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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Betting and Gaming Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development regarding the Guidelines on the Grant of Exemptions or Incentives to Businesses of Strategic Importance under Section 71 read with Section 52 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2454/62 of 20th September 2025, which were presented on 22.10.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Energy,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Electricity Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Energy regarding the Terms and Conditions of Voluntary Retirement Scheme under Section 50 read with paragraph (f) of Section 18(3) of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 36 of 2024 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2451/11 of 26th August 2025, which were presented on 23.10.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Annual Report of the University of Ruhuna (2022),— That the Annual Report of the University of Ruhuna 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 17.12.2024 under Section 110 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education on 07.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 17.03.2025)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Annual Report of the Eastern University of Sri Lanka (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Eastern University of Sri Lanka 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 07.01.2025 under Section 12 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education on 07.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 17.03.2025)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Annual Report of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 18.02.2025 under Section 110 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education on 06.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.09.2025)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture of the University of Peradeniya (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture of the University of Peradeniya 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 07.01.2025 under Section 110 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education on 07.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 17.03.2025)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Annual Report of the University of Peradeniya (2023),— That the Annual Report of the University of Peradeniya 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 22.02.2025 under Section 110 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 and Section II of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education on 06.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.09.2025)

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 23.07.2024 under Section 19 of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment Act, No. 21 of 1985, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 08.07.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 06.08.2025)

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The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— Annual Report of the Paddy Marketing Board (2017),— That the Annual Report of the Paddy Marketing Board 2017 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2017 and presented on 20.01.2022 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Agriculture on 22.02.2022 and presented its report to Parliament on 24.02.2022)

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The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— Annual Report of the Paddy Marketing Board (2018),— That the Annual Report of the Paddy Marketing Board 2018 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2018 and presented on 20.01.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Agriculture on 20.06.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 05.07.2023)

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The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation (2019),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 07.01.2025 under Section 23 of the State Agricultural Corporations Act, No. 11 of 1972, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation and Community Infrastructure on 05.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 10.03.2025)

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The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation (2020),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 07.01.2025 under Section 23 of the State Agricultural Corporations Act, No. 11 of 1972, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation and Community Infrastructure on 05.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 10.03.2025)

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The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Ltd (2022/2023),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Ltd 2022/2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2023 and presented on 20.02.2025 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation and Community Infrastructure on 05.03.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 10.03.2025)

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The Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— Annual Report of the National Institute of Cooperative Development (2023),— That the Annual Report of the National Institute of Cooperative Development 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 09.05.2025 under Section 29 of Part VI of the National Institute of Cooperative Development (Incorporation) Act, No. 1 of 2001, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability on 11.07.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 06.08.2025)

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The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— Annual Report of the National Youth Services Council (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Youth Services Council 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 18.12.2024 under Section 31 of the National Youth Services Act, No. 69 of 1979, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports on 13.06.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 17.06.2025)

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The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 01.12.2023 under Section 10(8) of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute Act, No. 46 of 1985, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 20.05.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.07.2025)

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The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 05.03.2025 under Section 10(8) of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute Act, No. 46 of 1985, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 20.05.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.07.2025)

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The Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 23.07.2024 under Section 32 of the National Child Protection Authority Act, No. 50 of 1998, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health, Media and Women's Empowerment on 18.06.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 08.07.2025)

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The Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority (2023),— That the Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 09.04.2025 under Section 32 of the National Child Protection Authority Act, No. 50 of 1998, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health, Media and Women's Empowerment on 18.06.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 08.07.2025)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Saturday, November 08, 2025)

1462/2025

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (2)

(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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Thursday, November 20, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

680/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,—To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that because of the burning of coal at the Norochcholai Coal Power plant, the residents living in the surrounding villages are facing numerous environmental issues; and
 - (ii) of the measures that will be taken to resolve such environmental issues?
- (b) If not, why?

740/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which the Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery Expansion and Modernization (SOREM) Project was commenced;
 - (ii) of the objectives of the project concerned;
 - (iii) of the expenditure that has been incurred on the acquisition of land and the feasibility study of the project, separately;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the said project is not in operation at present; and
 - (v) if so, of the future plans regarding the project referred to above?
- (b) If not, why?

812/2025

Hon. Mujibur Rahman,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) date on which a committee was last appointed to study the issue of overcrowding in prisons in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) names of the members of that committee;
 - (iii) recommendations made by that committee to reduce overcrowding in prisons; and
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to implement those recommendations?
- (b) If not, why?

1011/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) total number of financial cybercrime complaints reported to the Sri Lanka Police in each year from 2020 to date, separately;
 - (ii) total number of financial cybercrime complaints reported to the Sri Lanka Police from the Northern Province in each year since 2020 to date, separately;
 - (iii) number of complaints specifically related to financial frauds such as online banking scams, phishing, and unauthorized electronic fund transfers received through official cybercrime reporting platforms or police cybercrime units in each district of the Northern Province, separately; and
 - (iv) measures taken to enhance public access to reporting financial cybercrimes in rural and underserved areas, particularly in the Northern Province?
- (b) If not, why?

1300/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) names of the committee members appointed by the Ministry of Education to look into the proposed Education Council that is to be established under the new educational reforms; and
 - (ii) details regarding the functioning of that committee?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, November 21, 2025
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1086/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the former Ministry of Rural Economy submitted a proposal in 2015 to establish an Economic Centre in the Vavuniya District;

(9)

- (ii) accordingly, an Economic Centre with 52 stalls was constructed in 2018 at Madaguwaiththakulam, along the Vavuniya-Kandy main road, at a cost of Rs. 263 million; and
 - (iii) although 7 years have passed since its construction, it has not been opened to date?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the measures that will be taken in this regard;
 - (ii) of the timeline for the opening of the aforesaid Economic Centre;
 - (iii) of the basis on which the 52 stalls available there, will be distributed; and
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid stalls will be provided to the traders who are currently engaged in wholesale vegetable trading?
- (c) If not, why ?

1102/2025

Hon. Suranga Rathnayaka,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (3)

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
- (i) number of unemployed graduates in Sri Lanka as at 01.01.2025;
 - (ii) number of jobs that have been granted to graduates by the present Government;
 - (iii) number of the jobs referred to above, separately according to each field or sector; and
 - (iv) future plan to be adopted in granting employment to unemployed graduates?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
- (i) of the number of government teacher vacancies existing at present;
 - (ii) whether an expedited course of action has been made to fill the vacancies; and
 - (iii) if so, of the course of action concerned above?
- (c) If not, why?

1305/2025

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately for each year from 2020 to 2025 of the —
 - (i) number of bulls used to obtain bovine semen at the Central Artificial Insemination Centre in Kundasale which operates under the Department of Animal Production and Health;
 - (ii) quantity of bovine semen produced at the said Centre and the quantity of bovine semen imported;
 - (iii) number of calves born through artificial insemination at the said Centre; and
 - (iv) number of bulls imported to Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the advantages of importing bovine semen for breeding purposes instead of importing bulls to obtain semen?
- (c) If not, why?

1362/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the medical centres that provide services of Siddha medicine in each of the districts of Mullaitivu, Mannar and Vavuniya separately;
 - (ii) of the number of vacancies currently existing for indigenous doctors in each of the said districts as per the approved carder of those medical centres, separately;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that there is a shortage of indigenous doctors in the said three districts while there is a surplus of such doctors in the other parts of the Northern Province;
 - (iv) if so, of the immediate measures that will be taken to fill the vacancies existing in the Vanni District for indigenous doctors so that the people of the said district can properly access indigenous medical service; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken for the expansion of the medical profession by transferring surplus doctors from other areas to the above-mentioned districts expeditiously, where there are many vacancies, until new appointments are made?
- (b) If not, why?

1468/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) reasons for not selecting the Southern Province for the Special Project for the Development of Sports Schools under the Budget for the year 2025;
 - (ii) amount that was allocated for the said project under the Budget for the year 2025;
 - (iii) amount that has been spent out of the said amount as of August 2025; and
 - (iv) basis on which only five provinces were selected for the said Special Project for the Development of Sports Schools?
- (b) If not, why?

Saturday, November 22, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1116/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) government hospitals in Trincomalee district that are administrated by the Line Ministry;
 - (ii) plans prepared for the development of the Trincomalee Base Hospital;
 - (iii) issues identified at the Kantale Hospital as those hindering the delivery of efficient services; and
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to resolve the issues?
- (b) If not, why?

1180/2025

Hon. Sivagnanam Shriritharan,—To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the building which houses the Sathosa store in the center of Kilinochchi town was constructed without a proper approval;

(12)

- (ii) whether relevant approval for the construction has been duly obtained from the Karaichchi Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (iii) of the details of the quotations called for it, if the public funds have been spent on the construction of the building;
 - (iv) of the amount spent on the construction, in millions of rupees; and
 - (v) of the current owner of the aforesaid building?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the institution that owns the land on which the building is located; and
 - (ii) whether the land concerned has been given to any party on long-term lease basis?
- (c) If not, why?

1316/2025

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,—To ask the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately, of the number of Samurdhi Development Officers serving in the Vavuniya District and the current number of vacancies for the position;
 - (ii) whether new officers will be recruited to fill the vacancies referred to above;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the Samurdhi Development Officers currently serving have been serving in the same Divisional Secretariat Division for many years;
 - (iv) whether they can be transferred to other Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (v) whether he is aware that Samurdhi Development Officers in the Vavuniya District have been appointed on political basis in the recent past; and
 - (vi) whether a situation has arisen where transfers cannot be granted to those Samurdhi Development Officers as a result of that?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that internal inquiry are being conducted against some Samurdhi Development Officers in the Vavuniya District for committing financial fraud; and
 - (ii) if so, of the current progress of those inquiries?
- (c) If not, why?

1429/2025

Hon. Thilina Samarakoon,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the name of the institution from which tyres and tubes for the buses of the Sri Lanka Transport Board are purchased;
 - (ii) whether the supply capacity of that institution is sufficient; and
 - (iii) of the tender period given for the supply of tyres and tubes?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the standard of tyres and tubes purchased for the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (ii) whether the quality of the tyres and tubes currently being used are sufficient to enable smooth transportation;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that foreign exchange is being spent on the current purchase of tyres and tubes; and
 - (iv) if so, whether there is the possibility to use locally manufactured tyres and tubes for that purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1505/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the extent of land covered under the Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Act, No. 34 of 2013;
 - (ii) of the procedure for granting the right of occupancy in respect of those lands;
 - (iii) whether the said lands can be transferred/sold to a third party on a rental, lease, or freehold basis, at the discretion of the priests/ trustees of the relevant temple/dewale;
 - (iv) if so, of the basis for that;
 - (v) if not, of the reasons for that;
 - (vi) whether the ownership of the said lands that have been sold or transferred will be returned to the relevant temple/ dewale;
 - (vii) whether a common policy be adopted in the future regarding the said lands; and
 - (viii) if so, of the policy referred to above?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Monday, November 24, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1272/2025

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (2)

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

1348/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of principals currently serving in each grade of the Sri Lanka Principal Service, (Grades I, II and III) and the number of vacancies existing in each grade, separately;

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- (ii) of the number of principals in each of the said grades who will be 57 years old as at 30.09.2025, separately;
- (iii) of the number of principals who are currently working on the basis of covering up duties but do not belong to the Principal Service; and
- (iv) whether a programme will be prepared to absorb them into the relevant grades based on their qualifications?

(b) If not, why?

1396/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that preliminary steps had been taken by the previous government to release to the relevant parties their ancestral lands in the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the Ampara District including the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat Division, which were under cultivation even in the 1990s and were taken over by the Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Department of Forest Conservation;
- (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to release the paddy lands to the relevant persons in the villages of Amawattuwan, Begamam, Palliyadiwattai, Kirankowai, Palaiyadiwattai, Kummavelli, Kattumadadu and Thukkollai, which had been cultivated by them;
- (iii) whether steps will be taken thereby to get the contribution of those individuals to increase the paddy production in Sri Lanka; and
- (iv) whether steps will be taken to provide facilities such as access roads, irrigation channels, drainage systems, culverts and small bridges for the above-mentioned paddy lands?

(b) If not, why?

1504/2025

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) whether she is aware that most of the buildings of the Jaffna College of Technology are at risk of collapse;
- (ii) if so, of the urgent steps that will be taken to renovate the said buildings or construct new buildings; and

- (iii) whether funds have been allocated this year to improve the infrastructure facilities of the Colleges of Technology in Jaffna and Vavuniya?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of the —
 - (i) reasons for not incorporating hybrid or modern vehicle technologies into the automotive repair courses that are still based on 30-year old technology;
 - (ii) date on which the syllabus of the courses concerned will be revised in accordance with the current standards; and
 - (iii) steps that have been taken to provide modern machinery to Colleges of Technology including Textile Training Centres, which do not have them?
- (c) Will she further inform this House —
 - (i) whether she is aware that there is a shortage of qualified lecturers in Colleges of Technology;
 - (ii) whether recruitments will be made for the said vacancies; and
 - (iii) of the manner in which it is ensured that the quality of vocational training education is maintained island-wide at an equal level?
- (d) If not, why?

1553/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of education zones in the Trincomalee District; and
 - (ii) names of those education zones?
- (b) Will she accept that—
 - (i) schools in the Thambalagamuwa Divisional Secretariat are divided into three education zones based on ethnicity;
 - (ii) Muslim schools have been linked to the Kinniya Educational Zone, Tamil schools to the Trincomalee Education Zone, and Sinhala schools to the Kantale Education Zone; and
 - (iii) most of the schools under the Kuchchaveli Divisional Education Office in the Trincomalee Education Zone are located more than 50 kilometers away from the Zonal Education Office?

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- (c) Will she also inform this House, taking into consideration the geographical distance of the Trincomalee Education Zone and the ethnic segregation of schools in the Thambalagamuwa area, whether steps will be taken to create separate education zones for above-mentioned areas when creating new education zones in the future?
- (d) If not, why?

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1435/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Oshani Umanga,— To ask the Minister of Labour,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether there is a method for the members of the Employees Provident Fund to check their information online, such as their Provident Fund balance and contributions credited to their accounts;
 - (ii) if not, of the steps that have been taken to introduce such a method;
 - (iii) of the date on which the said method will be initiated;
 - (iv) whether the Department of Labour has paid its attention towards a method for sending auto generated messages to the members of the Fund; and
 - (v) if so, of the specific areas that are being focused on?
- (b) If not, why?

1464/2025

Hon. (Ms.) Ambika Samivel,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the National Youth Services Council operates training centres in the Tamil medium;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such training centres;
 - (iii) of the names of the training centres that are operated by the National Youth Services Council in the Badulla District;
 - (iv) out of the said training centres, of the names of those that are operated in the Tamil medium;
 - (v) of the names of the courses that are conducted in the above training centres; and
 - (vi) whether the provisions allocated for the operation of such centres are sufficient?
- (b) If not, why?

1498/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of hospitals managed by the Central Government and the Provincial Council in the Ratnapura District separately;
 - (ii) names of those hospitals;
 - (iii) number of vacancies currently existing in each of those hospitals separately, for each post;
 - (iv) steps being taken to fill those vacancies; and
 - (v) development projects scheduled to be implemented in the future in the hospitals managed by the Central Government in the Ratnapura District?
- (b) If not, why?

1539/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the contracted time for completing the renovation work of the approximately 120-year-old Yatiyanthota, Garagoda Bridge across the Kelani River;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the bridge renovation, which began in September 2023 with restricted traffic, is causing severe difficulties for residents;
 - (iii) of the reasons for the delay in the renovation work of the said bridge;
 - (iv) whether the proper procedure has been followed in awarding the relevant contract for the renovation of the said bridge;
 - (v) if not, of the reasons for that;
 - (vi) whether the contractor company under contract has acted in accordance with the relevant contract;
 - (vii) if not, of the actions that have been taken in that regard; and
 - (viii) of the steps that have been taken to complete the renovation work of the aforementioned bridge expeditiously?
- (b) If not, why?

1561/2025

Hon. K. Ilankumaran,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether he is aware that, the excessive production of palmyrah toddy from February to August goes to waste due to the inactivity of the Jaffna Thikkam distillery;
 - (ii) if so, the steps that have been taken to modernize and reactivate the said distillery;
 - (iii) whether the Cabinet of Ministers has approved Rs. 112.5 million for this project on 28.06.2016;
 - (iv) the current progress of the said project;
 - (v) the expected date of completion of the said project;
 - (vi) the benefits to palmyrah toddy producers and palmyrah development cooperative societies in the Northern Province from modernizing the distillery; and
 - (vii) the manner in which this leads to growth in the job, income, and export sectors?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to convert surplus palmyrah toddy into palmyrah toddy juice, surgical spirits and other value-added products; and
 - (ii) of the projects that will be implemented to encourage small-scale palmyrah toddy suppliers and palmyrah-based producers in the Northern and Eastern provinces?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

21/2024

Hon. Heshan Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of Sri Lankan workers who went abroad for employment from the year 2018 up to now, separately in each year;
 - (ii) names of the countries to which they went;

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- (iii) total amount of foreign exchange received from migrant workers during that period in respect of each year, separately; and
 - (iv) courses of action that have already been taken and will be taken in the future for their welfare, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

116/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (3)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) whether she is aware that there was an extensive discussion in the society regarding a Central Bank bond scam that occurred during the previous ‘Good-Governance’ regime;
 - (ii) of the names and the positions of the individuals against whom allegations were leveled by the report of the Presidential Commission appointed to investigate the aforesaid matter;
 - (iii) of the impact that aforesaid bond scam created on the economy of Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) of the future actions that will be taken regarding aforesaid bond scam?
- (b) If not, why?

347/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Vantharumoolai Railway Station is located in the Eravur Pattu Divisional Secretariat Division of the Batticaloa District;
 - (ii) only the slow trains stop at that railway station while no express train does; and
 - (iii) if steps are taken to schedule express trains to stop there, not only students studying at the Eastern University, but also residents of the villages of Vantharumoolai, Palachchulai, Kommanthurai, Orumulachchulai, Kaluwankeni, Mavadivembu, Sittandy, and Chenkaladi, will benefit from that?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to schedule express trains to make a stop at the said Railway Station?
- (c) If not, why?

563/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that an anicut named ‘Senakapura Yaya’ has been constructed at Meewellawa, Thirappane in the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) of the amount spent on the construction of the aforementioned anicut;
 - (iii) of the number of farming families benefiting from the said anicut;
 - (iv) of the extent of paddy land irrigated by the said anicut;
 - (v) whether he is aware that farmers are facing difficulties as paddy fields are getting filled with sand due to the anicut; and
 - (vi) if so, of the measures that will be taken to resolve the said problem?
- (b) If not, why?

625/2025

Hon. Kins Nelson,—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 labourers currently employed at national schools and provincial council schools, the approved cadre of labourers and the number of vacancies prevailing for labourers at those schools, separately;
 - (ii) reasons for the prevalence of vacancies for labourers at provincial council schools while there is a surplus of them at national schools; and
 - (iii) measures taken to properly place labourers in the government school system?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, November 27, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

207/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) objectives behind the establishment of the Department of Educational Publications;
 - (ii) number of the undistributed copies of school textbooks remaining in schools and centers and the number of copies of school textbooks that could have been reused, separately, in each of the years from 2020 to 2025;
 - (iii) financial value of those school textbooks;
 - (iv) amount spent on printing school textbooks in the year 2021, when the use of school textbooks was at a minimum level; and
 - (v) measures that will be taken to distribute school textbooks in time?
- (b) If not, why?

228/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) law under which the Three-Judge Anti-Corruption Permanent High Court in Colombo was established;
 - (ii) date on which that Court commenced its activities;
 - (iii) number of cases pending before and concluded by that court, separately; and
 - (iv) number of cases presented before the court since its inception in respect of each year, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he admits that the commencement and the continuation of cases in the Three-Judge Anti-Corruption Permanent High Court have become defunct; and
 - (ii) of the steps that have been taken to expedite the hearing and conclusion of cases related to bribery, financial crimes, and financial corruption?
- (c) If not, why?

315/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of Sri Lanka of the —
- (i) total debt as at 31.12.2024 in Sri Lanka Rupees and United States Dollar separately;
 - (ii) total debt from 2021 to 2024 in each year separately;
 - (iii) breakdown of the total debt as at 31.12.2024 as per domestic debt and foreign debt separately;
 - (iv) composition of foreign debt as at 31.12.2024 categorized as Multilateral Debt, Bilateral Debt, International sovereign debt and Commercial debt;
 - (v) foreign debt from 2020 to 2024 separately;
 - (vi) multilateral debt in total as at 31.12.2024;
 - (vii) multilateral debt from 2020 to 2024 separately as per the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Asian Development Bank, Japan Bank for International Cooperation, Allied Irish Bank;
 - (viii) total Bilateral debt as at 31.12.2024; and
 - (ix) total Bilateral debt from 2020 to 2024 in each year separately?
- (b) If not, why?

552/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Digital Economy,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a digital identity card will be introduced for the citizens of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the advantages of using the digital identity card;
 - (iii) of the methodology that is adopted in preparing the said digital identity card;
 - (iv) of the cost that will have to be incurred on preparing one digital identity card; and
 - (v) of the total cost that will have to be incurred on preparing the said digital identity card for all Sri Lankan citizens who have been registered with the Department for Registration of Persons?

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(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the manner in which funds required for introducing the digital identity card will be sourced;
- (ii) if foreign loans or assistance is obtained for that, of the name of the country or institution from which such loans/assistance will be obtained;
- (iii) of the benefits that will be provided to the investors who invest money on the process of preparing the said identity card;
- (iv) whether it will be ensured that the said investors cannot obtain any personal data of the people; and
- (v) whether all the agreements that have been entered into in relation to the process of preparing the digital identity card will be tabled?

(c) If not, why?

1262/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of BYD vehicles that have been imported into Sri Lanka to date since the relaxation of the vehicle import laws;
- (ii) number of vehicles that have been released by Sri Lanka Customs to date, out of those vehicles;
- (iii) number of such vehicles categorized by their engine capacity separately; and
- (iv) difference in the duties levied for vehicles with an engine capacity of 100 kilowatts and those with an engine capacity of 150 kilowatts?

(b) If not, why?
