



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 2(11).]

ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 2

OF

PARLIAMENT

Issued on Friday, September 26, 2025

Tuesday, October 07, 2025

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 117— Programme 02— † That this Parliament resolves that a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Thirty-six billion six hundred nine million (Rs. 36,609,000,000) 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:-

SCHEDULE

Head 117 - Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation

Programme 02 - Development Activities

Capital Expenditure Rs. 36,609,000,000

Total Expenditure Rs. 36,609,000,000

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 3 of 2025 presented on 25th September, 2025

Supplementary Estimate Nos.1 and 2 Total Rs. 14,785,600,000

* *Indicates Government Business.*

(2)

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, October 09, 2025)

543/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) total number of advisors appointed to the Cabinet Ministries; and
 - (ii) name, the date of appointment, educational qualifications, monthly salary and allowances paid, previous places of work and positions held in respect of each of the aforesaid advisors, and the vehicle number, type of vehicle, and the monthly fuel allowance paid for the vehicle of each of the aforesaid advisors if he/she has been provided with vehicles, and the location of the office and the monthly rent paid for the office if he/she has been provided with an office, separately according to each Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

545/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— 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 officers approved for the personal staff of a Deputy Minister; and
 - (ii) name, the address, the date of appointment, monthly salary and allowances paid, the bank to which the salary is credited if such salary is not credited to a personal bank account, other allowances paid, and the number and make of the vehicle and the monthly fuel allowance if a vehicle is assigned to her/him, in respect of each of the officers who have been appointed to the personal staff of each Deputy Minister, separately, according to each Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

546/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— 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 officers approved for the personal staff of a Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers; and

(3)

- (ii) name, the address, the date of appointment, monthly salary and allowances paid, the bank to which the salary is credited if such salary is not credited to a personal bank account, other allowances paid, the number and make of the vehicle and the monthly fuel allowance if a vehicle is assigned to him/her, in respect of each of the officers who have been appointed to the personal staff of each Minister of Cabinet of Ministers, separately, according to each Ministry?

(b) If not, why?

Friday, October 10, 2025

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Appropriation Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

725/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) of the number of students currently studying at each of the faculties of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, separately;
- (ii) whether she is aware that ragging is currently being carried out severely in the abovementioned university; and
- (iii) if so, of the steps that will be taken to control this situation?

(b) If not, why?

825/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) total amount of money spent per year on the medicines that are purchased by the Ministry of Health and its affiliated institutions;
- (ii) breakdown of the said amount into the Ministry and its affiliated institutions, separately;

(4)

- (iii) amount of medicines purchased locally and from foreign countries to fulfil the annual requirement of medicines and the amount of money that is spent on purchasing them, separately;
- (iv) methodology under which the timeframe for ordering medicines is determined; and
- (v) officer who is responsible for any delay in the supply of a medicine that has been ordered?

(b) If not, why?

859/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

(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?

879/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

(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

(5)

- (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,— (2)

- (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?

(6)

958/2025

Hon. Ajith Gihan,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (2)

- (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?

995/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (3)

- (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?

1313/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the non-government schools located within the Elpitiya Education Zone;

(7)

- (ii) of the founding year of each of these schools and the names of their governing board members, separately;
 - (iii) of the government authorities tasked with the supervision of the said schools;
 - (iv) whether the Ministry of Education of the Central Government or the Provincial Ministry of Education has received public complaints regarding the aforementioned schools; and
 - (v) of the measures that have been taken to ensure the quality of education provided by those schools and to protect the rights of students in those schools?
- (b) If not, why?

1326/2025

Hon. Sujeewa Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) name of the first prison that was established in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) number of inmates that were held in that prison when it commenced operations;
 - (iii) number of prisons that are in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (iv) names of the said prisons;
 - (v) number of inmates currently held in each of the said prisons, separately for male and female inmates; and
 - (vi) cell space allocated per inmate in a prison in square feet?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
- (i) name of the largest prison in the North Western Province;
 - (ii) maximum number of inmates that can be held in the said prison; and
 - (iii) average number of inmates that were held in the said prison on a single day in August 2025?
- (c) If not, why?

1343/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether there is a land owned by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation at Junction 51, Deniyaya, on the Galle-Madampe main road, towards Ratnapura, in the Kotapola Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matara District;

(8)

- (ii) if so, of the current condition and the purpose for which the said land is currently used;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that a filling station was previously established on the said land and that it has now been closed;
 - (iv) of the reasons for the closure of the said filling station;
 - (v) whether the necessary steps have been initiated to construct a new filling station on the said land; and
 - (vi) whether steps will be taken to promptly construct the said filling station?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

678/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he accepts that the Ceylon Electricity Board, which has become a huge burden of expenditure to the tax-payer population, the Treasury and the State Banks, should be restructured; and
 - (ii) if so, of the methodology to be adopted for such restructuring?
- (b) If not, why?

738/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that an incident of fish death was reported recently in the Beira Lake in Colombo;
 - (ii) of the findings in the report of the expert committee appointed to investigate the said incident; and
 - (iii) since the water not only in the Beira Lake but also in many other reservoirs in Sri Lanka has become extremely polluted, of the steps that will be taken to control this situation?
- (b) If not, why?

(9)

808/2025

Hon. Mujibur Rahman,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (2)

- (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?

850/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he acknowledges that Public Health Midwives provide a great service to the health sector in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of vacancies that exist in the post of Public Health Midwife at present;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to fill the said vacancies; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to improve the facilities provided to the Public Health Midwives?
- (b) If not, why?

1009/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Government has introduced or intends to introduce any specific forms of assistance such as financial compensation, medical support or rehabilitation programmes for victims of mob violence and their families in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the current status of implementation of any such support schemes across the districts or provinces where incidents of mob violence have occurred; and
 - (iii) whether any circulars, guidelines or policy frameworks have been issued to Provincial Councils or District Secretariats to ensure timely support and long-term assistance to such victims?
- (b) If not, why?

1160/2025

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the cultivation of oil palm and the import of oil palm seeds are currently prohibited by law;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent annually on importing palm oil into Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) of the obstacles of resuming oil palm cultivation in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) of the policy of the government on oil palm cultivation and palm oil production?
- (b) If not, why?

1174/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of police stations in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the total number of officers currently serving in the Sri Lanka Police;
 - (iii) of the number of vacancies currently existing in each rank in the Sri Lanka Police, separately;
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to fill those vacancies; and
 - (v) if so, of the date on which those vacancies will be filled, separately for each rank?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of organized criminals arrested in each year during the period from the year 2024 to May 2025, separately;
 - (ii) whether the irregularities occurring in the Sri Lanka Police at the moment have been identified; and
 - (iii) if so, of the steps that have been taken to curb those irregularities?
- (c) If not, why?

1211/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) total area of the paddy lands located in the Ampara District;

(11)

- (ii) total amount of the paddy harvest in the Ampara District in the Yala seasons of the years 2024 and 2025 and the amount purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board, out of the said harvest separately;
 - (iii) number of warehouses belonging to the Paddy Marketing Board in the Ampara District;
 - (iv) address of each of the said warehouses, separately; and
 - (v) number of warehouses that are equipped with paddy dryer machines, out of those referred to in (iii) above?
- (b) If not, why?

1283/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) roads in Kalutara District that are included in the programme to develop 100,000 kilometers of alternative roads;
 - (ii) roads where development works have been completed and those that remain incomplete at present, out of those, separately;
 - (iii) total cost incurred for each road, separately; and,
 - (iv) progress of development works of each road, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons for the incompleteness of development works of the said roads;
 - (ii) whether a decision has been made on the future measures that will be taken regarding such roads;
 - (iii) if so, of such measures;
 - (iv) whether maintenance of those roads are duly carried out; and,
 - (v) whether the roads taken over by other institutions for the above-mentioned programme have been handed back to the relevant institutions?
- (c) If not, why?

1319/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) date on which the Inclusive Connectivity and Development Project was commenced;

(12)

- (ii) total distance of the roads that have been carpeted and developed under the said project so far;
 - (iii) names and total spending for each road, separately for each district; and
 - (iv) number of roads on which work has started but not yet been completed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
- (i) date on which the said project was commenced in the Galle District;
 - (ii) distance of the roads that have been carpeted and developed in the Galle District so far under the said project and the amount spent on it, separately;
 - (iii) current progress of the project in the Galle District;
 - (iv) reasons for the prolonged delay in commencing the concerned project in the Galle District; and
 - (v) date on which the said project is scheduled to be completed?
- (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, October 23, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1084/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (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?

1115/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the extent of the lands belonging to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority located in the Trincomalee Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) of the date on which the lands concerned were transferred to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority;
 - (iii) of the legal provisions applicable for that;
 - (iv) of the purposes for which the lands can be used; and
 - (v) whether the lands mentioned above have been disposed recently for purposes other than those referred to above?
- (b) If not, why?

1181/2025

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Department of Sri Lanka Railways receives a substantial economic contribution from the Northern and the Eastern Provinces;
 - (ii) the total income of the Department of Sri Lanka Railways and the income received from the Northern Province and the Eastern Province each in each year from 2012 to 2019 separately; and
 - (iii) the number of stationmasters and other employees working at the railway stations in the Northern Province separately as Sinhala speaking employees and Tamil speaking employees?
- (b) Will he also state the —
 - (i) total number of railway stations in the Northern and the Eastern Provinces;
 - (ii) breakdown of the said number separately in terms of main railway stations and sub-railway stations;
 - (iii) number of main railway stations and the number of sub-railway stations from Vavuniya to Kankesanthurai and from Medawachchiya to Talaimannar separately;

(14)

- (iv) names of the destinations for which first-class sleeping compartment facilities are available; and
 - (v) reasons for not providing first-class sleeping compartment facilities to the Jaffna-bound trains so far?
- (c) If not, why?

1220/2025

Hon. Suranga Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of wild elephants currently kept at the Horowpothana Elephant Holding Ground;
 - (ii) of the extent of land belonging to it in acres;
 - (iii) of the extent of agricultural lands that were located there in acres; and
 - (iv) whether alternative agricultural lands have been provided to the owners in place of the lands they had owned?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that, since the above facility has been established across an elephant pass, wild elephants have been compelled to cross other lands due to the unavailability of alternative routes, resulting in damage to crops;
 - (ii) of the solutions that will be provided to this issue;
 - (iii) of the time that will take to pay compensation for crop damages caused by wild elephants;
 - (iv) whether farmers without deeds or permits for their lands will not be paid compensation for damages to their crops; and
 - (v) if so, of the method through which justice is to be accorded to such farmers?
- (c) If not, why?

1236/2025

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (2)

- (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?

1253/2025

Hon. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (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,— (2)

- (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;

(16)

- (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?

1344/2025

Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that a project to renovate the railway platform and buildings at the Enderamulla sub-station on the Colombo-Rambukkana main railway line was carried out in 2018;
 - (ii) of the total amount of money spent on that project;
 - (iii) whether a proper procurement procedure has been followed there;
 - (iv) of the name of the contractor involved in that project;
 - (v) of the names of the institutions that has provided technical support and supervision for that project;
 - (vi) whether the development of the third platform, which is currently in a dangerous condition, and the renovation of the dilapidated main building were included in the above-mentioned project; and
 - (vii) whether the objective of the above-mentioned project has been achieved?
- (b) If not, why?

1361/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of students admitted to government universities in Sri Lanka for Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani medical education from 2021 to date, separately for each year;

(17)

- (ii) number of doctors who have completed their education in Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani medicine, finished their internship, and are currently awaiting employment;
 - (iii) number of approved cadre, actual cadre and the number of existing vacancies of Ayurveda, Sidda and Unani doctors, at present in Sidda and Ayurveda hospitals, separately; and
 - (iv) obstacles to offer appointments to unemployed graduates of indigenous medicine in government Ayurveda hospitals to enhance the efficiency of the indigenous medical service?
- (b) If not, why?

1427/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the insurance coverage obtained for passenger transport buses of Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (ii) whether the third party insurance coverage is sufficient for passenger transport buses; and
 - (iii) whether other insurance coverage will be obtained in the future in place of said insurance coverage?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether the number of technical officers currently serving in the Sri Lanka Transport Board depots is sufficient;
 - (ii) whether there are trained technicians in the technical sections of the said depots;
 - (iii) whether a proper procedure will be implemented to recruit technicians for said depots after a proper training; and
 - (iv) whether there is a procedure to recruit trainees who are attached to the Sri Lanka Transport Board depots for practical training by institutions providing technical education, on a permanent basis after the training period?
- (c) If not, why?
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Friday, October 24, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

19/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) date on which the Lakhanda radio service was commenced;
 - (ii) objectives for which it was established;
 - (iii) income/expenditure and the profits/losses of Lakhanda in each of the years from 2018 up to now, separately;
 - (iv) rating which Lakhanda secured in the market in each of the years in the above-mentioned period, separately; and
 - (v) number of employees recruited to Lakhanda during the period referred to above together with their names, addresses and designations, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that this radio service has become a huge burden to the Independent Television Network (ITN); and
 - (ii) if so, of the action that will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

1288/2025

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara,—To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the laws currently in force pertaining to gravel mining in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the authority responsible for providing recommendations for gravel mining in accordance with the said laws;
 - (iii) of the authority that grants approval for gravel mining;
 - (iv) of the authority responsible for supervising the site after the approval is given for gravel mining at a specific location; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to update or amend the existing laws regarding gravel mining in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

1309/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the total number of Development Officers that have been attached to national schools and provincial council schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the years in which the said Development Officers were attached to and of the number of officers attached in each year separately;
 - (iii) whether some relief can be given to the said Development Officers in filling the teacher vacancies in government schools; and
 - (iv) if so, of such relief?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the case pending before the Supreme Court against the competitive examination scheduled to be held for the recruitment of teachers to fill the vacancies in government schools has been concluded by now; and
 - (ii) if so, of the recommendations / orders that have been issued by the Supreme Court?
- (c) If not, why?

1322/2025

Hon. Sugath Wasantha de Silva,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she state the —
 - (i) number of students with disabilities studying in each state university, separately;
 - (ii) types of disabilities of the aforesaid students; and
 - (iii) number of students with each type of disability mentioned above, separately?
- (b) Will she also state —
 - (i) the methodology adopted for enrolling students with disabilities to state universities;
 - (ii) the measures that will be taken to update and streamline the aforesaid methodology;
 - (iii) whether a quota system is in place in enrolling students with disabilities to state universities;

- (iv) whether an inclusive study methodology has been implemented for students with disabilities; and
- (v) if so, the manner in which it is being implemented?
- (c) Will she further state —
 - (i) whether there are opportunities in universities for students with disabilities to follow any subject stream of their choice;
 - (ii) the subject streams that the aforesaid students are currently studying; and
 - (iii) the reasons as to why students with disabilities do not opt to follow various subject streams?
- (d) If not, why?

1346/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of International Cricket Stadiums in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the total number of stadiums, which do not meet international standards, but are equipped with pitches suitable for leather ball cricket;
 - (iii) of the number of school stadiums with pitches that can be used to play leather ball cricket in each district, separately; and
 - (iv) whether the Sri Lanka Cricket Board is able to provide sponsorship to promote school cricket?
- (b) If not, why?

1351/2025

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to recognize the Palmyrah tree, which significantly supports the livelihoods of the people of the Northern Province, as an important tree in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken to prevent the destruction of Palmyrah trees due to negligence, urbanization and deforestation;
 - (iii) whether special projects have been implemented to promote Palmyrah Cultivation in the Northern Province;

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- (iv) whether steps will be taken to cultivate Palmyrah in other provinces as well;
 - (v) whether the provincial councils, local authorities, and community-based organizations will be coordinated to promote Palmyrah Cultivation;
 - (vi) whether allocations will be made for Palmyrah cultivation; and
 - (vii) whether a Development Commission will be established regarding Palmyrah?
- (b) Will he also state —
- (i) of the steps that have been taken to encourage Palmyrah-based small industries, rural institutes, and Women's Cooperative Societies;
 - (ii) of the steps that have been taken to sell Palmyrah-based products in the international market; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to increase the foreign exchange revenue of Sri Lanka by that?
- (c) If not, why?

1353/2025

Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of restaurants/hotels that provide food, beverages, and sanitary facilities for passengers on long-distance buses in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether the restaurants/hotels mentioned above are required to have a registration or a permission to operate;
 - (iii) if so, of the number of restaurants/hotels operating with a registration/permission;
 - (iv) whether there is a set of rules and regulations or conditions that must be followed by registered restaurants/hotels;
 - (v) if so, of those;
 - (vi) whether a fee/tax is charged for the registration of those restaurants/hotels; and
 - (vii) if so, of the amount of the fee/tax?
- (b) If not, why?

1358/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika,— To ask the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of training centres available under the Department of Social Services for providing vocational education to the persons with disabilities;
 - (ii) number of students currently receiving training in these centres;
 - (iii) method of recruiting students to these centres;
 - (iv) number of students recruited annually to these centres;
 - (v) number of applications received by these centres for vocational training, annually; and
 - (vi) measures taken in respect of the students other than those recruited from aforesaid applications?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether there are sufficient trainers at these centres;
 - (ii) if not, of the measures that have been taken to recruit new trainers; and
 - (iii) of the annual expenditure for maintaining these centres?
- (c) If not, why?

1359/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a bus depot of the Sri Lanka Transport Board in the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat Division of the Ampara District;
 - (ii) the said bus depot is located in the Arugam Bay area, which is famous for tourism industry; and
 - (iii) only 10 buses are in operation under the said bus depot by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether —
 - (i) the said bus depot is starting new bus services from Arugam Bay to destinations such as Katunayake and Ella;
 - (ii) the basic facilities including a filling station and a maintenance unit will be provided for the said bus depot; and
 - (iii) new buses will be provided for the said bus depot?
- (c) If not, why?

1405/2025

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the number of child births that have occurred at Trincomalee General Hospital, as well as at the Base Hospitals in Muttur, Kinniya and Kantale, separately in each month from 2024 to date, separately;
 - (ii) whether steps have been taken to develop the said hospitals by reviewing the required number of doctors, other staff members and other facilities in relation to the number of child births referred to above;
 - (iii) whether he is aware of the difficulties faced by patients who are transferred from Trincomalee Hospital to major hospitals such as Batticaloa, Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa;
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to develop the Trincomalee General Hospital to address the aforementioned difficulties;
 - (v) the names of the hospitals governed by the central government and the provincial council separately among the above hospitals; and
 - (vi) the number of inpatients and outpatients treated at each of the above hospitals separately in 2024 and 2025 to date?
- (b) If not, why?

Tuesday, November 04, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

117/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

- (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?

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206/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the percentage of employment in the agricultural sector in Sri Lanka from 2015 up to now, separately in respect of each year;
 - (ii) if employment in the agricultural sector has come down during that period, of the reasons for it;
 - (iii) whether a programme has been formulated to attract youth to the agricultural sector; and
 - (iv) if so, of such details?
- (b) If not, why?

219/2024

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

- (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 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?

229/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether it is promised in the policy statement ‘A Thriving Nation, A Beautiful Life’ that cases withdrawn by the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption as well as those by the Attorney-General will be reviewed and suitable cases be re-filed;
 - (ii) of the number of cases withdrawn by the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption from 2019 to 2024;
 - (iii) of the number of cases that have been re-filed after review, out of those cases;

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- (iv) of the number of cases that have been withdrawn out of the cases filed by the Attorney-General relating to financial corruption in the High Court and the Magistrate's Court from 2019 to 2024; and
- (v) of the number of cases that have been re-filed by the Attorney-General after review, out of those cases?

(b) If not, why?

263/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media—(2)

(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,—(2)

(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 Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

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

622/2025

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (3)

- (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,— (2)

- (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;

(27)

- (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?

1430/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that a state land of approximately five acres in extent in the Harakgamakanda village, in the Alankalagala Grama Niladhari Division, in the Welimada Divisional Secretariat Division, was allocated to the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC);
 - (ii) whether the said land was properly disposed to the SLBC;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the said land has been subleased to a third party by the SLBC;
 - (iv) whether that is legal;
 - (v) of the name of the said third party; and
 - (vi) of the amount of outstanding lease rental due from the said third party?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether approval has been given to mortgage the said land to a private bank to obtain a loan while there is outstanding lease rental;
 - (ii) if so, whether the said act is not illegal;
 - (iii) whether the Land Commissioner General's Department has violated the law in transferring the said land and in granting approval to obtain a loan while there is outstanding lease rental; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to repossess the said land by the government?
- (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, November 06, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

679/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) income generated from selling the ash collecting after combustion of coal at the Norochcholai Coal Power Plant in each of the years from 2015 to the present, separately;
 - (ii) method that was followed in the sale of the ash; and
 - (iii) amount allocated from the revenue so generated for the welfare of the local residents who are settled in the vicinity of the power plant and affected by environmental problems;
- (b) If not, why?

811/2025

Hon. Mujibur Rahman,— 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 schools in the Colombo Municipal Council area, separately as schools which are governed under the Central Government and those governed under the Provincial Councils;
 - (ii) names of the aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) number of vacancies existing for teachers and non-academic staff in the said schools at present as per each educational zone, separately; and
 - (iv) measures taken to develop the schools in the Colombo Municipal Council area?
- (b) If not, why?

818/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of officers of the Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service and the Sri Lanka Principals' Service whose salary increments have been suspended by now, separately in respect of each service;

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- (ii) of the name of each such officer, the date on which increment was suspended, and the reason for each suspension, separately;
- (iii) whether she is aware that the restoration of these salary increments is proceeding quite slowly; and
- (iv) of the measures that will be taken to expedite the inquiries concerning these officers, granting them with their increments without further delay, to ensure that justice is served?

(b) If not, why?

826/2025

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) total loss incurred by the Sri Lankan Airlines from 1st January 2019, up to now;
- (ii) operation loss, out of aforesaid loss;
- (iii) annual lease/loan instalment, paid for the aircraft by that institution; and
- (iv) number of aircraft for which aforesaid lease/loan installment is paid?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the —

- (i) total amount of the loan, obtained by the above institution;
- (ii) total loan instalment, payable annually for the aforesaid loan; and
- (iii) capital and the interest of aforesaid loan instalment, separately?

(c) If not, why?

851/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of inmates currently kept at the Dumbara Prison in Palkekele;
- (ii) detention capacity of the prison concerned; and
- (iii) measures that will be taken to expedite the new constructions of that prison and to reduce the current overcrowding in the prison?

(b) If not, why?

881/2025

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 Pattu 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 above state lands;
 - (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 on court orders from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2025 along with their names and relevant details, out of the total number of individuals prosecuted by the relevant Divisional Secretary;
 - (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?

1062/2025

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of vehicles that have been imported so far after the permission granted for the import of vehicles to Sri Lanka again;
 - (ii) tax to be collected from the said vehicles separately according to engine capacity; and
 - (iii) tax income expected to be generated from importing vehicles and of the tax income that has hitherto been generated separately?

- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
- (i) number of three-wheelers and motorcycles that have been imported so far, separately after permission was granted to import vehicles to Sri Lanka again;
 - (ii) amount of tax imposed on an imported three-wheeler; and
 - (iii) amount of tax imposed on an imported motorcycle separately as per the engine capacity?
- (c) If not, why?

1243/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total extent of paddy lands in the Anuradhapura District for which approval has been granted by the Department of Agrarian Development for filling during the year 2024- 2025, of the name of each paddy land owner, the size of the respective paddy land for which the approval has been granted and the reasons for granting such approval, separately; and
 - (ii) whether copies of the letters issued in this regard bearing the signature of the Commissioner General of Agrarian Development will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

1278/2025

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the names of the lands which have been allocated for investment projects from the lands belonging to the Land Reform Commission in the Puttalam District;
 - (ii) the investment project for which each plot of land has been provided, the extent of the land and the respective Divisional Secretariat Division in which it is located, separately;
 - (iii) whether the due lease for the above-mentioned lands have been properly paid;
 - (iv) if not, whether the lease payments have been defaulted;
 - (v) whether the above-mentioned lands provided for investment projects have been developed;
 - (vi) whether underdeveloped lands have been identified among those lands; and

- (vii) if the above-mentioned lands provided for investment projects have not been properly developed or if lease payments have been defaulted, whether such lands will be repossessed?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the total extent of land belonging to the above Commission in the Puttalam District, according to each Divisional Secretariat Division, separately; and
 - (ii) whether those lands will be provided for the construction of houses?
- (c) If not, why?

1327/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) distance of the roads belonging to Grades A, B, C and D in Sri Lanka separately in kilometers; and
 - (ii) names of the institutions that maintain the roads belonging to each of the grades mentioned above separately?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the projects that were initiated during the period from year 2015 to 2024 for the development of roads;
 - (ii) of the distance of the roads that have been developed under those projects in kilometers;
 - (iii) whether roads have been constructed in the Kurunegala District under those projects;
 - (iv) if so, of the distance of the said roads in kilometers; and
 - (v) of the total amount spent for that?
 - (c) If not, why?
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