

(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 98.]

# ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

#### **FOR**

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

# QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1119/2025

Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House
  - of the number of personnel who have been recruited to the Tri Forces for professional duties under direct entry by now for each Force, separately;
  - (ii) of the professions into which they have been recruited;
  - (iii) of the reasons for recruiting them under that classification;
  - (iv) whether there are differences between military personnel recruited under the above classification and other military personnel in deploying to perform duties;
  - (v) if so, of those differences; and
  - (vi) whether military personnel recruited under the above classification are given the same ranks and promotions as other military personnel?
- (b) Will he also inform this House
  - (i) whether the personnel recruited under the said classification will be removed, if the Tri Forces are reorganized;
  - (ii) whether a count has been taken regarding it;
  - (iii) if so, of that count;
  - (iv) whether a discussion has occurred regarding a programme about the military personnel who would be removed, scheduled to be removed and sent on retirement during such reorganization; and
  - (v) if so, of such programme?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1182/2025

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the
  - number of state and private sector banks, insurance companies, microfinance and other financial institutions in the Northern Province and their names, separately in each district; and
  - (ii) interest rates charged by state and private sector banks and microfinance institutions separately in providing loans?
- (b) Will he also state
  - (i) whether he is aware that some individuals have committed suicide due to the inhumane practices of the microfinance institutions in the Northern and Eastern Provinces;
  - (ii) if so, the number of individuals who have committed suicide in each district, separately;
  - (iii) the names of the parties who are responsible for the deaths of those individuals; and
  - (iv) whether steps will be taken to monitor the functions of the microfinance institutions in future to stop the inhumane practices carried out by those institutions?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1315/2025

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

- (a) Is he aware that
  - (i) there is an industrial park registered under No. 1458 in the Poonthottam area of Vavuniya; and
  - (ii) some plots of land of it are in a derelict condition?
- (b) Will he inform this House
  - (i) of the total number of plots of land in the said industrial park;
  - (ii) of the number of plots of land that have been granted to entrepreneurs and the number that remain unallocated, separately out of the plots of lands referred to above;
  - (iii) whether the lands that have been granted to entrepreneurs so far are being utilized for their intended purposes;

- (iv) whether the plots of land that remain unutilized, despite being granted to entrepreneurs, can be granted to other entrepreneurs;
- (v) if so, of the number of plots of land that can be granted as such;
- (vi) of the last development programme implemented by the said industrial park using its own funds; and
- (vii) whether the said industrial park is operating at maximum capacity?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1404/2025

Hon. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House
  - (i) of the year on which the construction of the Broadland Hydroelectric Power Plant was commenced;
  - (ii) whether the construction of the said Hydroelectric Power Plant has been completed by now; and
  - (iii) if not, of the reasons for it?
- (b) Will he also inform this House
  - of the number of persons to be given compensations due to the construction of the said power plant;
  - (ii) out of them, of the number of persons to whom the total compensation has been paid by now and the amount of compensation paid to each of them separately;
  - (iii) of the remaining number of persons who are to be given compensations;
  - (iv) of the names of each such person and the amount of compensation to be paid separately for each; and
  - (v) of the date by which the compensation payments to individuals will be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1428/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House
  - (i) of the methodology under which spare part stocks required for the buses of the Sri Lanka Transport Board are purchased;
  - (ii) whether he will admit that there are flaws in the said methodology;
  - (iii) if so, of such flaws;
  - (iv) whether there is a possibility to introduce a flawless methodology for that;

- (v) of the stock management methodology that is adopted in relation to spare parts;
- (vi) of the duration for which the said methodology has been in use; and
- (vii) whether a computer system will be developed for stock management?
- (b) If not, why?

#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Appropriation Bill— (Third Allotted Day)—Adjourned debate on question (07th November 2025) [1].

\*2.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

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 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025, which were presented on 22.10.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

**\***5.

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 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025, which were presented on 23.10.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

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)

\*7.

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)

\*8.

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)

**\***9.

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)

\*10.

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)

\*11.

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)

\*12.

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)

\*13.

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)

\*14.

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)

\*15.

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)

\*16.

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)

\*17.

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)

\*18.

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)

\*19.

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)

\*20.

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)

\*21.

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)

\*22.

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)

\*23.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*24.

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

\*25.

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 (10<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025, be considered by Parliament."

# \* Indicates Government Business.

[1].

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