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FOR

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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?

2.

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;
 - (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?

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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?

4.

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, their names and other relevant details;
 - (iii) whether such persons have been issued with Deeds of Grant or Land Permits; and
 - (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;

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- (ii) if so, of the number of such persons, 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?

5.

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 engineer 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?

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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?

7.

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?

8.

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;

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- (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?

9.

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?

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10.

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;
 - (ii) if so, of the current condition of it 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?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Betting and Gaming Levy (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Betting and Gaming Levy Act, No. 40 of 1988.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Health and Mass Media,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health and Mass Media under Section 142 read with Section 118(4) of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 in consultation with the Pricing Committee of National Medicines Regulatory Authority established under the aforementioned Act, Consumer Affairs Authority established under the provisions of the Consumer Affairs Authority Act, No. 9 of 2003 and all stakeholders and taking into consideration all other relevant factors including the provisions of the Consumer Affairs Authority Act, No. 9 of 2003 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2446/34 of 21st July 2025, which were presented on 07.10.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*3.

Appropriation Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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

*6.

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.”
