



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

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FOR

Tuesday, October 07, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1024/2025

Hon. Sunil Rathnasiri,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (2)

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

2.

1083/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (2)

- (a) Will he accept that —
 - (i) approval for extracting stones and earth carried out in the Vanni area is obtained directly from the institutions functioning under the central government without obtaining permission from any institution functioning under the administration of the Provincial Council;
 - (ii) the Department of Archaeology, Geological Survey and Mines Bureau, Central Environmental Authority, Department of Forest Conservation, Department of Wildlife Conservation and the relevant divisional secretariat are involved in that process;
 - (iii) approval of the relevant local government institution is obtained only in cases where the roads used for transporting the mined mineral resources are under the administration of the respective local government institution; and

(2)

- (iv) accordingly, the resources belonging to the Northern Province are being taken away to other provinces without the approval of that Provincial Council and the local government institutions?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether resources belonging to the Northern Province are allowed to be taken away to other provinces without the approval of that Provincial Council and local government institutions; and
 - (ii) the alternative arrangement that will be put in place to prevent this situation?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1090/2025

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Is she aware that —
 - (i) the three-storey building of Thelijjawila Central College, Matara, which housed 17 classrooms and other important offices, has been removed from use as a mound of earth has fallen on the said building damaging two classrooms on the ground floor; and
 - (ii) as a result, the educational activities of the said school have been disrupted?
- (b) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps had been taken in the recent years to renovate the aforesaid building;
 - (ii) of the measures that will be taken to renovate the building concerned; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to conserve the associated land?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1102/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of unemployed graduates in Sri Lanka as at 01.01.2025;
 - (ii) number of jobs that have been granted to graduates by the present Government;
 - (iii) number of the jobs referred to above, separately according to each field or sector; and
 - (iv) future plan to be adopted in granting employment to unemployed graduates?

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- (b) Will she also inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of government teacher vacancies existing at present;
 - (ii) whether an expedited course of action has been made to fill the vacancies; and
 - (iii) if so, of the course of action concerned above?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1114/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the extent of lands belonging to the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority located in the Trincomalee District;
 - (ii) of the future plans regarding the lands concerned;
 - (iii) whether there is a land that belongs to the Authority in the Sweet Bay area;
 - (iv) of the extent of the particular land;
 - (v) of the name of the company that has illegally constructed a fence on the said land and is forcibly occupying it;
 - (vi) whether the company concerned has an entitlement to the said land; and
 - (vii) if not, of the legal action that will be taken against the company?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1161/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that internship training for doctors is not provided at the Mullaitivu and Mannar General Hospitals;
 - (ii) of the reasons for the unfilled vacancies of specialist doctors in the Mullaitivu and Mannar General Hospitals, even though more than four specialist doctors approved by the Medical Council are working in most of the base hospitals;
 - (iii) whether he admits that the failure and inequality of the government health service is evident from the need to send patients to other district hospitals for basic medical examinations and consultations due to insufficient resources; and

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- (iv) whether a policy decision will be taken to ensure the availability of adequate staff and physical resources for all district hospitals in Sri Lanka, including the said hospitals?

(b) If not, why?

7.

1251/2025

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) of the number of tanks and rivers registered with the Irrigation Department separately;
- (ii) of the number of tanks maintained by the Irrigation Department;
- (iii) of the number of tanks, rivers and canals maintained by the Irrigation Department in the Matara District and their names, separately;
- (iv) whether irrigation reserves have been allocated in the Matara and Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat Divisions by the Nilwala River Valley;
- (v) whether he is aware that they have been occupied by other parties; and
- (vi) if so, whether any legal action has been taken against it?

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) of the amount of land acquired for the Nilwala Ganga Project in the Nadugala Grama Niladhari Division of the Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) whether compensation has been paid for it;
- (iii) whether he is aware that the persons who received compensation have sold the said lands to other parties;
- (iv) whether the Nilwala Ganga Project will continue to be implemented; and
- (v) if not, whether the acquired lands will be returned to the original owners?

(c) If not, why?

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1282/2025

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether all the lands belonging to the Land Reform Commission in the Kalutara District have been precisely identified separately;
- (ii) if so, among them, the extent of the lands that are not currently used but can be used in accordance with the Land Reform Law No. 1 of 1972, and of the nature of the present ownership of the lands concerned, separately for each Divisional Secretariat Division; and
- (iii) the actions that will be taken in respect of the said lands?

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) whether title deeds and survey plans have been issued for all the lands that belong to the Commission in the Kalutara District;
- (ii) if so, their period of validity;
- (iii) whether lands belonging to the Commission can be released for persons who do not have land or those being resettled;
- (iv) if so, the relevant procedure relating thereto; and
- (v) whether the lands that belong to the Commission, which have been given on lease basis, can be repossessed if the said lands have not been used for the relevant purpose?

(c) If not, why?

9.

1306/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that there is currently an acute shortage of drinking water in the Galle District;
- (ii) of the measures that will be taken to address the aforesaid shortage of drinking water;
- (iii) whether he is aware that the previous government commenced the construction of a water tank with a capacity of 50,000 cubic litres at the Wakwella Water Pumping Station in Galle; and
- (iv) of the reasons for the construction of that water tank being halted midway?

(b) If not, why?

(6)

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1329/2025

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of regional Ayurvedic hospitals in the Monaragala District;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the said hospitals provide a significant service to the people of the area;
 - (iii) of the current number of staff vacancies in the said hospitals; and
 - (iv) of measures that will be taken to further develop the said hospitals?
- (b) If not, why? _____

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

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.

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:-

(7)

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

*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.”