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No. 2(9).]

ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 2

OF

PARLIAMENT

Issued on Friday, August 22, 2025

Tuesday, September 09, 2025

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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National Building Research Institute Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Penal Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the United Arab Emirates on the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments, signed on 12th February 2025, being an agreement for the promotion and protection of investments in Sri Lanka by nationals of that foreign State or by corporations, companies or other associations incorporated or constituted under the laws of that State, which was presented on 21.08.2025 be approved, following as essential for national economic development.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Urban Development, Construction, and Housing,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 123— Programme 02— † That this Parliament resolves that a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Thirteen Billion Two Hundred Eighty-Five Million Six Hundred Thousand (Rs. 13,285,600,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or out of any other fund belonging to the Government, or out of any money, or out of any loan obtained by the Government at the discretion of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the financial year commencing on 01st January, 2025, and ending on 31st December, 2025, and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:—

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SCHEDULE

Head 123	-	Minister of Urban Development, Construction, and Housing
Programme 02	-	Development Activities
		Capital Expenditure
		Rs. 13,285,600,000
		Total Expenditure
		Rs. 13,285,600,000

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 1 of 2025 presented on 22nd August, 2025

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The Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 171— Programme 02— † That this Parliament resolves that an additional sum not exceeding Rupees one thousand five hundred million (Rs. 1,500,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or any other fund or finances possessed by the Government or any loan obtained by the Government at the discretion of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the financial year commencing on 01st January, 2025, and ending on 31st December, 2025, and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:—

SCHEDULE

Head 171	-	Minister of Women and Child Affairs
Programme 02	-	Development Activities
		Recurrent Expenditure
		Rs. 1,500,000,000
		Total Expenditure
		Rs. 1,500,000,000

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 2 of 2025 presented on 22nd August, 2025

Total of Supplementary Estimate No.1 Rs. 13,285,600,000

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Friday, September 12, 2025

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P. 75/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Renewal of the Bilateral Agreement of Driving Licenses between Italy and Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that steps should be taken to renew the bilateral agreement of driving licenses between Italy and Sri Lanka, as it provides great benefits to Sri Lankans.

P. 76/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Introduction of a Smart Grid and Smart Meters,— That this Parliament resolves that measures be taken to convert the national electricity grid into a Smart Grid and to introduce Smart Meters, in view of the fact that the electricity generated, particularly through rooftop solar panels, cannot currently be distinguished at the system control center, despite the importance of promoting solar energy as a renewable energy source.

P. 77/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Banning harmful artificial flavoring agents used to flavor food,— That this Parliament resolves that the use of harmful flavoring agents be banned after conducting a proper study through a recognized institution, since it is reported that artificial flavoring agents used in local restaurants and hotels to flavor food items such as rice, kottu and noodles contribute to various non-communicable diseases.

P. 78/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe, — Expanding the railway line from Batticaloa to Pottuvil or the railway line from Matara to Kalmunai,— That this Parliament resolves that steps should be taken to expand the railway line from Batticaloa to Pottuvil or the railway line from Matara to Kalmunai since a large number of people in the Batticaloa, Ampara and Moneragala Districts will benefit from the expansion of the railway line from Batticaloa to Pottuvil and the expansion of the railway line from Matara to Kalmunai.

P. 79/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law,— Favourable control and suppression of the proliferation of common water hyacinth,— That this Parliament resolves that it is opportune that the government formulate relevant project proposals for a sustainable solution through the favorable control and suppression of the common water hyacinth plant, whereas it is an invasive plant known by its scientific name *Eichhornia crassipes* (Mart.) Solms, has encroached upon farmlands and wetlands exhibiting an accelerated propagation rate that displaces indigenous flora and destabilizes the ecological balance, whereas consequent sediment accumulation has impeded water transport courses and flow of water, exacerbated flood risks, degraded the quality of water needed for daily use and disrupted hydropower generation, whereas its suppression through the use of chemical herbicides poses a health risk to people using that water, and whereas the breeding of maggots and the spread of diseases such as malaria and dengue occur in these areas.

P. 80/2025

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— Establishment of a Commission to Investigate the Unilateral and Forced Cremation of the Remains of Deceased Muslims During the COVID-19 Pandemic,— That this Parliament resolves that a Commission be established to investigate the number of bodies of Muslims that were unilaterally and forcibly cremated contrary to the guidelines of the World Health Organization during the COVID-19 Pandemic, to investigate the names and addresses of the victims who were so cremated, to inquire into the background that led to the forced cremation of the said dead bodies, to assess the mental state of the relatives of the victims who were so cremated, and to investigate steps to be taken against politicians and government officials who acted contrary to the said guidelines in support of such cremations.

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P. 81/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Formulation of a system to stop the ripening of fruits using chemicals,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal system be developed to stop the practice of ripening fruits using chemicals, which is being carried out by unscrupulous businessmen with the aim of making profits while destroying the future of the country, whereas unripe fruits are artificially caused to ripen using chemicals and are sold in the Sri Lankan fruit market instead of naturally ripened fruits, whereas imported fruits are also sold after being artificially ripened using chemicals, and whereas these fruits are mostly consumed by children.

P.82/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Formulation of a methodology to consider the Key Performance Indicator as a criterion for the appointment of heads of institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be integrated to the public service to consider the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) of public sector officials as a criterion alongside their seniority when appointing heads of government ministries and departments, and that recommendations be obtained for the appointment of heads of institutions accordingly.

P. 83/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Taking the Key Performance Indicator into consideration in assigning positions to the Members of Parliament and the Ministers,— That this Parliament resolves that the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) of the Members of Parliament and the Ministers be reviewed annually and a system for assigning positions to them be developed taking the said indicator into consideration.

P. 84/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— Safeguarding the independence of persons who have held positions commencing from the Chief Justice down to lower ranks in the judiciary when they are appointed to other positions, — That this Parliament resolves that persons who have held positions commencing from the Chief Justice down to the lower ranks in the judiciary, should not be appointed to positions in the public service, corporate boards, commissions, tribunals or the foreign service (such as ambassadors) for a period of at least three years from the date on which they ceased to hold those positions in order to protect their independence.

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

717/2025

Hon. Danushka Ranganath,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the measures that have been taken to protect natural streams;
- (ii) of the extent of land related to the stream reservations that should be available alongside the natural streams;

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- (iii) whether the law is enforced against the persons who have forcibly acquired stream reservations; and
- (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that stream reservations have been given as freehold lands;
 - (ii) of the extent of stream reservations in Kalutara District that have been given on freehold basis; and
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to reacquire the stream reservations referred to above?
- (c) If not, why?

972/2025

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of government divisional hospitals in Jaffna and Kilinochchi districts;
 - (ii) the approved and the actual cadre of doctors, nurses and other employees of each of the hospitals, separately;
 - (iii) the measures taken to fill those vacancies;
 - (iv) whether there are vacancies for pharmacists in hospitals in above districts;
 - (v) the date on which those vacancies are filled;
 - (vi) the date on which the appointments will be given, whereas no appointments have been given although interviews have been conducted for recruiting pharmacists;
 - (vii) whether there are vacancies for ambulance drivers in the above hospitals; and
 - (viii) the date on which those vacancies will be filled?
- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) whether the Welanai Divisional Hospital in Jaffna has been placed to Grade B;
 - (ii) the date on which it will take effect;
 - (iii) the number of approved employees and the actual number of employees serving in that hospital at present according to the grading, separately;
 - (iv) whether laboratory facilities and staffs have been provided according to the grading; and
 - (v) if not, of the measures that will be taken to provide them?
- (c) If not, why?

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978/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the fishermen named M.F. Mustakeen, N. Gunapalasingam, A. Radha Krishnan and Premasiri, who left for deep sea fishing from Point Pedro (Vettilai Kenikkadal) on 07.07.2024, were brought back to Sri Lanka from India after 194 days;
 - (ii) whether compensation was paid for the said fishermen; and
 - (iii) if so, of the details, relating to the compensation?
- (b) If not, why?

1071/2025

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) extent of the land known as 'Ratalankawa' belonging to the Land Reform Commission situated within the Kamburupitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District;
 - (ii) extent of land allotted to each institution from the land concerned, separately; and
 - (iii) extent of land allotted from the aforesaid land to the Industrial Development Board?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a proper approval is available for the allocation of plots from above land to employees of the Land Reform Commission;
 - (ii) if so, whether a copy of the letter pertaining to such approval will be tabled;
 - (iii) if not, whether the approval granted for a different land owned by the Land Reform Commission was invoked to allocate parcels of this land fraudulently and unlawfully; and
 - (iv) of the action taken regarding the families who have been unlawfully occupying the said land for some time?
- (c) If not, why?

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1074/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the districts in which cinnamon is cultivated in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the total area of land under cinnamon cultivation in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) of the names of the government institutions that have been established for the development of cinnamon cultivation;
 - (iv) of the names of the institutions that have been established in the Galle District, out of them;
 - (v) of the amount of money that has been spent on establishing those institutions;
 - (vi) whether those institutions are currently in operational status; and
 - (vii) if not, of the reasons for it?
- (b) If not, why?

1100/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Is she aware that —
 - (i) according to Cabinet Decision No. අමප/12/1101/530/035 dated 08.08.2012, principals who served or are currently serving in extremely difficult schools for extended periods have been appointed to Grades 2(ii) and 3 of the Sri Lanka Principals' Service on supernumerary basis; and
 - (ii) the appointments of them were confirmed as per Cabinet Decision No. අමප/21/1824/308/139 dated 23.11.2021, and the letter No. PSC/EST/02-05/01/2020 dated 02.06.2022, issued by the Secretary to the Public Service Commission?
- (b) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) whether she is aware that the administrative allowance paid to principals of other schools as per the school categorization was also paid to the principals mentioned in (a) above until March 2018, but it is not paid at present?
 - (ii) of the reasons for it;
 - (iii) whether she is aware that current requests for appointments to fill principal vacancies and for mutual transfers are rejected;

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- (iv) of the reasons for it;
 - (v) whether internal and inter-zonal transfers and promotions are granted to the principals mentioned in (a) above; and
 - (vi) if not, of the reasons for it?
- (c) If not, why?

1104/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the quantity of maize produced in Sri Lanka and the quantity imported to Sri Lanka during each of the years 2023, 2024 and during the first quarter of 2025, separately in metric tons;
 - (ii) of the course of action that has been put in place at present to promote maize production in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) whether a reasonable price can be given to farmers during the maize harvesting periods in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) of the programme in place to control the fluctuation of maize prices?
- (b) If not, why?

1111/2025

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) a permanent building is available neither for male doctors nor for lady doctors for their quarters at the Mullaitivu District General Hospital and the quarters are housed in temporary buildings;
 - (ii) the planning was commenced for the construction of a permanent doctors' hostel with aid from the Government of India during the period 2017-2018; and
 - (iii) the soil test was conducted for the construction in the year 2024?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the reasons for not commencing the construction of the building so far;
 - (ii) if the plan concerned is still in effect, of the date on which the construction work of the said doctors' quarters will be commenced; and
 - (iii) if the construction work of the building has been suspended or cancelled, of the reasons for it?
- (c) If not, why?

1252/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of employees serving in Sri Lanka Telecom at present;
 - (ii) whether there are positions vacant in the company at present;
 - (iii) of the profit made by the company in 2024;
 - (iv) of the amount defaulted on payments for services obtained from the company; and
 - (v) of the measures taken for the recovery of that value?
- (b) If not, why?

1265/2025

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the areas to which drinking water is to be supplied from the Alawwa Water Scheme in Pothuhera, Polgahawela;
 - (ii) of the areas which are not covered by it within the Polgahawela DS Division;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that over 2500 families in 13 Grama Niladhari divisions within the Polgahawela DS Division, who suffer due to an acute drinking water scarcity, are not covered by the above scheme;
 - (iv) the reasons for it;
 - (v) whether the move to provide water to the above divisions according to the original plan has been changed later; and
 - (vi) the reasons for it?
 - (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) the objectives for which the provisions allocated from the 2025 Budget for the above scheme are spent;
 - (ii) whether solutions will be given from it to the problem referred to in above (a) (iii);
 - (iii) whether the above scheme has been acquired to the NWSDB;
 - (iv) if so, the measures that will be taken to supply drinking water to the above families; and
 - (v) the reasons why the Weerambugedara DS Division is not covered by the above scheme?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, September 24, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

17/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money invested by the Sri Lanka Tea Board in long-term and short-term investments separately, from the year 2020 up to now;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that proper approval has not been obtained for those investments; and
 - (iii) if so, of the actions that will be taken in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

118/2024

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) number of official residences available for Members of Parliament as at present;
 - (ii) number of Members of Parliament who have obtained official residences and of the number of those who have not as at present, separately; and
 - (iii) names of the Members of Parliament who have obtained official residences and of the names of those who have not, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

220/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) quantity of seed paddy in the possession of the government at present;
 - (ii) quantity of seed paddy, Sri Lanka needed in each of the years from 2020 up to date, separately; and
 - (iii) measures taken by the government to maintain an adequate stock of seed paddy as the demand for seed paddy has become high because of various weather and climate changes?
- (b) If not, why?

341/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he accept that —
 - (i) there are 478 small tanks under the Department of Agriculture within the Batticaloa District;
 - (ii) only less than 200 such tanks are maintained while others go without proper maintenance; and
 - (iii) the farmers in the area can be empowered if those tanks are restored and maintained?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to put to proper maintenance of the above-mentioned tanks which are not properly maintained?
- (c) If not, why?

624/2025

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that a detention center has been established in the Mirihana area for the purpose of detaining illegal foreign immigrants that migrate to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the current number of foreign immigrants detained in that center, separately by each individual's country; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to control the illegal immigration of foreign nationals into Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

1113/2025

Hon. Roshan Akmeemana,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of officers currently serving in the Civil Security Department, separately in each district;
 - (ii) total annual expenditure incurred by the Civil Security Department; and
 - (iii) annual income earned from the special projects implemented by the Department concerned?
- (b) If not, why ?

1119/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of personnel who have been recruited to the Tri Forces for professional duties under direct entry for each Force, separately;
 - (ii) of the professions into which they have been recruited;
 - (iii) of the reasons for recruiting them under that classification;
 - (iv) whether there are differences between military personnel recruited under the above classification and other military personnel in deploying to perform duties;
 - (v) if so, of those differences; and
 - (vi) whether military personnel recruited under the above classification are given the same ranks and promotions as other military personnel?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the personnel recruited under the said classification will be removed, if the Tri Forces are reorganized;
 - (ii) whether a count has been taken regarding it;
 - (iii) if so, of that count;
 - (iv) whether a discussion has occurred regarding a programme about the military personnel who would be removed, scheduled to be removed and send on retirement during such reorganization; and
 - (v) if so, of such programme?
- (c) If not, why?

1179/2025

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

- (a) Will he state, in respect of the Kilinochchi District,—
 - (i) whether post offices and sub-post offices are functioning according to the ranking;
 - (ii) the number of post offices and sub-post offices according to the ranking, separately;
 - (iii) the number of post offices and sub-post offices with/without permanent lands and buildings, separately;
 - (iv) timeframe for giving permanent buildings for sub-post offices which do not have permanent buildings; and

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- (v) whether post offices at Kilinochchi, Paranthan, Pachchilaippalli and Pooneryn have modern facilities and computers?
- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) whether he accepts that sub-post offices should be established in Bharathipuram, Punnaineeravi and Pallikkuda;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for not taking any action about the letter No. PPS&MR/HR/09-182 dated 09.09.2016 sent by the Minister's public relations officer to the Postmaster General according to my letter dated 05.09.2016?
- (c) If not, why?

1242/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether Maga Naguma is still functioning;
 - (ii) if so, of its offices and industrial yards that are functioning; and
 - (iii) if defunct, of the offices and industrial yards that have been closed down?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of a Maga Naguma yard in Ganewalpola, Kekirawa in Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) of its present state;
 - (iii) of the reasons for its closure;
 - (iv) of the machinery and vehicles available there, separately;
 - (v) of their present value;
 - (vi) whether a programme is in place to use them for developing Sri Lanka's roads;
 - (vii) if the centre is no longer functioning, of the basis of its acquisition;
 - (viii) of the institution which will acquire it;
 - (ix) of the time duration that will take for its acquisition; and
 - (x) of the time period that it will be acquired?
- (c) If not, why?

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1257/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of family units living in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that there are houses each shared by several family units;
 - (iii) in the case of a house shared by several family units, of the formal procedure that is followed by Grama Niladharis to distinguish between the separate families when preparing the electoral register;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that practical and administrative problems arise when dealing with the families that share the same house;
 - (v) if so, whether a solution will be provided for that;
 - (vi) of that solution; and
 - (vii) if a solution is not provided, of the reasons for it?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, September 25, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

204/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which airfares to Israel were reduced;
 - (ii) of the amount of the fare reduction;
 - (iii) of the number of Sri Lankans currently working in Israel;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that a major fraud has occurred in the above-mentioned reduction of airfares; and
 - (v) of the action that will be taken in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

227/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the 'Public Assets Recovery Agency,' which the policy statement 'A Thriving Nation – A Beautiful Life,' promised to establish has been established by now;

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- (ii) of the amount of stolen assets that have been recovered to the government by the Agency concerned;
- (iii) of the number of employees currently working at this Agency; and
- (iv) of the amount of money that has been allocated for the Agency from the Appropriation Bill or the Vote on Account presented for the year 2025?

(b) If not, why?

298/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) quantity of salt required for annual consumption in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) manner in which the said quantity of salt is procured;
- (iii) names of the government institutions and private institutions that produce salt, separately;
- (iv) areas where salt is produced the most;
- (v) warehouse locations where the salt harvest is stored; and
- (vi) capacity of the warehouses and of the duration for which the said capacity will be sufficient, separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether salt has been imported to Sri Lanka from 2024.01.01 to date;
- (ii) if so, of the number of occasions on which salt was imported and the quantity of salt imported on each occasion, separately; and
- (iii) of the reasons for importing salt?

(c) If not, why?

314/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) current value of assets owned by the Samurdhi Bank;
- (ii) number of Samurdhi Banks and Samurdhi General Societies in Sri Lanka, separately; and
- (iii) current value of assets owned by all Samurdhi General Societies?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether Samurdhi Banks fall under the scrutiny of Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if not, of the reasons for their exclusion; and
 - (iii) of the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Samurdhi Bank?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the —
 - (i) profit/loss of Samurdhi Bank for the last 10 years separately;
 - (ii) balance sheet value of Samurdhi Bank for the last 10 years separately;
 - (iii) shareholders of the Samurdhi Bank; and
 - (iv) interest paid to the depositors and lending rate to the borrowers as adjusted by the Samurdhi Bank, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

824/2025

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the quantity of crude oil and refined oil imported by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from the year 2022 to 2024, separately in each year;
 - (ii) whether the prescribed procurement procedure was followed in importing the said oil;
 - (iii) if not, of the reasons for it;
 - (iv) of the quantity of crude oil and refined oil purchased as emergency purchases during that period, separately in each year; and
 - (v) of the financial difference between the purchases made through emergency purchases and the purchases made through the normal procurement procedure?
- (b) If not, why?

902/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) date on which the animal census was conducted in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) amount of money that was spent on the said census;

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- (iii) objectives of the said animal census;
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to fulfill those objectives;
 - (v) progress pertaining to the said census as at present; and
 - (vi) number of toque macaques, monkeys, giant squirrels and peacocks separately as per the said census?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
- (i) number of Grama Niladhari Divisions in which the animal census referred to above was conducted;
 - (ii) Grama Niladhari Divisions in which the animal census was not conducted; and
 - (iii) reasons for not conducting the animal census in the Grama Niladhari Divisions concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

983/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of employees working at all the offices of the Employees' Trust Fund Board, including its Head Office and the Regional Offices;
 - (ii) whether he acknowledges that the salaries and other facilities required by the employees working at the Board should be provided without a default;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the employees of the Board recently engaged in a protest against a salary cut; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that have been taken regarding the said salary cut?
- (b) If not, why?

1123/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of soldiers/ officers who have deserted from the Sri Lanka Air Force;
 - (ii) number of those among them who have been arrested by the Sri Lanka Police and who have surrendered, separately;
 - (iii) action to be taken concerning them; and
 - (iv) time taken to remove them from the Sri Lanka Air Force?

- (b) Will he also inform the House —
- (i) whether he is aware that arrangements are being made to purchase a C-130 aircraft to the Sri Lanka Air Force;
 - (ii) of the number of C-130 aircrafts currently in the possession of the Sri Lanka Air Force;
 - (iii) of the times when maintenance activities were last conducted on the aircraft concerned;
 - (iv) of the objective of purchasing a new C-130 aircraft;
 - (v) whether the new C-130 aircraft is a donation or a purchase; and
 - (vi) how the intended objective has been satisfied so far?
- (c) If not, why?

1159/2025

Hon. Ajith Gihan,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he accept that —
- (i) shrimp farming is carried out in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) however, shrimp are imported to Sri Lanka from other countries and re-exported; and
 - (iii) this has caused an adverse impact on the shrimp farming industry in Sri Lanka and on the people engaged in that industry?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether a course of action will be adopted to encourage shrimp farming in Sri Lanka instead of re-exporting shrimp?
- (c) If not, why?

1279/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the Tea Smallholdings Development Authority and the Sri Lanka Tea Board granted assistance for running tea nurseries within the Galle District in 2022 and 2023;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of tea nurseries so assisted by the Tea Smallholdings Development Authority and the Sri Lanka Tea Board, the names of the recipients of such assistance, amount of such assistance, and the registration number of each such tea nursery in each DS Division, separately; and
 - (iii) of the names of those out of the recipients referred to above who maintain tea nurseries at present and those who do not, separately?
- (b) If not, why?
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Friday, September 26, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

677/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the previous government had signed an agreement with the Adani Company of India for a power plant project;
 - (ii) whether the present government will revise the said project;
 - (iii) if not, whether it will be cancelled; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to attract international investors to the renewable energy sector?
- (b) If not, why?

737/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that a —
 - (i) problematic situation has arisen at present concerning the release of containers from the Colombo Port; and
 - (ii) coordinated action plan has been proposed by the key maritime supply companies in Sri Lanka and the Chambers of Commerce to bring the situation under control;
- (b) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) proposals included in the said plan; and
 - (ii) measures that will be taken to execute those proposals?
- (c) If not, why?

810/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) year in which the 'E-Motoring' project was commenced;
 - (ii) objectives of initiating the project concerned;
 - (iii) name of the institution selected for the project; and
 - (iv) methodology followed in selecting the institution concerned?

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount of money spent so far on the above project;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that various acts of corruption have taken place associated with the said project; and
 - (iii) if so, of the measures that will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

834/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that Kandy City is at a very high risk level as per the Sri Lanka Air Quality Index;
 - (ii) of the factors that have led to it; and
 - (iii) of the actions that will be taken in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

880/2025

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) of the number of people who applied for ‘Urumaya’ freehold deeds in the Manmunaipattu DS Division from 01.01.2019 to 31.03.2025 and their names;
 - (ii) whether ‘Urumaya’ freehold deeds have been granted to the persons referred to above during the above period under a special programme of the then government;
 - (iii) if so, of the number of such persons and their names;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that some of the persons who applied for ‘Urumaya’ freehold deeds have not been granted the deeds concerned;
 - (v) if so, of the number of such persons and their names; and
 - (vi) of the reasons for not granting ‘Urumaya’ freehold deeds to them?
- (b) If not, why?

980/2025

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 farms owned by the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority;
 - (ii) of the names of those farms;
 - (iii) of the extent in acres of the land owned by the Seed Production Farm of Hogodayagama, Galnewa in Anuradhapura;
 - (iv) whether that farm has been leased out to any individual/institute;
 - (v) if so, of the year in which it was leased out;
 - (vi) of the name and the address of the individual/institute to whom / to which said farm has been leased out; and
 - (vii) whether that individual/institute has paid the lease rent properly?
- (b) If not, why?

1008/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the measures taken to monitor and control the spread of misinformation and hate speeches on social media platforms, particularly content that incites communal tensions or mob violence in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether steps have been taken to engage with social media companies, telecommunication service providers and other relevant stakeholders to curb such harmful content;
 - (iii) if so, of the nature of the such engagements;
 - (iv) of the progress achieved so far through these engagements;
 - (v) whether any dedicated monitoring unit or inter-agency task force has been established to oversee online hate speech, communal incitement or mob mobilisation; and
 - (vi) of the mechanisms in place to ensure accountability in relation to hate speech?
- (b) If not, why?

1210/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that an illegal institution called ‘Shabbat House’ belonging to Israel is operating close to the Mafasa Mosque of Muslims, in the Arugam Bay area in Pottuvil;
 - (ii) of the duration for which the said institution has been operating;
 - (iii) of the basis on which the land on which that institution is established has been granted;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the residents of the Arugam Bay area, which is a popular tourist attraction in Sri Lanka, the local and the foreign tourists, fishermen and farmers are frightened due to the tight security provided to that institution;
 - (v) whether any step has been taken to remove the above institution; and
 - (vi) whether the Ministry has called for a report from the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat and the Pottuvil Pradeshiya Sabha regarding that institution?
- (b) If not, why?

1270/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) three main export crops of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) year in which coconut was declared one of the main export crops;
 - (iii) number of coconut trees existing in Sri Lanka and the extent of land cultivated in coconuts, separately in hectares; and
 - (iv) steps taken to increase the coconut harvest of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) coconut-related industries in operation in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the annual foreign exchange earnings accrued to Sri Lanka from coconut-based products;
 - (iii) number of factories in Sri Lanka associated with coconut husks with local and foreign ownership, and their main export products and the number of direct and indirect jobs they have created, separately; and
 - (iv) key problems associated with coconut husks industry?
- (c) If not, why?

1295/2025

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
- (i) the ‘Reggie Ranatunga Educational Scholarship Fund’ was established with the aim of promoting the educational, health and social welfare of poor children under Incorporation Act, No. 28 of 2000;
 - (ii) a land of about 100 perches in extent belonging to the Pansilgoda Grama Niladhari Division, Minuwangoda, Gampaha District was donated to the Fund on 07.04.2003;
 - (iii) a building was constructed on this land in 2005 and a vocational training institute was started but the institute concerned was closed down in 2021; and
 - (iv) in 2023, the building was demolished, the land was fenced, a gate was constructed and coconut trees were planted on the said land, thereby acting illegally and fraudulently to acquire the said land for private possession?
- (b) Will she inform this House of the steps that can be taken to transfer the land to an appropriate government institution for use for a public purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

P. 85/2025

The Hon. (Dr.) Nishantha Samaraweera,— Amendments to the Standing Orders of the Parliament,— That the following amendment to the existing Standing Orders of the Parliament made in terms of Standing Order 137 of the Parliament be agreed to:—

That the following new paragraph be inserted immediately after the first paragraph of the existing Standing Order 120(4) of the Parliament :—

If the Committee on Public Enterprises, in examining the reports presented to the Committee by the Auditor - General, comes to the conclusion that serious financial frauds or acts of corruption have occurred, the Committee may refer such matters directly to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption or to the Inspector - General of Police for taking legal action regarding such matters.
