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No. 2(7).]

ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 2

OF

PARLIAMENT

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Tuesday, August 05, 2025

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker,— Resolution to remove the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. T.M.W. Deshabandu Tennakoon from the office of the Inspector-General of Police in terms of Section 17 of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002,— Whereas the Parliament on the 08th of April, 2025 passed the Resolution No. P29/2025 appeared in the Order Paper of Parliament dated 08.04.2025 and a Committee of Inquiry (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) was appointed under Section 5(2) and Section 6(b) of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002, to inquire and report its findings in respect of the allegations in the said Resolution;

whereas in terms of Section 8(1)(b) of the said Act, the Committee had made its findings and communicated such findings to the Speaker on 21.07.2025;

whereas the Report of the Committee containing its findings has been tabled before the House by the Speaker on 22.07.2025;

whereas the Committee, having conducted its inquiry, has found the Inspector-General of Police guilty of the Charges No: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, and 23, out of the total 23 charges levelled against him in the Charge Sheet annexed to the said tabled Report;

This Parliament resolves, under Article 41C(3) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read with Section 18 of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No 5 of 2002, that the Inspector General of Police, Mr. T. M. W. Deshabandu Tennakoon, based on the findings of guilt recorded by the Committee of Inquiry and the said Report tabled before this House, be removed from office of the Inspector-General of Police.

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Public Debt Management Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 35 read with Sections 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of the Public Debt Management Act, No. 33 of 2024 and the proviso to Article 44(3) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, on the Recommendation of the Public Debt Coordination Committee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2443/14 of 30th June 2025, which were presented on 22.07.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Foreign Exchange Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 22 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2441/14 of 18th June 2025, which was presented on 23.07.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— Regulations under the Sports Law,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports under Section 41 read with Sections 31 of the Sports Law, No. 25 of 1973 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2437/24 of 21st May 2025, which were presented on 25.07.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Regulations under the Judicature Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice and National Integration under Section 61 read with Section 45(1A) of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2440/27 of 13th June 2025, which were presented on 22.07.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

16/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,—To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) volume of tea produced in Sri Lanka and the income earned by Sri Lanka from tea exports in each of the years from 2015 up to now, separately;

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- (ii) position Sri Lanka commanded in each year during the aforementioned period in the international tea market in terms of tea exports, separately; and
- (iii) measures that will be taken to increase the tea production in Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

116/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—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 there was an extensive discussion in the society regarding a Central Bank bond scam that occurred during the previous ‘Good-Governance’ regime;
- (ii) of the names and the positions of the individuals against whom allegations were leveled by the report of the Presidential Commission appointed to investigate the aforesaid matter;
- (iii) of the impact that aforesaid bond scam created on the economy of Sri Lanka; and
- (iv) of the future actions that will be taken regarding aforesaid bond scam?

(b) If not, why?

185/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,—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 there are drainage systems in the area from Thurei Neelawanei to Kurukkalmadam located in the Manmunei South, Eruvilpattu Divisional Secretariat Division of Batticaloa district, that need be constructed anew and repaired; and
- (ii) if so whether necessary steps will be taken to address this issue?

(b) If not, why?

218/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of M-class locomotives owned by the Sri Lanka Railways;
- (ii) total value of the locomotives concerned;

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- (iii) number of locomotives that have been deployed in running operations out of the ones referred to above and of the number of those that have been removed from service, separately;
 - (iv) number of M-class locomotives that have been sent for repairs; and
 - (v) measures that will be taken to repair them expeditiously?
- (b) If not, why?

623/2025

Hon. Kins Nelson,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of corporations/companies currently engaged in the petroleum business in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the names of those;
 - (iii) whether he is aware of the statement made by the Chairman of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation to the effect that petroleum prices cannot be reduced due to agreements entered into by the previous government with the aforesaid companies and that if the prices are reduced, compensations would have to be paid to the companies concerned;
 - (iv) whether he will inform the truth/falsity of this statement; and
 - (v) if so, of the steps that will be taken to revise the agreements referred to above?
- (b) If not, why?

1075/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of scheduled bus journeys with online seat reservation facility that have been cancelled by the Sri Lanka Transport Board during the year 2025 without any alternative arrangement;
 - (ii) of the total amount of money collected as fares for the bus journeys so cancelled but have not been refunded still;

(5)

- (iii) whether a course of action will be implemented to inform the passengers in advance in cases where bus journeys are cancelled, as is mentioned above, and to refund the money collected for it without delay; and
- (iv) whether steps will be taken to review the online seat reservation policy to ensure that this activity is conducted transparently for the benefit of passengers ?

(b) If not, why?

1081/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Nilanthi Kottahachchi, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of complaints received as of now by the Police Stations in the Western Province regarding the continued financial frauds committed for a long time by the company ‘Park Properties (Private) Limited’, which is engaged in the business of buying and selling land and has its business head office at No. 362 D, Kaduwela Road, Malabe;
- (ii) current progress of the investigations conducted by the Mirihana Special Crime Investigation Division of the Sri Lanka Police regarding the company concerned; and
- (iii) number of cases filed in various courts throughout the island in relation to the above complaints?

(b) If not, why?

1083/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he accept that —

- (i) approval for extracting of stones and earth carried out in the Vanni area is obtained directly from the institutions functioning under the central government without obtaining permission from any institution functioning under the administration of the Provincial Council;
- (ii) the Department of Archaeology, Geological Survey and Mines Bureau, Central Environmental Authority, Department of Forest Conservation, Department of Wildlife Conservation and the relevant divisional secretariat are involved in that process;

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- (iii) approval of the relevant local government institution is obtained only in cases where the roads used for transporting the mined mineral resources are under the administration of the respective local government institution; and
 - (iv) accordingly, the resources belonging to the Northern Province are being taken away to other provinces without the approval of that Provincial Council and the local government institutions?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) whether resources belonging to the Northern Province are allowed to be taken away to other provinces without the approval of that Provincial Council and local government institutions; and
 - (ii) the alternative arrangement that will be put in place to prevent this situation?
- (c) If not, why?

1091/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) whether he is aware that the examinations of the Government Management Service were held in 2019 and 2024;
 - (ii) the cut-off marks of each of those examinations, separately;
 - (iii) the base date for taking the count on the number of vacancies for the examination held in 2019;
 - (iv) the associated number of vacancies;
 - (v) the cut-off mark of the Government Management Service (Limited) Examination held in 2019;
 - (vi) whether the applicants who have obtained more than 100 marks at that examination have been recruited by now;
 - (vii) the number of rounds in which they were recruited; and
 - (viii) the manner in which the applicants remaining after the first round were recruited?
- (b) Will he also state —
- (i) the cut-off mark of the Government Management Service (Limited) Examination held in 2024;
 - (ii) the number of applicants who have passed the examination concerned;

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- (iii) out of the applicants who have passed the examination concerned, the number of those who have been recruited by now; and
 - (iv) whether the applicants who have obtained more than 100 marks at 2024 examination will also be recruited, given that the applicants who obtained more than 100 marks at the 2019 examination have been recruited?
- (c) If not, why?

1102/2025

Hon. Suranga Rathnayaka,—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 unemployed graduates in Sri Lanka as at 01.01.2025;
 - (ii) number of jobs that have been granted to graduates by the present Government;
 - (iii) number of the jobs referred to above, separated according to each field or sector; and
 - (iv) future plan to be adopted in granting employment to unemployed graduates?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
- (i) of the number of government teacher vacancies existing at present;
 - (ii) whether an expedited course of action has been made to fill the vacancies; and
 - (iii) if so, of the course of action concerned above?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

201/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the incident concerning the deletion of data from the computers of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority was reported;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses, separately, of the officers alleged to have been involved in the deletion of the said data;

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- (iii) whether he is aware that the said deletion facilitated opportunities for large-scale acts of fraud; and
- (iv) of the progress of the investigations conducted in this regard;
- (b) If not, why?

224/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the policy statement ‘A Thriving Nation, A Beautiful Life’ includes a commitment to establish smart courts;
 - (ii) as such, of the courts that have been converted into smart courts by now;
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken towards transforming the judicial system of Sri Lanka into a smart judicial system; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money that has been allocated from the Appropriation Act, 2025 for this purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

262/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will table the agreement already entered into by Sri Lanka with the International Monetary Fund;
 - (ii) of the number of occasions that the said agreement had been amended before the current government came to power;
 - (iii) of those amendments;
 - (iv) whether the agreement concerned has been amended after the new government came to power;
 - (v) if so, of those amendments;
 - (vi) of the individuals who have granted approval for those amendments;
 - (vii) whether those amendments have been unconditionally accepted by the International Monetary Fund;
 - (viii) if not, of the amendments that have been presented by the International Monetary Fund; and
 - (ix) of the amendments or proposals that have been accepted by the International Monetary Fund, out of those submitted by the Government ?
- (b) If not, why?

312/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the oil tanks belonging to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation are located inside or outside of the Trincomalee harbor;
 - (ii) of the total number of oil tanks available in Trincomalee;
 - (iii) whether the oil tanks belonging to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation have been leased out;
 - (iv) if so, of the names of the institutions and countries to which these oil tanks have been leased out;
 - (v) of the income earned by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from leasing out these oil tanks for each year separately; and
 - (vi) of the amount of the latest investment made in the Trincomalee Oil Tank project?
- (b) If not, why?

339/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the residents of Pothuvil Kumbura of the Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat Division were removed from that area due to the Kolonnawa Meethotamulla garbage dump project;
 - (ii) of the number of residents so removed;
 - (iii) of the number of residents out of them, who have been provided with housing so far;
 - (iv) of the number of families who are still residing in that area without being provided with housing,
 - (v) whether there is an arrangement in place to provide them with housing; and
 - (vi) if so, of the details of the arrangement concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

616/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there is a building and a land belonging to the National Gem and Jewelry Authority located at Galle Face Terrace, Kollupitiya;
 - (ii) the building concerned has now subsided due to the impact of the construction of a new building by Renuka Holdings on the land adjacent to it; and
 - (iii) a case has been filed by the Authority against Renuka Holdings in this regard?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether it has been planned to settle the case and sell the relevant building and the land to Renuka Holdings in accordance with a decision of the Board of Directors appointed by the present Government?
- (c) If not, why?

900/2025

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether medical officers, nurses, minor staff, and non-academic staff are available in adequate numbers at the Maternity and Children's Hospital in Gallassa, Nagoda;
 - (ii) whether other infrastructure facilities needed to that hospitals have been provided;
 - (iii) whether the Children's and Maternity clinics of the hospital are currently functioning;
 - (iv) whether laboratory technical facilities required for the said clinics have been made available;
 - (v) whether an adequate number of ambulances are available at that hospital;
 - (vi) of the number of drivers and assistants required for those ambulances, separately;
 - (vii) whether a sufficient number of drivers and assistants are available for the ambulances; and
 - (viii) if not, of the measures that have been taken to fill the vacancies in the posts mentioned above?

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(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether there are adequate medical laboratory technical facilities in the government hospitals in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether those facilities are in a state that is usable;
- (iii) of the medical equipment and machinery in short supply, out of those required for government hospitals; and
- (iv) of the sections for which the said medical equipment and machinery are needed?

(c) If not, why?

958/2025

Hon. Ajith Gihan,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the officials of the Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Department of Forest Conservation are obstructing the performance of religious activities at the Pallakandal Church in the Puttalam District; and
- (ii) if so, of the reasons for that?

(b) If not, why?

1101/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether lands belonging to the Land Reform Commission in the Galle district have been allotted for industries;
- (ii) if so, of the individuals/companies to whom the aforesaid lands have been allotted and the industries to which the said lands have been assigned, separately as per each Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (iii) of the industries that are currently operational out of the aforesaid industries;
- (iv) of the industries that are not currently operational, if any;
- (v) whether proper measures will be taken regarding the lands which were allotted for industries which are not currently operational; and
- (vi) if so, of those measures?

(b) If not, why?

1120/2025

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of graduate trainees who were recruited in 1999 for enhancing the capacity to implement the priority functions of the Government;
 - (ii) the date on which the said trainees were confirmed in their service;
 - (iii) the name of the institution that issued the instructions/circular for confirming them in their service;
 - (iv) the course of action that was followed in that regard; and
 - (v) whether a copy of the said letter of instructions /circular will be tabled?
- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) the number of those that were confirmed in their service, out of the said graduates in terms of each line ministry, provincial ministry, department and institution, and in terms of each category of posts, separately;
 - (ii) the respective starting salary, salary scale and salary code of each of the said categories of posts, separately;
 - (iii) whether service minutes / schemes of recruitments have been prepared for the graduates concerned after confirming them in their service;
 - (iv) if so, the year in which those were prepared;
 - (v) whether copies of the said documents will be tabled;
 - (vi) if service minutes/ schemes of recruitments have not been prepared, the reasons for it; and
 - (vii) the procedure for promoting the said officers according to their service minutes?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, August 21, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

676/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he acknowledges the fact that the contribution of Technical Officers is very important to the Sri Lanka Railways in providing an optimal service;

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- (ii) of the number of Technical Officers currently serving in the Sri Lanka Railways;
 - (iii) of the number of vacancies for Technical Officers currently existing in the said Department; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to fill the aforesaid vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

735/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that there was a power outage in Sri Lanka on 09.02.2025; and
 - (ii) if so, separately of the short term and long-term steps that have been taken to strengthen the stability of the power supply network following the power outage?
- (b) If not why?

808/2025

Hon. Mujibur Rahman,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of journalists who have been assassinated, abducted, or assaulted so far since 2010;
 - (ii) names of those journalists; and
 - (iii) progress of the investigations that are being conducted to exercise justice in respect of the said journalists?
- (b) If not, why?

832/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of minors found to have been sent to foreign employment since the year 2020 up to now;
 - (ii) methods that have been adopted in sending them for foreign employment; and
 - (iii) measures that will be taken to prevent minors from being sent to foreign employment?
- (b) If not, why?

859/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of state lands that have been granted on lease basis in each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Anuradhapura District, separately;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the state land of approximately 100 acres in extent located in Kodinnewa village in Grama Niladhari Division No. 153 of Horowpothana Divisional Secretariat Division, has been illegally cleared and cultivated;
 - (iii) if so, of the individuals who have cleared and cultivated the land referred to above;
 - (iv) whether the individuals concerned have a legal right to do so;
 - (v) whether they have obtained the fertilizer subsidy; and
 - (vi) if so, of the value of the fertilizer subsidy?
- (b) If not, why?

868/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) primary objective of implementing the Vehicle Emission Testing Programme in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) date on which the said programme was initiated;
 - (iii) annual revenue that are generated by it, separately in respect of each vehicle category; and
 - (iv) name of the institution that collects the revenue?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the role of the Vehicular Emission Test Trust Fund;
 - (ii) of the name of the individual who initiated the said Fund;
 - (iii) whether the Government receives any revenue from the said Fund; and
 - (iv) if so, of the amount of the said revenue?
- (c) If not, why?

877/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that persons are residing on state lands in the Manmunai North Divisional Secretariat Division of the Batticaloa district without a 'Deed of Grant' or a 'Land Permit' awarded by the government;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such individuals, their names and relevant details;
 - (iii) whether the respective Divisional Secretary has filed action at the court of law against them during the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2025 to legally evict those individuals from the state lands referred to above;
 - (iv) if so, of the number of such individuals, their names and their relevant details;
 - (v) of the number of evicted individuals from the state lands during the above period on court orders along with their names and relevant details, out of those, the number of individuals who were prosecuted;
 - (vi) whether there are persons against whom the Divisional Secretary has not filed action although he should have;
 - (vii) if so, of the number of such persons, and their names and other relevant details; and
 - (viii) of the reasons for filing action against only a few of them while not filing action against most?
- (b) If not, why?

955/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately of the —
- (i) number of flyovers constructed across highways, flyovers constructed across railways and road tunnels constructed in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) amount that has been spent on the construction of those referred to above?

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the number of flyovers that have been constructed in the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) of the locations where the above flyovers have been constructed;
 - (iii) whether it has been proposed to construct a flyover across the Maho Junction on the Northern Railway Line;
 - (iv) whether a ceremony had been organized to commence the construction of the flyover concerned during the period from 2004 to 2014;
 - (v) if so, of the expenditure that the ceremony incurred; and
 - (vi) whether steps will be taken in future to construct the said flyover?
- (c) If not, why?

971/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the number of Ayurveda Medical Colleges in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the reasons as to why the students are not enrolled into the Sri Lanka Ayurveda Siddha Medical College in Jaffna, which was established in 1925, incorporated in 1941 and gazetted in 1949;
 - (iii) the current status of it;
 - (iv) the reasons for appointing university graduates who do not have any knowledge of traditional medicine to the Department of Ayurveda;
 - (v) whether he is aware that the hereditary doctors accuse that these graduates do not understand their problems;
 - (vi) the measures that have been taken in this regard;
 - (vii) whether approval is granted to the Medical Colleges of indigenous medicine for the advancement of traditional education in medicine and Ayurveda education in Northern Province; and
 - (viii) the legal/administrative measures that will be taken in this regard?
- (b) Will he also state —
- (i) whether an institution will be established to provide identity cards, medical certificates and degrees to hereditary doctors;
 - (ii) whether a recruitment scheme and a salary scale will be introduced for them;
 - (iii) the reason as to why they do not get the assistance of the government; and

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- (iv) whether he acknowledges that the fee of up to Rs. 5000/- that has to be paid for their registration, renewal of the identity card and clinical permit is a burden to them?

(c) If not, why?

977/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that 3081 registered substitute workers serve in the Department of Posts;
- (ii) of their respective duration of service;
- (iii) whether steps been taken to appoint them to fill the vacancies existing in the Department of Posts;
- (iv) whether steps have been taken to fill the vacancies existing for registered substitute workers in the Department of Posts; and
- (v) if so, of those steps?

(b) If not, why?

Friday, August 22, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

846/2025

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) extent of land owned by the state plantation companies in the Monaragala district, separately as per each company;
- (ii) extent of land and the names of the companies/institutions that have obtained the sub-leases, separately, if the lands owned by the companies referred to above have been sub-leased,;
- (iii) amount of tax revenue received for the lands which were sub-leased, from the year 2015 to this day, separately as per each year; and
- (iv) measures that will be taken to collect the tax revenue referred to above, properly?

(b) If not, why?

1024/2025

Hon. Sunil Rathnasiri,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of plastic manufacturing factories in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) separately, of the annual production volumes of plastic and polythene in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) of the measures that have been taken to minimize the use of plastic and polythene; and
 - (iv) whether attention has been paid regarding the quality of plastic food packaging, intended for young children?
- (b) If not, why?

1068/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts that no action has been taken so far to grant freehold deeds under the ‘Urumaya’ programme in place of the land permits, land grants and deeds that have been handed over to the government by the respective landowners;
 - (ii) of the steps taken to establish the land entitlement of the individuals whose land permits, land grants and deeds have thus been handed over;
 - (iii) whether there is a specific time frame for completing the process of issuing freehold deeds in place of the land permits, land grants and deeds referred to above; and
 - (iv) of the way in which the individuals concerned can obtain information regarding the current status of the land permits, land grants and deeds that have been handed over to the government for the purpose of obtaining freehold deeds?
- (b) If not, why?

1070/2025

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) total amount of money spent on the construction of the SAARC Cultural Centre, in Navimana, Matara, whereas the construction work of which has been halted and which is not currently in use;

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- (ii) institutions that have borne the aforesaid financial cost;
 - (iii) annual cost incurred on maintenance and security of the aforesaid building complex; and
 - (iv) existing plan for the utilization of the aforesaid building complex?
- (b) If not, why?

1073/2025

Hon. Ajantha Gammeddage,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the objectives of establishing the Urban Development Authority;
 - (ii) of the name and location of each of the development projects that are being implemented by the Urban Development Authority in the Matara District separately;
 - (iii) of the date of commencement, the nature, the objectives, the amount spent, and the current status of the project, separately in relation to each project implemented within the city limits of Matara, out of the projects referred to in (ii) above;
 - (iv) whether the intended objectives of the Matara ‘Gangabada Udyana’ and ‘Thurunu Uyana’ projects have been achieved; and
 - (v) of the administrative structure of each of the projects referred to above and the individuals involved in the said structure separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1076/2025

Hon. Thurairasa Ravikaran,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) 454 Healthcare Assistants selected after a formal interview conducted in the year 2019 for recruitment to the permanent post on the Healthcare Assistants Service (Grade III) in the Northern Province have not hitherto been recruited;
 - (ii) the recruitment referred to above has got delayed because the approval from the Ministry of Finance has not been received; and
 - (iii) the prevalence of 643 vacancies in the above post has become a hindrance to the maintenance of health services in the Northern Province?

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the administrative or legal constraints that impede the recruitment of these Healthcare Assistants, despite the fact that appointment letters were issued in the year 2019; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to recruit them expeditiously?
- (c) If not, why?

1084/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he accept that —
- (i) the private lands in the vicinity of the Tachchankulam Airport in Vavuniya belonging to the Sri Lanka Air Force were acquired for the expansion of the airport and the public access to the roads that the local residents have long been using has been restricted;
 - (ii) in particular, the use of the Tachchankulam-Moonrumurippu main road has been prohibited to the general public for a long time; and
 - (iii) the people, living in the Tachchankulam village, have had to travel twelve kilometers instead of the usual two kilometers to reach the Grama Niladhari office to get their needs fulfilled, as a result?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) if so, whether steps will be taken to open the Tachchankulam - Moonrumurippu main road concerned above for public use; and
 - (ii) of the time that will be taken for it?
- (c) If not, why?

1092/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which the project to construct the canal from the 'Kuda Oya' river to the 'Debara Ara' reservoir in the Wellawaya Divisional Secretariat Division implemented by the Department of Irrigation was commenced;
 - (ii) of the total amount of money that was allocated for the project concerned;
 - (iii) of the sources from which funds were channelled for the project;

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- (iv) whether the proper procurement procedures have been followed during the project; and
- (v) if so, whether the relevant information will be tabled?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the contractor of the project referred to above;
 - (ii) of the institution that provided technical assistance and carried out the supervision for the project;
 - (iii) of the method used for the disposal of the rocks and soil excavated during the construction of this canal; and
 - (iv) whether the intended objective of this project has been achieved by now?
- (b) If not, why?

1103/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) benefits accrued from the recent official visit of the President of Sri Lanka to Germany;
 - (ii) total expenditure incurred in respect of that visit; and
 - (iii) names of the heads of state who had met with the President during that visit?
- (b) If not, why?

1117/2025

Hon. (Dr.)(Ms.) Kaushalya Ariyaratne,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that a large number of retired personnel of the Tri-Forces and the Sri Lanka Police are employed in private security services;
 - (ii) whether they receive fair wages, adequate facilities, proper training and proper recognition;
 - (iii) whether there is a mechanism in place for regulating private security services; and
 - (iv) if not, of the steps that have been taken to formulate a regulatory mechanism?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, September 12, 2025

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P. 60/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,— Preventing suicide among young children,— That this Parliament resolves that, given the failure of existing measures to prevent young children from committing suicide, including training teachers for counselling in every school, establishing a counselling division in every divisional secretariat and a counselling unit at every district secretariat, offering diploma courses, degree courses and postgraduate courses in counselling in state and private universities, and establishing psychiatric units in every major hospital to address depression lately, it is imperative for political authorities, government officials, the electronic and print media, and the public to deeply intervene in all these measures.

P. 61/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,—Formulation of a system to prevent the sale of unhealthy food to children in school canteens within the school system of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should introduce and implement restrictions on the types of food and beverages permitted for sale in school canteens, in order to control the diabetes condition among school children in Sri Lanka, whereas specialist doctors have pointed out that diabetes is now widely diagnosed among school children in Sri Lanka, and whereas the types of food consumed, as well as dietary habits and eating patterns, are major causes of diabetes, and whereas food items containing high amounts of sugar and flour, which contribute to diabetes, along with foods such as fried rice, *kottu*, and instant noodles, are being sold in large quantities to schoolchildren through school canteens within the Sri Lankan school system.

P. 62/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Making Rail freight transport more efficient,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology be formulated by the government for the transport of goods and fuel by train whenever possible whereas the main purpose of starting the railway service in Sri Lanka had been the transport of goods, and whereas the railway service has now deviated from that objective, and whereas rail freight is a less expensive method, and whereas its benefits are directly accrued to the people of the country.

P. 63/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody, — Minimizing the injustice caused to farmers in selling their agricultural produce,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate measures to change the processes in which both the farmer and the consumer suffer injustices at the same time and to serve justice to the farmer and to the consumer whereas the farmers of this country experience grave injustices in selling their agricultural produce as the wholesale dealers as well as the retail sellers set a very low price for their produce and whereas the consumers have to pay very high prices in buying the said agricultural products.

P. 64/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Designing a regulatory framework for pre-school education,— That this Parliament resolves that a unified system for regulating pre-school education in Sri Lanka, should be established through a single institution, recognizing that the pre-school education is of vital importance and a crucial factor among all the educational opportunities, currently available in the country.

P. 65/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilake Jayakody,— Facilitating the producers of export goods,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary steps be taken to facilitate the young entrepreneurs involved in the export sector, who play a key role in generating foreign exchange, whereas producers of agricultural and other goods targeting exports lack adequate facilities, expertise, and access pathways for export market.

P. 66/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Introduction of Literature as a subject in the Advanced Level Science, Commerce and Technology streams,— That this Parliament resolves that Literature should be introduced as an additional subject in the Advanced Level Science, Commerce and Technology streams in schools in Sri Lanka in order to enhance the skill of literary appreciation of the students pursuing such streams for Advanced Level.

P. 67/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Provision of care to inpatients at hospitals,—That this Parliament resolves that the Government should formulate a system whereby patients receiving inpatient treatment at hospitals are provided care by caregivers employed by the hospital, whereas nursing officers in charge of the ward inform that a custodian should accompany a patient receiving inpatient treatment at a hospital day and night, and whereas, in the absence of such a custodian, private caregivers have to be hired on a fee-paying basis, and whereas such caregivers charge approximately Rs. 3,500 per day, which is unaffordable if the patient is required to stay in the hospital for several days.

P. 68/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— Granting permanent title deeds to permit holders of lands,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper system of granting permanent title deeds to the people of this country be developed whereas a significant number of the people only have permits or deeds such as Swarnabhoomi for their lands.

P. 69/2025

Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, PC,— Raising the retirement age of judges of the superior courts of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government do establish necessary legal courses of action to raise the retirement age limits of the judges of the superior courts in Sri Lanka by setting the retirement age of judges of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka at 67 years, that of judges of the Court of Appeal at 65 years, and that of the High Court judges at 63 years whereas the retirement age of judges specified in the Constitution of Sri Lanka is lower with compared to the retirement age of superior court judges in many foreign judicial systems.

P. 70/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Promoting tourism services and economic development in Jaffna, — That this Parliament resolves that Jaffna and Northern Sri Lanka be recognized as key tourism hubs and steps should be taken to support the creation of a centralized tourism platform in Jaffna to connect travelers from across the country and abroad with local hotels, restaurants, and service providers, promoting authentic travel experiences, by encouraging and facilitating the establishment of tourism service businesses that empower local operators and promote cultural heritage, supporting policies and investments that enhance infrastructure, digital connectivity, and marketing to boost tourist arrivals and satisfaction in Northern Sri Lanka, promoting public-private partnerships to foster sustainable tourism development and economic growth in the Jaffna region, and by monitoring the impact of such initiatives on local employment and business opportunities, aiming for sustainable economic benefits within 12 to 18 months, whereas promoting tourism services and economic development could strengthen the local tourism economy, create jobs, and showcase Jaffna as a vibrant cultural destination.

P. 71/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— Establishment of a permanent Special Economic Zone in Jaffna and the Northern Province to create sustainable youth employment,— That this Parliament resolves that a permanent Special Economic Zone (SEZ) be established in Jaffna and the Northern Province, alongside other strategic locations nationwide, whereas the establishment of a permanent Special Economic Zone could stimulate economic growth, attract both local and foreign investment, and generate sustainable employment opportunities for the youth, and whereas by developing such zones, the government can promote industrial expansion, enhance skills development, and encourage entrepreneurship, thereby addressing unemployment and fostering the long-term socio-economic advancement of Jaffna and the Northern Province, and the country as a whole.

P. 72/2025

Hon. Kanthasamy Prabu,— Promoting self-sufficiency in milk production, — That this Parliament resolves that a National Dairy Development Policy be implemented by the Government to achieve self-sufficiency in milk production, by improving breed access and veterinary services, expanding fodder cultivation, strengthening farmer training and infrastructure, providing incentives to dairy farmers, promoting public-private partnerships, and encouraging research in dairy development, and a mechanism be devised for the relevant Ministries to coordinate with provincial councils and farmer groups, and the relevant Committee of Parliament to monitor implementation and recommend further action, whereas country currently relies on dairy imports, leading to significant foreign exchange loss, and farmers face issues such as limited access to good breeds, veterinary care, fodder, and infrastructure, and whereas addressing these challenges would enhance food security, create rural jobs, and reduce dependency on imports.

P. 73/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Sri Lankans be afforded better opportunities for health, — That this Parliament resolves that all Sri Lankans be afforded better health opportunities means of which employees of the private sector must be provided with free facilities through Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund and in the case of Public Servants or non-employees, by the Government through the President Fund with full cost, whereas majority of the population are subject to open heart surgeries.

P. 74/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—Establishment of Bus Priority Lanes Expeditiously in the Morning and Late Afternoon Hours on Working Days of the Week in Main Towns,—This Parliament resolves that a bus priority lane system be implemented in the morning and late afternoon hours as a remedy for the severe road congestion that prevails in the morning and afternoon hours in major towns.
