



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, October 24, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

19/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) date on which the Lakhanda radio service was commenced;
 - (ii) objectives for which it was established;
 - (iii) income/expenditure and the profits/losses of Lakhanda in each of the years from 2018 up to now, separately;
 - (iv) rating which Lakhanda secured in the market in each of the years in the above-mentioned period, separately; and
 - (v) number of employees recruited to Lakhanda during the period referred to above together with their names, addresses and designations, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that this radio service has become a huge burden to the Independent Television Network (ITN); and
 - (ii) if so, of the action that will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1288/2025

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara,—To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the laws currently in force pertaining to gravel mining in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the authority responsible for providing recommendations for gravel mining in accordance with the said laws;

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- (iii) of the authority that grants approval for gravel mining;
- (iv) of the authority responsible for supervising the site after the approval is given for gravel mining at a specific location; and
- (v) whether steps will be taken to update or amend the existing laws regarding gravel mining in Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

3.

1309/2025

Hon. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) of the total number of Development Officers that have been attached to national schools and provincial council schools in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the years in which the said Development Officers were attached to and of the number of officers attached in each year separately;
- (iii) whether some relief can be given to the said Development Officers in filling the teacher vacancies in government schools; and
- (iv) if so, of such relief?

(b) Will she also inform this House —

- (i) whether the case pending before the Supreme Court against the competitive examination scheduled to be held for the recruitment of teachers to fill the vacancies in government schools has been concluded by now; and
- (ii) if so, of the recommendations / orders that have been issued by the Supreme Court?

(c) If not, why?

4.

1322/2025

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 —

- (i) number of students with disabilities studying in each state university, separately;
- (ii) types of disabilities of the aforesaid students; and
- (iii) number of students with each type of disability mentioned above, separately?

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- (b) Will she also state —
- (i) the methodology adopted for enrolling students with disabilities to state universities;
 - (ii) the measures that will be taken to update and streamline the aforesaid methodology;
 - (iii) whether a quota system is in place in enrolling students with disabilities to state universities;
 - (iv) whether an inclusive study methodology has been implemented for students with disabilities; and
 - (v) if so, the manner in which it is being implemented?
- (c) Will she further state —
- (i) whether there are opportunities in universities for students with disabilities to follow any subject stream of their choice;
 - (ii) the subject streams that the aforesaid students are currently studying; and
 - (iii) the reasons as to why students with disabilities do not opt to follow various subject streams?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

1346/2025

Hon. Upul Kithsiri,—To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of International Cricket Stadiums in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the total number of stadiums, which do not meet international standards, but are equipped with pitches suitable for leather ball cricket;
 - (iii) of the number of school stadiums with pitches that can be used to play leather ball cricket in each district, separately; and
 - (iv) whether the Sri Lanka Cricket Board is able to provide sponsorship to promote school cricket?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1351/2025

Hon. Mayilvaganam Jegatheeswaran,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) whether steps have been taken to recognize the Palmyrah tree, which significantly supports the livelihoods of the people of the Northern Province, as an important tree in Sri Lanka;

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- (ii) of the measures that have been taken to prevent the destruction of Palmyrah trees due to negligence, urbanization and deforestation;
 - (iii) whether special projects have been implemented to promote Palmyrah Cultivation in the Northern Province;
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to cultivate Palmyrah in other provinces as well;
 - (v) whether the provincial councils, local authorities, and community-based organizations will be coordinated to promote Palmyrah Cultivation;
 - (vi) whether allocations will be made for Palmyrah cultivation; and
 - (vii) whether a Development Commission will be established regarding Palmyrah?
- (b) Will he also state —
- (i) of the steps that have been taken to encourage Palmyrah-based small industries, rural institutes, and Women's Cooperative Societies;
 - (ii) of the steps that have been taken to sell Palmyrah-based products in the international market; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to increase the foreign exchange revenue of Sri Lanka by that?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

1353/2025

Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of restaurants/hotels that provide food, beverages, and sanitary facilities for passengers on long-distance buses in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether the restaurants/hotels mentioned above are required to have a registration or a permission to operate;
 - (iii) if so, of the number of restaurants/hotels operating with a registration/permission;
 - (iv) whether there is a set of rules and regulations or conditions that must be followed by registered restaurants/hotels;
 - (v) if so, of those;
 - (vi) whether a fee/tax is charged for the registration of those restaurants/hotels; and
 - (vii) if so, of the amount of the fee/tax?
- (b) If not, why?

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1358/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika,— To ask the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of training centres available under the Department of Social Services for providing vocational education to the persons with disabilities;
 - (ii) number of students currently receiving training in these centres;
 - (iii) method of recruiting students to these centres;
 - (iv) number of students recruited annually to these centres;
 - (v) number of applications received by these centres for vocational training, annually; and
 - (vi) measures taken in respect of the students other than those recruited from aforesaid applications?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether there are sufficient trainers at these centres;
 - (ii) if not, of the measures that have been taken to recruit new trainers; and
 - (iii) of the annual expenditure for maintaining these centres?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1359/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a bus depot of the Sri Lanka Transport Board in the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat Division of the Ampara District;
 - (ii) the said bus depot is located in the Arugam Bay area, which is famous for tourism industry; and
 - (iii) only 10 buses are in operation under the said bus depot by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether —
 - (i) the said bus depot is starting new bus services from Arugam Bay to destinations such as Katunayake and Ella;
 - (ii) the basic facilities including a filling station and a maintenance unit will be provided for the said bus depot; and
 - (iii) new buses will be provided for the said bus depot?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

1405/2025

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of child births that have occurred at Trincomalee General Hospital, as well as at the Base Hospitals in Muttur, Kinniya and Kantale, separately in each month from 2024 to date, separately;
- (ii) whether steps have been taken to develop the said hospitals by reviewing the required number of doctors, other staff members and other facilities in relation to the number of child births referred to above;
- (iii) whether he is aware of the difficulties faced by patients who are transferred from Trincomalee Hospital to major hospitals such as Batticaloa, Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa;
- (iv) whether steps will be taken to develop the Trincomalee General Hospital to address the aforementioned difficulties;
- (v) the names of the hospitals governed by the central government and the provincial council separately among the above hospitals; and
- (vi) the number of inpatients and outpatients treated at each of the above hospitals separately in 2024 and 2025 to date?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.30 p.m. on Friday, November 07th, 2025.

Votes of Condolence

- (i) The late Hon. Lohan Ratwatte, ex-Member of Parliament.
- (ii) The late Hon. Heenmahatmaya Liyanage, ex-Member of Parliament.
- (iii) The late Hon. Dixon J. Perera, ex-Member of Parliament.

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- (iv) The late Hon. (Dr.) Mervyn D. de Silva, ex-Member of Parliament
- (v) The late Hon. Y.G. Padmasiri, ex-Member of Parliament
- (vi) The late Hon. R.M.R. Chula Bandara, ex-Member of Parliament
- (vii) The late Hon. Manicavasagar Kanagasabapathy Eelaventhana, ex-Member of 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.)

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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.*

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Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”
