



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 93.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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?

2.

1115/2025

Hon. Roshan Akmeemana,— To ask the Minister of 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;

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- (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?

3.

1181/2025

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (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;
- (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?

(3)

4.

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?

5.

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?

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(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?

6.

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?

7.

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;
- (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;

(5)

- (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?

8.

1344/2025

Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (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?

9.

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;

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- (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, Siddha and Unani doctors, at present in Siddha 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?

10.

1427/2025

Hon. Thilina Samarakoon,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (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?

(7)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1),— 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.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 75(4) of the Parliament, 08th Saturday, 10th Monday, 11th Tuesday, 12th Wednesday, 13th Thursday and 14th Friday, November, 2025 be allotted days for the consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2026).

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sittings on allotted days for the consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2026) on 08th Saturday and from 10th Monday to 13th Thursday, November, 2025 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.00 p.m. the provisions of paragraphs (5) and (6) of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sittings on allotted day for the consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2026) on 14th Friday, November, 2025 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.. At 6.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Social Security Contribution Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4

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

*5.

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.

1460/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number employees of the Ceylon Electricity Board who have requested for voluntary retirement as part of the restructuring process of the Ceylon Electricity Board in terms of the provisions of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 36 of 2024 read with the Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Act, No. 14 of 2025, separately for each post;
- (ii) if voluntary retirement has not been applied for, of the reasons for that;
- (iii) of the sum allocated to compensate the employees who are to retire voluntarily; and
- (iv) of the proposed sources from which the said funds will be raised?

(b) If not, why?

2.

1461/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) amounts of money that has been allocated from the year 2016 to the present to ensure the rights granted to the citizens of Sri Lanka under the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016 separately for each year;
 - (ii) steps that will be taken in future to strengthen the said Act; and
 - (iii) legal reforms that will be made in future to further strengthen the rights granted to the citizens of Sri Lanka by the said Act?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of appeals received by the Right to Information Commission of Sri Lanka from the year 2017 to the present and the number of appeals resolved by the Commission in each year during that period separately; and
 - (ii) number of appeals that have not been heard and concluded so far out of the said number of appeals?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1462/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether there is a plan for the maintenance and renovation of the Kalutara District Sports Complex (formerly known as Raja Samaranayake Stadium) located in Bandaragama;
 - (ii) if so, of the maintenance and renovation works to be carried out at the said sports complex;
 - (iii) of the estimated cost thereof;
 - (iv) of the amount of money that has been spent on the maintenance and renovation of the said sports complex during the year 2025;
 - (v) whether he is aware that the grass of the turf has died resulting in the exposure of the underlying gravel on a section of about 100 meters along the 400-metre track of the stadium and in several places in the middle of the stadium;
 - (vi) if so, of the steps that will be taken to resolve this issue; and
 - (vii) of the steps that will be taken to prevent rainwater from accumulating in the stadium?
 - (b) If not, why?
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