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ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 2

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Tuesday, August 19, 2025

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 05.08.2025, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2434/02 of 28th April 2025)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, as amended, relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2434/04 of 28th April 2025, which was presented on 05.08.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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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 19 read with Section 51 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 relating to Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2434/05 of 28th April 2025, which was presented on 05.08.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— Regulations under the Construction Industry Development Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing under Section 58 read with Section 52 (2) and Sections 35(1), (2) and (4) of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2430/13 of 01st April 2025, which were presented on 05.08.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

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Thursday, August 21, 2025

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Presidents' Entitlements (Repeal) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Tuesday, September 09, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1105/2025

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

- (a) Will he accept that,—
 - (i) the present government conducted interviews in stages for the appointment of 39 permanent directors to the Road Development Authority (RDA);
 - (ii) 05 provincial directors and 34 directors were selected during those interviews and the Chairman of the Authority referred their names to the Board of Directors for approval;
 - (iii) although approximately six months has elapsed, appointments have not yet been given; and
 - (iv) the employees who have served the Authority for many years approaching retirement are expecting promotions, which is fair?
- (b) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) of the reasons for not giving the appointments concerned;
 - (ii) whether any impediments exist for making such appointments;
 - (iii) of those impediments;
 - (iv) whether measures are taken to remove such impediments;
 - (v) whether he is aware that the delay in making the above appointments adversely affects the efficiency of the government; and
 - (vi) of the date on which the above appointments will be effected?
- (c) If not, why?

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1112/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether she accepts that there is an acute shortage of teachers in government schools in the Eastern Province; and,
 - (ii) if so, of the number of teacher vacancies existing in each subject in each of the districts in the province concerned, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1118/2025

Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga,—To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reliefs / allowances provided to military personnel who suppose to be on active service but are not, due to their disability;
 - (ii) of the reliefs / allowances provided to their dependents, if they pass away after retirement on medical grounds;
 - (iii) whether those reliefs / allowances are adequate; and
 - (iv) if not, whether steps have been taken to increase those reliefs / allowances?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the reliefs / allowances provided to their dependents if they pass away while on active service before retirement;
 - (ii) whether any relief / allowance is currently provided to military personnel who did not report for duty due to disability and were later dismissed on the basis that their services were not required;
 - (iii) if not, of the reasons for the same;
 - (iv) whether he accepts that a relief / allowance should be given to them;
 - (v) if so, whether steps have been taken to provide it; and
 - (vi) of such steps?
- (c) If not, why?

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1158/2025

Hon. Kitnan Selvaraj,—To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the owner of the 53-acre parcel of tea cultivation and a luxurious bungalow forming part of the Kalugalle Estate located in Ella Pradeshiya Sabha area in the Badulla District is in India; and
 - (ii) a false claim has been made by an individual for the land concerned posing as the owner of the said estate ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether —
 - (i) he accepts that it is illegal to forcibly enter the aforesaid land and pluck tea leaves; and
 - (ii) the government can take action to acquire the land concerned as its ownership is not clear?
- (c) If not why ?

1175/2025

Hon. Manjula Sugath Rathnayaka,—To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the National Housing Development Authority has not acquired the lands of the Punasthapana, Digamadulu Jana Udana and Namal Uyana, Dighayugama and Loka Janawasa Dayapura Housing Projects implemented in 1997, 1999, 2002 and 2006 respectively in the Ampara Divisional Secretariat Division and granting deeds to the respective beneficiaries;
 - (ii) the reasons for not forwarding the land acquisition requests to Ampara Divisional Secretary through the Ministry still, although the land recipients of Punasthapana, Digamadulu Jana Udana and Loka Janawasa Housing Projects, have collected money, surveyed lands and submitted relevant reports to the Authority; and
 - (iii) the time taken to forward the request for the acquisition of those lands to the Ampara Divisional Secretary through the Secretary to the Ministry?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether there are any other housing projects in the Ampara District where deeds have not yet been given to beneficiaries than those mentioned above;
 - (ii) if so, their names; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the delay in granting those deeds?
- (c) If not, why?

1178/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to the Kilinochchi District of the —
 - (i) number of families permanently residing and the extent of land belonging to them;
 - (ii) number of families and individual residing and holding freehold land deeds;
 - (iii) number of families and individual residing and holding land permits;
 - (iv) number of families and individuals who are resident but possess neither freehold land deeds nor land permits at present; and
 - (v) extent of paddy lands and dry lands with permits?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the reason for not hitherto granting freehold land deeds to persons who have lived in the Kilinochchi District for over 60 years; and
 - (ii) whether he is aware that they are not granted loan and mortgage services from banks and financial institutions due to lack of freehold deeds, depriving them of their economic development?
- (c) If not, why?

1234/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the foreign employment agencies;
 - (ii) whether foreign jobs are provided only by the agencies that have legally entered into agreements; and
 - (iii) if agencies that have not legally entered into agreements, have been providing foreign employment, of their names?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether agencies that provide foreign employment illegally defraud money when providing jobs;
 - (ii) if so, of the amount of money that has been defrauded by such agencies; and
 - (iii) of the action that will be taken against the agencies that have obtained money from people, but have not given them any foreign jobs?
- (c) If not, why?

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1236/2025

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,—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 the internal road from Weppamkulam to Silawathurai, of the Musali Pradeshiya Sabha in the Mannar District was reconstructed in the year 2010, by the then Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services;
 - (ii) of the length of the aforesaid road;
 - (iii) of the name of village through which the aforesaid road passes; and
 - (iv) separately, of the dates of commencement and completion of its reconstruction work?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he will submit a copy of the agreement entered into with the company concerning the reconstruction of the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) of the owners of the company at the time of entering into the agreement;
 - (iii) of the amount of money allocated to the company for the reconstruction of that road;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that road has not been reconstructed but the funds have been obtained fraudulently; and
 - (v) if so, of the steps that will be taken regarding it?
- (c) If not, why?

1241/2025

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether lands in the Anuradhapura District have been provided on annual or long-term lease basis;
 - (ii) whether lands in the Ipalogama and Kekirawa Divisional Secretariat Divisions have been provided on lease for developing; and
 - (iii) if so, the extent of those lands and the durations for which the lands have been provided, separately?
- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) the extent of lands provided on lease in Grama Niladhari Divisions No. 519-Ihalakagama, No. 621-Ihalagama, and No. 618, Karambawatte, separately;

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- (ii) whether lease agreements have been signed for it;
 - (iii) if so, the relevant parties;
 - (iv) the area and the term of lease of each land, separately,
 - (v) whether the said lands have been developed;
 - (vi) whether the lands which have not been developed have been re-acquired;
 - (vii) whether the above lands have been sub-leased;
 - (viii) whether he is aware that an elephant fence has been erected around above lands; and
 - (ix) whether approval has been obtained for it?
- (c) If not, why?

1250/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total extent of the lands in hectares in the Kegalle District owned by the Land Reform Commission;
 - (ii) of the extent of those lands that have been allocated for industrial purposes as of now;
 - (iii) of the name of the persons to whom each of those lands were given, and the year in which each land was granted, separately;
 - (iv) of the extent of lands which have not used for any development activity in hectares from among those mentioned in (i) above;
 - (v) whether any alternative lands have been distributed out of the lands referred to in (i) above; and
 - (vi) of the names of the individuals to whom such alternative lands have been received?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

15/2024

Hon. Heshan Withanage Anuruddha Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) contribution made by the tea smallholders to the total tea production in Sri Lanka as a percentage from 2015 to the present, separately in respect of each year;

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- (ii) total number of tea smallholders as at present;
 - (iii) number of government institutions dealing with tea smallholders;
 - (iv) names of those institutions; and
 - (v) functions performed by each of the aforesaid institutions to uplift the living standards of tea smallholders, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

117/2024

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
- (i) names of the Members of Parliament who represent Parliament at present;
 - (ii) amounts paid as salaries and allowances at present to Members of Parliament; and
 - (iii) names of the Members of Parliament who forgo their salaries and allowances?
- (b) If not, why?

1253/2025

Hon. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the extent of land owned by the Land Reform Commission within the Nuwara Eliya District, in hectares;
 - (ii) of the extent of alternative lands that have been distributed out of it up to now, in hectares;
 - (iii) of the name of each of the persons who have been granted the alternative lands, the extent of land thus granted, the basis of granting the lands, and the periods during which each land was granted, separately;
 - (iv) whether the list of names of the persons to whom such lands were granted, includes names of any politicians; and
 - (v) if so, of those politicians?
- (b) If not, why?

1254/2025

Hon. E.M. Basnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the extent of land in acres acquired by the Land Reform Commission within the Kandy District when the Commission was established;
 - (ii) of the names of the individuals and companies to whom such lands have been legally leased out and the extents of the lands leased out to each, separately;
 - (iii) whether taxes are collected from those individuals and companies properly;
 - (iv) of the names of the individuals and companies that are illegally using the lands mentioned in (i) above; and
 - (v) if legal action has been taken against those individuals/ companies, of the current progress of it?
- (b) If not, why?

1255/2025

Hon. Lasith Bhashana Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of projects that have been completed so far out of those implemented by the Urban Development Authority (UDA) in the Gampaha Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) name of each such project, the Grama Niladhari Division in which each project was implemented, the year of commencement, the year of completion, the amount spent, and the current status, separately;
 - (iii) number of projects that have not been completed out of the projects implemented by the UDA in the Gampaha Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) name, the amount spent and the current status, separately in respect of each such project; and
 - (v) projects proposed for implementation in the abovementioned Divisional Secretariat Division by the UDA in future?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, September 11, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

196/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of Indian investment projects that have been implemented in the energy sector of Sri Lanka from 2015 up to now, the name of each such investment project, the value of the investment and their resultant contribution to the energy sector of Sri Lanka, in relation to each year, separately; and
 - (ii) stand of the government in relation to the Indian investments in the energy sector of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

219/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the extent of paddy fields that were destroyed due to adverse weather conditions that prevailed in Sri Lanka in November 2024, in acres in each district, separately;
 - (ii) of the reduction in the expected paddy harvest because of this;
 - (iii) of the extent of paddy fields that have been replanted out of those destroyed, in acres;
 - (iv) whether compensation has been provided for the destroyed paddy fields; and
 - (v) if so, of the details thereof?
- (b) If not, why?

226/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the policy statement ‘A Thriving Nation – A Beautiful Life’ pledged to seek the assistance of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Initiative in the recovery of misappropriated assets;
 - (ii) of the progress in securing technical and advisory assistance from each of the aforementioned entities, separately; and
 - (iii) if there is no such progress in securing technical and advisory assistance, of the reasons for it?
- (b) If not, why?

263/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) date on which the Department of Government Information was established;
 - (ii) names of the institutions coming under the purview of the Department concerned;
 - (iii) number of employees currently employed in the Department;
 - (iv) present role of the Department;
 - (v) name of the Director General of the Department; and
 - (vi) educational qualifications of the Director General concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

313/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of private electricity generating companies operating in Sri Lanka from the year 2015 to date for each year separately;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of these companies along with the generating capacity of each company separately;
 - (iii) of the number of electricity units that each of the above company provided to Ceylon Electricity Board and amount paid to each of the company from year 2015 to date separately;
 - (iv) of the measures to be taken by the Ceylon Electricity Board to increase the electricity generation capacity; and
 - (v) whether the electricity generation methods are renewable or thermal?
- (b) If not, why?

340/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he accept that the —
 - (i) bridge connecting Periya Porativ and Palukamam areas within the Porativupattu Divisional Secretariat Division of Batticaloa District requires to be reconstructed; and

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- (ii) people face significant difficulties in using this bridge for transportation?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to reconstruct the aforementioned bridge?
- (c) If not, why?

597/2025

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Department of Immigration and Emigration has ceased issuing Emergency Certificates (EC passports) with effect from 24.12.2024;
 - (ii) of the reasons that led to this situation; and
 - (iii) of the alternative that has been made available for pilgrims travelling to India and Nepal for pilgrimages, and for patients travelling to India to receive medical treatment for various ailments?
- (b) If not, why ?

622/2025

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of disaster incidents reported in Sri Lanka, the number of individuals affected by the disasters, and the amount of compensation paid to the individuals so affected in each year from the year 2015 up to now, separately;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on disaster management from the year 2015 up to now;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that many countries around the world pay special attention to disaster management; and
 - (iv) of the measures that have been taken by Sri Lanka regarding disaster management?
- (b) If not, why?

726/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the quantity of potatoes imported into Sri Lanka annually;
 - (ii) of the duty levied on imported potatoes;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that potato harvesting is currently taking place in Nuwara Eliya, Welimada, Uva Paranagama and Haputale areas; and
 - (iv) therefore, whether measures will be taken to suspend the importation of potatoes into Sri Lanka during the potato harvest season?
- (b) If not, why?

1122/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of civilian employees serving in the Army, the Air Force and the Navy, separately;
 - (ii) of their professions;
 - (iii) of the number of those confirmed in their posts;
 - (iv) of the number of those currently serving on temporary basis;
 - (v) of the year in which temporary civilian employees were last confirmed;
 - (vi) whether action will be taken to confirm the civilian employees currently working on temporary basis;
 - (vii) if so, of the measures taken in this regard; and
 - (viii) of the procedure applicable in confirming civilian employees who are serving on temporary basis?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether there are vacancies for civilian employees in the tri forces at present; and
 - (ii) of the programme that has been formulated to fill those vacancies?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, September 12, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

638/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the quantity of fish purchased by the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation from fishermen from the year 2015 up to now separately in each year;
 - (ii) of the said quantities of fish as a percentage of the total fish harvest in Sri Lanka in each of the years, separately;
 - (iii) whether he admits that the intervention of the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation is not at all sufficient in purchasing fish and in maintaining the price of fish in the market at a stable level; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken to rectify this situation?
- (b) If not, why?

736/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) date on which it was agreed to conduct a forensic audit to investigate the frauds related to the E-Visa system;
 - (ii) facts have been unveiled, if the said forensic audit has been conducted; and
 - (iii) steps that will be taken to strictly enforce the law against those who are responsible for the frauds referred to above?
- (b) If not, why?

809/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) objectives of establishing the Condominium Management Authority;
 - (ii) amount of money spent on the Authority from the year 2015 to the present, separately for each year; and

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- (iii) measures that will be taken to further strengthen the functions of the Authority?

(b) If not, why?

833/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the functions of the Department of Co-operative Development of the Central Government and the Departments of Co-operative Development of the Provincial Councils, separately, relating to the Co-operative Rural Banks;
- (ii) whether he is aware that auditing of Co-operative Rural Banks rests with the departments concerned;
- (iii) if so, of the number of Co-operative Rural Banks audited by the Department of Co-operative Development of the Central Government and of the Provincial Councils, separately, in each year from 2015 till now;
- (iv) whether he is aware that the boards of directors of Co-operative Rural Banks have committed large-scale financial frauds since these Banks have not been audited properly; and
- (v) if so, of the measures that will be taken to properly audit Co-operative Rural Banks annually to prevent such situation?

(b) If not, why?

860/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of economic centers established in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) out of the above-mentioned centers, of the number of those in operation and those not in operation at present, separately;
- (iii) whether he is aware that there is an economic center in Medawachchiya;
- (iv) of the date on which the above-mentioned economic center was opened;
- (v) of the amount of money spent on the construction of the above-mentioned center;

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- (vi) of the number of trade stalls available in that center; and
 - (vii) of the number of those that are currently open for business out of the above-mentioned stalls?
- (b) If not, why?

870/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the National Youth Services Council was established;
 - (ii) of the objective of its establishment;
 - (iii) of the number of institutions functioning under the National Youth Services Council;
 - (iv) of the names of those institutions;
 - (v) of the number of training centres existing under the National Youth Services Council; and
 - (vi) whether those training centres are currently in operation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the number of buildings of which the constructions were newly commenced in institutions under the National Youth Services Council from 2020 to 2024;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that construction of some of the buildings have not been completed yet; and
 - (iii) if so, of the steps that will be taken regarding those buildings?
- (c) If not, why?

879/2025

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 applications have been submitted to the Manmunai Pattu Divisional Secretariat by landless persons during the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2025 with the aim of acquiring land;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such persons and their names and other relevant details;
 - (iii) whether such persons have been issued with Deeds of Grant or Land Permits; and

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- (iv) if so, of the number of such persons along with their names and relevant details?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the majority of the persons who have settled down in government lands in the Manmunai Pattu Divisional Secretariat Division have not been issued with Deeds of Grant or Land Permits so far;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such persons and their names and other relevant details; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for not issuing Deeds of Grant or Land Permits to the aforementioned persons so far?
- (c) If not, why?

901/2025

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of regional offices of Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB);
 - (ii) whether there are adequate employees in those offices;
 - (iii) the number of engineers required for those offices;
 - (iv) whether above number of engineers are available;
 - (v) if not, the number of engineering vacancies existing;
 - (vi) whether new engineers will be recruited; and
 - (vii) if so, the measures taken in that regard?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the sources of electricity generation;
 - (ii) units currently generated through each such source, separately;
 - (iii) whether the CEB will be privatized; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures to be taken regarding the employees?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) the strategic programmes/projects initiated by the companies under the CEB;
 - (ii) the number of employees currently working in each such company, separately;
 - (iii) whether there are excess employees in those companies;
 - (iv) if so, the number of excess employees in each company, separately; and
 - (v) the areas covered by the LECO?
- (d) If not, why?

995/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (a) Will he accept that —
 - (i) the living conditions of the farmers engaged in producing crops should be uplifted;
 - (ii) farmers have to put in a lot of effort and invest a large amount of money for it;
 - (iii) nevertheless, farmers are distressed as they do not get a price commensurate with the effort and expenditure for their agri produce;
 - (iv) consumers have also had to pay high prices when buying agricultural products;
 - (v) the wholesale and retail traders who are in between farmer and consumer earn excessive profits; and
 - (vi) this system, which makes both farmer and consumer suffer, should be changed?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether a course of action which safeguards the interests of farmers, traders and consumers be formulated in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

1047/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the garbage project in Wanawasala, Kelaniya was halted partway and has been in a state of standstill for a few years now;
 - (ii) of the reasons for the failure of the landfill in Aruwakkaduwa within Puttalam District;
 - (iii) of the amount that had been allocated for the project concerned;
 - (iv) whether a political interference has been the cause for the failure of that project; and
 - (v) of the time that will be taken for completing the project work and restarting it?
 - (b) If not, why?
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