was turned to a teaching hospital;
 - (vi) if so, whether that unit will be established in due course;
 - (vii) if not, of the reasons; and
 - (viii) of the facilities that have been provided by the present government to the Kuliyaipitiya Teaching Hospital?
- (c) If not, why?

(2)

2.

1348/2025

Hon. Upul Kithsiri,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of principals currently serving in each grade of the Sri Lanka Principal Service, Grades I, II and III, and the number of vacancies existing in each grade, separately;
 - (ii) of the number of principals in each of the said grades who will be 57 years old as at 30.09.2025, separately;
 - (iii) of the number of principals who are currently working on the basis of covering up duties but do not belong to the Principal Service; and
 - (iv) whether a programme will be prepared to absorb them into the relevant grades based on their qualifications?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1396/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that preliminary steps had been taken by the previous government to release to the relevant parties their ancestral lands in the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the Ampara District including the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat Division, which were under cultivation even in the 1990s and were taken over by the Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Department of Forest Conservation;
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to release the paddy lands to the relevant persons in the villages of Amawattuwan, Begamam, Palliyadiwattai, Kirankowai, Palaiyadiwattai, Kummavelli, Kattumadadu and Thukkollai, which had been cultivated by them;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken thereby to get the contribution of those individuals to increase the paddy production in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to provide facilities such as access roads, irrigation channels, drainage systems, culverts and small bridges for the above-mentioned paddy lands?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

4.

1504/2025

Hon. Mayilvaganam Jegatheeswaran,—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 most of the buildings of the Jaffna College of Technology are at risk of collapse;
 - (ii) if so, of the urgent steps that will be taken to renovate the said buildings or construct new buildings; and
 - (iii) whether funds have been allocated this year to improve the infrastructure facilities of the Colleges of Technology in Jaffna and Vavuniya?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of the —
 - (i) reasons for not incorporating hybrid or modern vehicle technologies into the automotive repair courses that are still based on 30-year old technology;
 - (ii) date on which the syllabus of the courses concerned will be revised in accordance with the current standards; and
 - (iii) steps that have been taken to provide modern machinery to Colleges of Technology including Textile Training Centres, which do not have them?
- (c) Will she further inform this House —
 - (i) whether she is aware that there is a shortage of qualified lecturers in Colleges of Technology;
 - (ii) whether recruitments will be made for the said vacancies; and
 - (iii) of the manner in which it is ensured that the quality of vocational training education is maintained island-wide at an equal level?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

1553/2025

Hon. Imran Maharoof,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of education zones in the Trincomalee District; and
 - (ii) names of those education zones?

(4)

(b) Will she accept that—

- (i) schools in the Thambalagamuwa Divisional Secretariat are divided into three education zones based on ethnicity;
- (ii) Muslim schools have been linked to the Kinniya Educational Zone, Tamil schools to the Trincomalee Education Zone, and Sinhala schools to the Kantale Education Zone; and
- (iii) most of the schools under the Kuchchaveli Divisional Education Office in the Trincomalee Education Zone are located more than 50 kilometers away from the Zonal Education Office?

(c) Will she also inform this House, taking into consideration the geographical distance of the Trincomalee Education Zone and the ethnic segregation of schools in the Thambalagamuwa area, whether steps will be taken to create separate education zones for above-mentioned areas when creating new education zones in the future?

(d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Fourteenth Allotted Day) — Committee. (Progress, 22nd November).

*2.

The Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Civil Aviation Act,— That the Regulations made by the then Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation under paragraphs (r) and (s) of the Section 117(2) read with Sections 6, 8 and 31 of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2422/38 of 06th February 2025, which were presented on 13.11.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Civil Aviation Authority Act,— That the Regulations made by the then Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation under Section 39 read with paragraphs (p) and (s) of Section 7 and Section 9 of Civil Aviation Authority Act, No. 34 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2422/39 of 06th February 2025, which were presented on 13.11.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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)

*5.

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)

*6.

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)

*7.

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)

*8.

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)

*9.

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)

*10.

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)

*11.

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)

*12.

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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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)

*15.

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)

*16.

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)

*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.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Rules under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Rules made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development on 04th October 2025 under Section 32 read with Section 25 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding Excise License Fees, which were presented on 08.11.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

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 22 read with Section 26 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2430/14 of 01st April 2025, which was presented on 08.11.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— 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 Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2458/43 of 15th October 2025, which were presented on 13.11.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

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

*26.

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.”

27.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *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”.

[1].

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