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FOR

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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?

2.

738/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (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?

3.

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;

(2)

- (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?

4.

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?

5.

1009/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (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?

(3)

6.

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?

7.

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?

(4)

8.

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;
 - (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?

9.

1283/2025

Hon. Danushka Ranganath,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (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?
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(5)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1 and 2 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Orders 27 of the Parliament.

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 4.30 p.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2451/10 of 25th August 2025, which was presented on 21.10.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Rules under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Rules made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development on 05th September 2025 under Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding the time period for payment of duty on the production of liquor and levying of fee, which were presented on 21.10.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Appropriation Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5

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.”
