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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, October 09, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

18/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- whether he is aware that the Sri Lanka Cement Corporation has in its possession two oil tanks and a pipeline located in Kankesanthurai;
 - of the government institution which had been using the two oil tanks and the pipeline concerned;
 - of the amount of money that should be payable to the Cement Corporation for the use of the two oil tanks and the pipeline; and
 - of the measures that will be taken to recover the aforesaid amount?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

1272/2025

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- number of teaching hospitals established to date;
 - areas where the said hospitals have been established;
 - objectives of establishing a teaching hospital; and
 - basic facilities that should be available in such a hospital?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- whether a medical faculty has been linked to every teaching hospital;

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- (ii) whether a professorial unit has been established in every such hospital;
 - (iii) of the teaching hospitals that have and those that do not have a professorial unit established, separately;
 - (iv) separately, of the medical faculties that are linked to the said hospitals;
 - (v) whether it had been intended to establish a professorial unit at the Kuliyaipitiya Teaching Hospital for the clinical training of medical students of the Wayamba University when that Hospital was turned to a teaching hospital;
 - (vi) if so, whether that unit will be established in due course;
 - (vii) if not, of the reasons; and
 - (viii) of the facilities that have been provided by the present government to the Kuliyaipitiya Teaching Hospital?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1284/2025

Hon. Sarath Kumara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether public servants can contest as candidates in a Local Authorities election as per the Local Authorities Election Law of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether he is aware that the public officers entitled to political rights are provided unpaid leave while the public officers who are not so entitled must resign from service for contesting;
- (iii) if a public officer is elected to the position of Mayor/Chairman of a local authority, whether he/she is allowed to engage in the government job that he/she held prior to the election while holding that position;
- (iv) the legal status regarding that;
- (v) whether he is aware that the Chairpersons of the Madulla and Siyambalanduwa Pradeshiya Sabhas elected at the 2018 local authorities election received both the salaries as the Chairpersons and from the government job during the period they held the office of Chairperson;

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- (vi) whether they have a legal right to do so;
- (vii) if they have received both salaries, the actions that have been taken in this regard; and
- (viii) if not, the reasons for it?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1285/2025

Hon. R.M. Samantha Ranasinghe,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of railway stations in the Kegalle District;
- (ii) of the names of such railway stations;
- (iii) of the steps that have been taken to develop the said railway stations;
- (iv) whether any landslide-prone areas on the railway line in the Kegalle District have been identified; and
- (v) if so, of the solutions that have been provided for it?

(b) If not, why?

5.

1286/2025

Hon. Thilanka U. Gamage,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of Central Government hospitals and Provincial Council hospitals in the Galle District separately;
- (ii) of the name of each of the said hospitals and the category they are graded into separately;
- (iii) whether a supervision has been carried out with regard to the current situation of the Baddegama District Hospital; and
- (iv) whether steps will be taken to address the shortcomings that exist in the said hospital?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether there is a data and information system regarding the current situation of the Regional Health Services Centres in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) if so, whether he has an understanding regarding the current situation of the said Centres?

(c) If not, why?

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6.

1296/2025

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the year in which the Lower Yan Oya project in Anuradhapura was commenced;
- (ii) the source of funding for the said project;
- (iii) the amount that was allocated;
- (iv) the areas that will benefit from the project;
- (v) whether a feasibility study was conducted before initiating the project;
- (vi) if not, the reasons for it; and
- (vii) the expected date of completion of the project?

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) the number of families that are displaced due to the above project and the extent of land belonging to them separately;
- (ii) whether the lands required for the settlement of those families have been identified;
- (iii) if so, of such lands;
- (iv) the methodology for evacuating displaced families;
- (v) whether there are families that have been displaced but have not yet been compensated; and
- (vi) the reasons for the delay in providing compensation to them?

(c) If not, why?

7.

1307/2025

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

(a) Will he admit that —

- (i) the decline in the production of raw tea leaves is a major problem relating to the tea industry;
- (ii) infertility of the soil and increase of the acidity of the soil due to the cultivation of tea for a long time in tea lands have resulted in this situation;

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- (iii) the Tea Research Institute and universities have confirmed that the tea lands can be made fertile in the long term by using Bio Charcoal produced from the bamboo plant; and
 - (iv) the use of Bio Charcoal can rapidly increase the fertilizer absorption capacity of the soil against the amount of fertilizer applied, and therefore excessive application of fertilizer can be controlled?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) if so, of the policy of the government in that regard; and
 - (ii) whether necessary measures will be taken regarding this matter in collaboration with the institutions related to the tea industry?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

1308/2025

Hon. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that there is a museum belonging to the Department of Archaeology, located near the Avissawella town;
 - (ii) of the date it was built;
 - (iii) of the total amount spent on it;
 - (iv) of the number of employees working there, separately by each position;
 - (v) whether the land on which the museum was built is a state-owned land; and
 - (vi) if so, of the details in that regard?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the number of artefacts owned by the aforesaid museum;
 - (ii) of the time periods to which the aforesaid artefacts belong;
 - (iii) whether aforesaid museum generates income; and
 - (iv) if so, of the income generated from the date it was opened to date, separately for each year ?
- (c) If not, why ?

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1320/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) A.M.M.M. Rathwaththe,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of telecommunication towers that have been permitted to be erected in the Dehiattakandiya Division of Mahaweli System C by the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka for telecommunication companies;
 - (ii) if the state-owned lands have been leased out for this purpose, of the process that has been followed there; and
 - (iii) whether there is a mechanism for an individual, to whom a plot of state-owned land was disposed of, to claim the value of that land if a telephone tower has been constructed on it?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a portion of the land that has been allotted for industrial works in the Nawamedagama Division has been disposed of to construct a Buddhist Centre;
 - (ii) if so, of the extent of the said portion of land; and
 - (iii) whether the lease payments for the Dialog telecommunication tower, which has been erected near the plot of land allotted for the construction of a Buddhist Centre, have been duly collected?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

1321/2025

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 number of —
 - (i) special schools where students with disabilities study;
 - (ii) male and female students studying in them, separately by their disability;
 - (iii) teachers serving in the said special schools;
 - (iv) existing vacancies for teachers in them;
 - (v) special education units in Sri Lanka;
 - (vi) male and female students studying in those units, separately by their disability;

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- (vii) teachers serving in these units; and
- (viii) existing vacancies for teachers in these units?
- (b) Will she also state —
 - (i) the number of teachers who despite having been appointed for special education, are currently teaching other subjects;
 - (ii) the measures that will be taken to ensure these teachers are employed in special education;
 - (iii) whether training programmes are conducted for teachers of special education;
 - (iv) the names of the institutes that conduct them;
 - (v) the measures that will be taken to update the Acts relating to special education; and
 - (vi) the measures and policy decisions that will be taken regarding special education through the proposed new education reforms?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Social Security Contribution Levy (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Social Security Contribution Levy Act, No. 25 of 2022.

(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.

3.

Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka,— Privileges,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law, M.P. on 22nd July, 2025 in Parliament to the effect that her privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 118 of the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*3.

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

*4.

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.”

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

543/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

(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?

2.

545/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— 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 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?

3.

546/2025

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