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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, September 26, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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?

2.

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?

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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?

4.

834/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindrane 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?

5.

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;

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- (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?

6.

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?

7.

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;

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- (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?

8.

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?

9.

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;

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- (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?

10.

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?
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(6)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Appropriation,— Bill to provide for the service of the financial year 2026; to authorize the raising of loans in or outside Sri Lanka, for the purpose of such service; to make financial provision in respect of certain activities of the Government during that financial year; to enable the payment by way of advances out of the Consolidated Fund or any other fund or moneys, of or at the disposal of the Government, of moneys required during that financial year for expenditure on such activities; to provide for the refund of such moneys to the Consolidated Fund and to make provision for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

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.

2.

P. 92/2025

The Hon. Aravinda Senarath,— 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 119(4) of the Parliament :—

If the Committee on Public Accounts, 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.

*3.

Convention against Doping in Sport (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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

*5.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*6.

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

*7.

Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme,— Adjourned debate on question (10th April 2025) Motion made and question proposed,— “Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme, which was tabled in Parliament on 14th March 2025, be considered by Parliament.”

** Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

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