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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

1.

133/2024

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
  - (i) number of civil cases that are pending before courts within the judicial system of Sri Lanka for over five years and for over ten years, separately; and
  - (ii) measures that will be taken to prevent the delay in ending cases?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

153/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of wind power stations that have been established in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) year of commencement of the construction of each of the aforesaid wind power stations, separately;
  - (iii) installed capacity of each of the said wind power stations, separately;
  - (iv) amount of energy added to the national grid by each of the said wind power stations in each year from 2022 to 2024, separately; and
  - (v) measures taken to promote wind power generation in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

156/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the L.T.T.E, some other organization, an individual or individuals held a Martyrs Day (Mahaviru) celebration in memory of the L.T.T.E cadres who died during the war in the north and east in November 2024;
  - (ii) if so, of the parties that held such celebrations;
  - (iii) whether state patronage had been accorded for it;
  - (iv) whether the government had been aware of such celebrations before they were conducted;
  - (v) whether an organization which has been banned not only in Sri Lanka but also internationally has the ability to hold such celebrations in Sri Lanka;
  - (vi) of the steps that had been taken to prevent the holding of such celebrations; and
  - (vii) whether the government takes the responsibility over the holding of celebrations of a banned organization?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

192/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) of the amount of financial and non-financial assistance received by the Ministry of Health and the institutes under it from the year 2015 until now, separately for each year;
  - (ii) whether he is aware that the above assistance has not been accounted correctly according to the report of the National Audit Office; and
  - (iii) if so, of the actions that will be taken regarding the matter?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

259/2024

Hon. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra, Attorney at Law,—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 foreign official visits made by the Former President Ranil Wickremesinghe during the period from 2022 to 2024;
  - (ii) country of visit, objective, benefits accrued to Sri Lanka, those persons who were part of the visit on government expense other than the former President, and the purpose of making each of them part of it, separately in respect of each visit overseas; and
  - (iii) total expenditure borne for these visits overseas?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

306/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) total value of the GDP of Sri Lanka in Sri Lankan Rupees (SLR) and United States Dollars (USD) along with the growth rate for the past 20 years, separately;
  - (ii) expected GDP growth and the growth rate projection for the next 5 years, separately;
  - (iii) total value of exports in SLR and USD along with its percentage of GDP for the past 20 years separately;
  - (iv) top twenty export commodities of Sri Lanka;
  - (v) total earnings from services in USD for the past 10 years, separately; and
  - (vi) top ten service sectors generated USD for Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
  - (i) amount of the USD earned are kept overseas;
  - (ii) official period for which USD can be retained overseas; and
  - (iii) action initiated against individuals or entities retaining money overseas violating of exchange control regulations?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

7.

335/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that a community water project called 'Kurakkanhenegedara Drinking Water Project' has been started in Katupotha in the Kurunegala District;
  - (ii) of the amount spent on the initial activities of the aforesaid project;
  - (iii) of the present progress of the aforesaid project;
  - (iv) whether he is aware that the aforesaid project was implemented so that the hospital located in that area and people belonging to more than 700 family units in the areas of Kurakkanhenegedara, Sapumalpuraya, Dangolla and Katupotha are covered by the project;
  - (v) of the reasons for the aforesaid project to come to a standstill by now;
  - (vi) whether steps will be taken to fulfill the drinking water requirement of the people in the above-mentioned areas by expeditiously implementing the aforesaid project; and
  - (vii) if so, of the date on which the aforesaid project will resume?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

560/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the procedure through which the present Commander of the Army and the Commander of the Air Force of Sri Lanka were appointed separately;
  - (ii) whether there were no other more senior and qualified officers than the present Commander of the Army and the Commander of the Air Force to be appointed to the post of Commander of the Army and the post of Commander of the Air Force;
  - (iii) of the reasons for appointing the present Commander of the Army and the Commander of the Air Force, separately, ignoring the other more senior and qualified officers, if any;
  - (iv) of the other criteria that are considered in the appointment of Commanders of forces, other than the seniority criterion; and
  - (v) if so, of the aforesaid criteria?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

9.

617/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of patients who received treatments at outpatient departments of government hospitals in each of the years from 2015 up until now, separately;
  - (ii) of the amounts spent on developing outpatient departments of government hospitals in each of the years during the period referred to above, separately;
  - (iii) whether he accepts that the outpatient departments make a significant contribution towards achieving a high level in terms of health indicators in Sri Lanka; and
  - (iv) of the measures that will be taken for developing that aspect further?
- (b) If not why?

10.

873/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the value of the currency that were printed/minted since the year 2015 up to the date of the Presidential Election of Sri Lanka held in the year 2024, separately in respect of each year in rupees;
  - (ii) of the value of the currency that were printed/minted corresponding to the tenure of each Minister of Finance during the period referred to above, separately in rupees;
  - (iii) of the value of the currency that were printed/minted corresponding to the term of each President during the same period, separately in rupees
  - (iv) whether currency were printed/minted without control during any span of time within the period concerned; and
  - (v) of the potential adverse effects of printing money without control?
- (b) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*2.

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.”

\*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under the Schedule “A” of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 09.04.2025, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2421/05 of 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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**Friday, May 09, 2025**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

277/2024

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) whether arrangements will be made to establish a Boys’ National school in future in the Dehiwala Divisional Secretariat division, where there is already a Girls’ National school;
  - (ii) if so, of the school that has been identified in the above division to be converted to a National School;
  - (iii) of the facilities that are to be given to that school; and
  - (iv) of the date on which the said National school will be established?
- (b) If not, why?

(7)

2.

430/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of national-level stadiums available in the Northern and the Eastern provinces;
  - (ii) of the location of each such stadium, separately;
  - (iii) whether he is aware that arrangements had been made to develop the Mc Heyzer stadium in the Trincomalee district as a national-level stadium but the excavation activities pertaining to that were suspended owing to the discovery of human bone fragments during the excavations;
  - (iv) whether steps have been taken to resume the said excavation activities that were suspended; and
  - (v) whether steps will be taken to develop the Mc Heyzer stadium into an international-level cricket stadium?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

432/2025

Hon. Ajith Gihan,—To ask the Minister of Environment,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether he is aware that a massive environmental destruction is taking place in Puttalam district because of excavating of sand, gravel, soil and tanks under legal licences carried out without keeping a proper standard;
  - (ii) whether a methodology will be formulated to regulate such excavating;
  - (iii) whether a new methodology has been introduced for the excavating of sand, gravel, soil and tanks and for issuing transport licences for same; and
  - (iv) if so, of that methodology?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) of the intervention of the Provincial Environmental Authority of the North Western Province, in a situation where a massive environmental destruction is being caused in the North Western Province;
  - (ii) of the responsibility of that authority; and
  - (iii) whether there is a need to further keep the Provincial Environmental Authority of the North Western Province in operation?
- (c) If not, why ?

(8)

4.

452/2025

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) whether he accepts that the overflow of the Gin River causes a major impact on the lives and properties of the people of the Galle District;
  - (ii) whether reports have been prepared regarding the projects that have been proposed to be implemented after year 2000 to control the overflow of the Gin River or for any other purpose;
  - (iii) if so, what those reports are;
  - (iv) of the names of the institutions that have prepared those reports;
  - (v) of the amount spent on the preparation of those project reports/ feasibility study reports; and
  - (vi) of the sources from which funds were obtained for that purpose?
- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) whether projects have been implemented to control the overflow of the Gin River; and
  - (ii) if so, of the year in which each of those projects was initiated, the year in which it was completed, the amount allocated, the amount spent, the institution by which it was implemented and the solutions that have been given, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

455/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether industrialists have been granted lands in the Raigampura Industrial Estate;
  - (ii) if so, of the total extent of lands that has been granted as at present;
  - (iii) of the extent of lands so granted in which work has been commenced by now and the extent of lands so granted in which work has not commenced so far, separately;
  - (iv) of the reasons for not commencing operations in the lands in which no work has been commenced so far; and
  - (v) of the amount of money that has been invested by the investors who have obtained lands in which no work has been commenced so far?

(9)

- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
  - (i) present status of the Administration building constructed in the Industrial Estate concerned; and
  - (ii) amount of money that was spent by the government on the construction of the building concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

493/2025

Hon. Padmasiri Bandara,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of Ayurveda hospitals in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) of the number of graduates who have completed their degrees from universities of indigenous medicine;
  - (iii) whether he is aware that there is a shortage of Ayurveda doctors at local Ayurveda hospitals at present; and
  - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that there is a physiotherapy unit at the Minneriya Ayurveda Hospital;
  - (ii) of the name of the contractor who constructed the physiotherapy unit concerned;
  - (iii) whether he is aware that there has been a fraud in relation to that contract;
  - (iv) if so, whether an investigation has been conducted in that regard; and
  - (v) of the current progress of that investigation?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

575/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether he accepts that the office rent allowance currently paid to each sub-post master is not adequate to maintain a sub-post office;
  - (ii) whether the impediments to increasing the said rent allowance have been identified;
  - (iii) if so, of such impediments;
  - (iv) of the measures that will be adopted to overcome the impediments; and
  - (v) of the time that will be needed for adopting such measures?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

781/2025

Hon. Dinindu Saman Hennayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether he is aware that a tourist comfort centre has been established in Mahiyanganaya town by the Uva Provincial Ministry of Tourism;
  - (ii) of the extent of the said premises in square feet;
  - (iii) of the total amount spent on the construction of that centre;
  - (iv) of the objective of constructing that centre; and
  - (v) whether that objective has been achieved?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether the building of the aforesaid centre has been leased out;
  - (ii) if so, of the name of the lessee of that building; and
  - (iii) of the monthly lease rent?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

800/2025

Hon. Dharmapriya Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) a large number of people from Kurunegala commute to Colombo for work every morning and they use the train which starts from Maho and departs from Kurunegala at 5.45 a.m.;
  - (ii) the above-mentioned train is already crowded with passengers by the time it reaches Kurunegala; and
  - (iii) a train departing from Kurunegala at 6.00 a.m. should be commenced as a solution to this issue?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to shift the Moratuwa-bound train that sets off from Polgahawela at 6.30 a.m. to set off from Kurunegala instead;
  - (ii) if not, whether there are any alternatives to it; and
  - (iii) if so, of those alternative measures?
- (c) If not, why?

(11)

10.

847/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the Land Reform Commission has alienated lands to employees of the Commission under special privileges;
  - (ii) if so, of the number of employees that have been granted with lands in such manner;
  - (iii) whether he will present a full report pertaining to it;
  - (iv) of the legal basis of alienating lands to employees of the Land Reform Commission under special privileges;
  - (v) whether there is a possibility to sell or transfer the lands so alienated to other parties;
  - (vi) of the number of lands sold or transferred to other parties out of those lands received under special privileges;
  - (vii) of the measures to be taken concerning the sale or transfer of such lands to other parties?
- (b) If not, why?

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

1.

P. 2/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Appropriately curtailing the privileges enjoyed by people's representatives representing the Parliament of Sri Lanka, and former heads of state and their widows,— That this Parliament resolves that whereas there has been discourse in the election campaigns as well as in the society about the privileges and perks enjoyed by the people's representatives representing the Parliament of Sri Lanka, and former heads of state and their widows, the government, should pay attention to the requests from the general public and fulfill their expectations, by taking necessary measures to discuss and get a fair response from all the members of parliament from both the government and the opposition in Parliament regarding the measures necessary to appropriately reduce or abolish the privileges that have long been granted to them.

2.

P. 3/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Providing opportunities for sportsmen and sportswomen who represent a national sports team or claim a national level record to read for any degree course related to the field of sports,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare the necessary legal and higher educational structure for sportsmen and sportswomen who represent any national sports team in Sri Lanka or claim a national level record to pursue any degree course related to the field of sports, not based on their basic educational qualification or the Z-score.

3.

P. 4/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Converting all Colleges of Education in Sri Lanka into University Faculties,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary action be taken by the Government to enforce the Cabinet decision regarding which the proposal was presented and approval obtained by the then Minister on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 as the then Minister of Education to convert the currently functioning nineteen Colleges of Education into University Faculties to be suitable for awarding a four-year degree course with a three-year theoretical course and one-year school-based training, whereas it is necessary to make all the teachers in the school system into trained graduate teachers in order to upgrade the education in Sri Lanka to the advanced international level, and whereas the majority of teachers are currently awarded a higher diploma at the end of a three-year theoretical and practical course.

4.

P. 5/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Developing the bee honey industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be implemented by the government to develop the local bee honey industry as bee honey is of very high medicinal value and in great demand in the local and international market.

5.

P. 6/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to extend the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura since it is considered as one of the railway lines that generate a higher income for the Sri Lanka Railways Department, whereas people living in a number of districts, including Ratnapura, Badulla and Hambanthota will be benefitted from extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura.

6.

P. 7/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Continuing the construction work of Ruwanpura Expressway,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary measures to carry out the construction work of Ruwanpura Expressway continuously at least in phases since not only the people living in Ratnapura district but also in Badulla and Hambanthota districts will be benefitted from the construction of the Expressway as it would help gain immense benefits despite the economic difficulties the country is currently experiencing.

7.

P. 8/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Combining the knowledge on Sri Lankan food culture with the teaching process,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be implemented by the government to make the food culture of Sri Lanka known among local and foreign people and elevate the Sri Lankan identity by endowing the future generations with the Sri Lanka food culture pedagogy through pedagogical methodologies as food art of Sri Lanka is comprised of a number aspects including the art of flavors and mixation, art of cooking food, art of coloring and the art of food carving.

8.

P. 9 /2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Making the society aware of the value of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that a national level programme be formulated and implemented by the government in regard to the manner in which children should be protected in the face of social challenges for the future betterment of the society and the country, having explained the value of children in a simple manner through sociological and psychological methodologies to the persons such as parents, teachers, sports coaches, school van drivers that always associate with school children.

9.

P.10/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Developing sports in estate sector,— That this Parliament resolves that a Sports development program should be launched in order to get the youth contribution of the estate sector for the sports development of the country, as they have displayed their skills locally and internationally, and they do not have any sports facilities in their estate schools as well as the estate areas where they live.

10.

P.12/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Formulating a programme to enhance the state sector involvement in the importation and distribution of essential items of food,— That this Parliament resolves that the government formulate a suitable programme to enhance the involvement of the state sector in the process of importing essential food items, medicines and other items as the public is confronted with numerous inconveniences owing to the aforesaid process being monopolized by a few individuals.

11.

P.14/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara, — Developing a programme to properly monitor the cooperative rural banks system,— That this Parliament resolves that the cooperative rural banks, which are the closest to people, be properly monitored by the government in order to address the prevailing situation as depositors of these banks are faced with various difficulties because of the collapse of a number of these banks for various reasons.

12.

P.16/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulating a programme to streamline the appointments made to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the government prepare a programme to make all appointments to the foreign service, which is tasked with uplifting Sri Lanka's image before the international community, based on the results of competitive examinations and on merit in order to prevent political appointments made to the foreign service, which have led to the deterioration in the quality of the service leading to failure to achieve its desired objectives.

13.

P.17/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulating a proper procurement methodology for purchasing goods and services to depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board,—This Parliament resolves that the government do formulate a proper procurement methodology for purchasing goods and services to depots of Sri Lanka Transport Board with a view to preventing corruption as the absence of such a methodology is the main cause of the corruption rampant in the Sri Lanka Transport Board.

14.

P.18/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—Formulating a program to make school students aware of the University of Vocational Technology,— That this Parliament resolves that a program be developed by the government to make schoolchildren aware of the courses of the University of Vocational Technology, which targets at the job market and vocational technology, deviating from the traditional university framework in Sri Lanka.

15.

P.19/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Preparation of a course of action for the implementation of the recommendations given by the audit reports,— That this Parliament resolves that, as the audit reports reveal facts about various financial frauds occurring in various ministries, departments, and statutory bodies of the government, the government should prepare a programme to implement the recommendations given by the audit reports to prevent such acts of fraud and corruption from happening in the government institutions.

16.

P.20/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Preparing the subjects falling under the provincial councils in a scientific methodology,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare an appropriate programme to allocate the subjects coming under the purview of the provincial councils according to a proper methodology based on a scientific basis to avoid the situation that has arisen since the subjects coming under the purview of the provincial councils have been currently allocated in a way that has no scientific basis, and that various problems have arisen because of this.

17.

P.21/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri, — Developing a proper methodology to strengthen the Sri Lanka Transport Board, — That this Parliament resolves that the Government should develop a proper methodology to prevent fraud and corruption that occur during the procurement of goods and services by the Sri Lanka Transport Board, since strengthening the public transport service in Sri Lanka is an essential matter.

18.

P.22/2024

Hon Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme to increase milk production,— That this Parliament resolves that a program to increase the milk production in Sri Lanka should be implemented by the government to avoid the substantial amount of foreign exchange outflow on the annual importation of milk.

19.

P.23/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Enhancing the contribution of the livestock sector to the national product, — That this Parliament resolves that the Government of Sri Lanka should develop a programme to enhance the contribution of the livestock sector to the country's national product.

20.

P. 25/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Providing a house for every family in Sri Lanka to live in,— That this Parliament resolves that it is necessary to facilitate the chief householder by empowering him to buy, construct or rent a house for his safety, security and well being as every family in Sri Lanka should be entitled to a house to live in.

21.

P. 26/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Making Sports Bodies in Sri Lanka free from politicization,— That this Parliament resolves that the elected politicians should be prohibited from contesting and holding leading positions in sports bodies, as it is evident that these organizations have become heavily politicised in Sri Lanka.

22.

P. 27/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Making every Youth Member a gainfully employed person or self employed entrepreneur,— That this Parliament resolves that every youth member attaining the age of 18 years should have the right to gainful employment or if not employed, be provided with financial assistance to become a self-employed entrepreneur.

23.

P. 30/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Banning the naming of political parties according to ethnicities or religions,— That this Parliament resolves that naming of political parties based on ethnicities or religions be banned and such a change be effected in the names of presently functioning political parties bearing names denoting ethnicities or religions, taking into consideration the situation that has arisen in Sri Lanka at present.

24.

P. 31/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of 1% return for employees in relation to inflation,— That this Parliament resolves that the Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund which are administered by government institutions shall ensure that the employees receive returns at least 1% higher than the annual inflation rate.

25.

P. 32/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Provision of free travelling facilities to senior citizens,— That this Parliament resolves that all senior citizens be provided with free transport facilities in public transport services.

26.

P. 33/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Setting up of a unit with legal powers to solve the problems faced by the migrant employees,— That this Parliament resolves that a unit with legal powers be set up to look into problems faced by migrant employees including assault, abduction, rape, sexual abuse, homicide, financial fraud and facilitate the safe return of affected workers to Sri Lanka and look into their safety.

27.

P. 34/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Formulation of a National Programme to introduce New Inventors to the World,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to introduce new inventors and citizens who are endowed with various skills to the world and to improve their skills and creations.

28.

P. 35/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Tax concession to industrialists who utilize indigenous raw materials,— That this Parliament resolves that a two year tax concession be granted to local industrialists who utilize more than 75% indigenous raw materials in the production of goods for the international market.

29.

P. 36/2025

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enabling the Right to Vote,— That this Parliament resolves that every individual above the age of eighteen shall be allowed to vote as there is a greater number of registered voters that have been deprived of voting and if an individual does not vote after the name appears on the register they should be fined which help to create a more participatory democratic process.

30.

P. 37/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Formulation of laws to import only buses that comply with public transport standards,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should enact laws ensuring that, in the future, only buses specifically manufactured for passenger transport, designed for passenger comfort, in compliance with public transport standards are imported by both the public and private sectors considering that buses operated by both the Sri Lanka Transport Board and the private sector are not in a suitable condition for passenger transport, and that most of these buses are built on lorry chassis.

31.

P. 38/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,— Taking actions to use all the buildings that have been constructed in Sri Lanka so far under the name of "development proposals", but have not been put to any use, for public usage,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should make appropriate decisions to renovate the buildings that have been constructed so far but are not put to any use, for public usage, whereas such buildings have been constructed across the country under the name of "development proposals " using foreign aid or foreign loans or using money from the central government or local authorities.

32.

P. 39/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,— Taking actions to prevent public dissatisfaction with all local government institutions at the grassroots level, — That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary steps to give more attention to all local government institutions at the grassroots level, which are the public representative bodies closest to the people, as there is often a very dissatisfied feeling among people towards these institutions.

33.

P. 40/2025

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,— Designation of the ecosystem comprising the towns of Pitigala, Udugama, Neluwa and Deniyaya as a tourist zone,— That this Parliament resolves that, since the country's tourism industry is contributing to increasing domestic revenue in a situation where Sri Lanka has entered a new era of renaissance, necessary steps be taken by the government to designate the ecosystem comprising the towns of Pitigala, Udugama, Neluwa and Deniyaya as a tourist zone and develop it since this area encompasses the Sinharaja Forest, a world heritage site among the low-country rain forests of Sri Lanka and the Kanneliya forest, which are home to unique species of flora & fauna, and the biosystem of Hiniduma mountain (Haycock), which is an ecosystem that has attracted special attention of foreign tourists.

34.

P. 41/2025

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— Preparation of a program to amend the constitution including the composition of Sri Lanka Cricket,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take measures to amend the constitution including the composition of Sri Lanka Cricket as there has been a great deal of discussion in society regarding the Sri Lanka Cricket at present, and the Sri Lanka Cricket has become an institution where irregularities are common due to the power of a certain group of societies in its elections and such situation needs to be prevented.

35.

P. 42/2025

Hon. Ruwan Mapalagama,— Integrating law and ethics to the school curriculum,— That this Parliament resolves that the government do take necessary action to integrate lessons on the basic law of the country to the Citizen Education syllabus of school children from Grade 6 to Grade 11 while preventing the school curriculum from turning complex as the lack of awareness in the basic law necessary for the day-to-day life has been identified as a major cause for problems faced by the general public of this country, and as ignorance of the law does not become an excuse before the law.

36.

P. 43/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Formulating a course of action to prevent the misuse of the positions of professors and doctors,— That this Parliament resolves that the government do take necessary action to formulate a course of action through the University Grants Commission for preventing the situation, where many persons in our society misuse the titles such as Professor and Doctor.

37.

P. 44/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Implementing the recommendations given in the audit report 2023 pertaining to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper course of action be formulated by the government to implement the recommendations given in the National Audit Report pertaining to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, which is like the heart of the Sri Lankan economy, as important recommendations have been given in the Report concerned.

38.

P. 45/2025

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—Using the money of local government institutions for public services in a proper manner,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper course of action be formulated by the government to prevent the state of affairs, whereas facts have been unveiled to the effect that many local government institutions deposit their money in fixed deposits with the objective of earning a profit instead of using such money for purposes such as providing public and health services as well as common amenities and improving public thoroughfares.

39.

P. 46/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— Formulating a programme for the proper functioning of the National Drug Quality Assurance Laboratory,— That this Parliament resolves that, whereas the National Drug Quality Assurance Laboratory was established about 35 years ago, whereas the laboratory is not functioning properly at present, and as a consequence a large number of imported drugs are not subjected to proper quality testing, and therefore, a proper course of action be formulated to overcome this situation.

40.

P. 47/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Initiation of an insurance scheme for the farming community,— That this Parliament resolves that an insurance scheme be established for the farming community, who constitute the majority of the people of this country, as it is the responsibility of a government to ensure the welfare of the farming community of a country.

41.

P. 48/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—Bringing Industries related to Petroleum, Fuel and Water under the regulation of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that, whereas industries related to electricity, petroleum, fuel and water should be regulated, industries related to petroleum and water have not been subjected to regulation for more than 21 years because the Acts relevant to the supervision of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and the National Water Supply and Drainage Board have not been amended and therefore, necessary legal procedures be implemented to change this state of affairs.

42.

P. 49/2025

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— Formulation of a programme to regulate the process of issuing licenses for filling stations,— That this Parliament resolves that, as the process of issuing filling station licenses in Sri Lanka is highly irregular, a regulatory programme be formulated to streamline the process of issuing filling station licenses.

43.

P. 50/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,—Formulating a methodology to prevent the damage caused by the pinus plantations to sources of water and the environment,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be formulated to remove pinus plantations and to substitute useful indigenous plants considering the damage caused to sources of water and the environment by pinus plantations, which have been grown especially in mountainous areas including the Uva Province.

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**Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

496/2025

Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of Sri Lankan television channels that are broadcast in Sri Lanka at present;
  - (ii) number of government television channels and the number of private television channels that are among them, separately;
  - (iii) names of the government and the private television channels, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether he accepts that a code of ethics should exist for the media;
  - (ii) of the manner in which the aforesaid code of ethics is being enforced in respect of the Sri Lankan television channels;
  - (iii) of the manner in which focus has been made on the programmes that are being broadcast on television channels at present ;
  - (iv) whether an investigative course of action is going to be implemented in respect of the programs concerned; and
  - (v) if so, of the manner in which such course of action is going to be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

500/2025

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that there are no chambers for new lawyers practicing in the courts in the Kandy District;
  - (ii) if so, of the number of lawyers who have not had chambers so far, separately for each court in the Kandy District;
  - (iii) whether he is aware that steps have been taken to construct new law chambers on the land adjacent to the lawyers' office complex established in Gatambe, Kandy;

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- (iv) whether he is aware that construction work pertaining to it has been stopped halfway;
- (v) of the measures that will be taken to expedite the construction work of the said new law chambers?

(b) If not, why?

3.

516/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware of the statement made by the President to the effect that the investigations in relation to seven crimes, which had been suspended, were resumed after the appointment of the current President;
- (ii) of the current progress of the investigation into the disappearance of the two political activists 'Lalith Weeraraj and Kugan Muruganandan', who disappeared in Jaffna in 2011;
- (iii) whether the investigations have been completed by now in relation to any of the other disappearances that occurred after the end of the civil war in the North-Eastern regions of Sri Lanka and which were not solved up until now;
- (iv) whether the political interferences caused the delay in the investigations into the said disappearances; and
- (v) if so, of the measures taken in this regard?

(b) If not, why?

4.

519/2025

Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House whether —

- (i) there is a serious discrepancy between the pension of government pensioners who retired before 31.12.2015 and that of those who retired after 31.12.2015;
- (ii) steps will be taken to remove the said pension discrepancy;
- (iii) he is aware that the cost of living allowance of present government employees is Rs. 17,800 and the cost of living allowance of government pensioners is Rs. 9,025, and that as a result, there is a discrepancy of Rs. 8,775; and
- (iv) steps will be taken to remove the said discrepancy?

(b) If not, why?

5.

542/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of applications that are received per day for obtaining new passports;
  - (ii) of the number of applications that have been received by now for obtaining new passports;
  - (iii) of the number of new passports issued per day ;
  - (iv) whether he is aware that a long time is spent after applying to the Department of Immigration and Emigration for obtaining a new passport or extending the period of validity of an existing passport; and
  - (v) of the steps that have been taken to resolve this problem?
- (b) If not why?

6.

571/2025

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

- (a) Is he aware that the —
  - (i) people of the plantation sector have been faced with immense difficulties due to lack of clean drinking water since the previous governments did not commence drinking water schemes in those areas; and
  - (ii) UNICEF commenced the Plantation Sector Drinking Water Scheme in 1987?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of Plantation Sector Drinking Water Schemes commenced by the UNICEF;
  - (ii) of the names of the districts and the plantation estates in which the schemes concerned were commenced;
  - (iii) whether those schemes are functioning at present; and
  - (iv) of the current situation of each of the aforesaid schemes, separately?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of drinking water schemes that were implemented in the estate areas in the Badulla District during the past five (05) years;
  - (ii) amount of money that had been allocated for the said schemes;
  - (iii) amount of money that had been allocated for the drinking water scheme that has been implemented to supply water to the LLG Capkade New Housing Scheme in Poonagala, in the Haldummulla Divisional Secretariat Division; and
  - (iv) present status of the drinking water scheme concerned?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

573/2025

Hon. Athula Welandagoda,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether he is aware of the problems relating to the shortage of employees, housing facilities of employees, and facilities such as tourist bungalows, toilet facilities, roads network, and common amenities in the Yala National Park;
  - (ii) of the number of registered tourist jeeps that are allowed to enter the Park;
  - (iii) of the number of jeeps registered but not currently providing services to tourists;
  - (iv) of the action that will be taken regarding those jeeps;
  - (v) whether steps will be taken to register new jeeps to replace the jeeps concerned; and
  - (vi) separately, of the short-term, medium-term, and long-term measures that will be taken to protect and develop the wildlife and the ecosystem in the Yala National Park, which has secured significant tourist attraction and attention and generates a substantial daily income for Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

578/2025

Hon. Gnanamuththu Srineshan,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that a —
  - (i) severe adverse effect has been caused to transport and economic activities of people living in the territory where it has been split in twain as Eluwankarai and Paduwankarai because of the lagoon situated in the Batticaloa District; and
  - (ii) need has arisen to erect a bridge in order to solve the transport problems faced by the people concerned?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the difficulties faced by the people in the Batticaloa district concerned due to lack of bridges as adequate;
  - (ii) of approximate number of bridges that need to be built for overcoming the difficulties referred to above;
  - (iii) of the areas through which those bridges will be constructed;

(24)

- (iv) whether action will be taken to construct at least two of the bridges lined up, using the Budgetary Allocations for the year 2025 and international donations; and
- (v) of the social and economic benefits that will be accrued to people in the Batticaloa district by the construction of the bridges?

(c) If not why?

9.

790/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that there are lands coming under the purview of the Irrigation Department located in the vicinity of Deduru Oya of the Yapahuwa kingdom;
- (ii) whether expeditious measures will be taken to renovate the holiday resorts built on the lands concerned which are now falling into disrepair;
- (iii) whether the Irrigation Department has a course of action to provide sanitary facilities to the area concerned since local tourists make use of the area for recreational purposes and nevertheless no sanitary facilities are available;
- (iv) whether the Irrigation Department has a plan to improve the conditions of the Ridibendi Ella anicut area together with the holiday resorts in order to attract local and foreign tourists; and
- (v) whether steps will be taken to overcome the obstacles to agricultural activities owing to poor drainage of irrigated water, due to existence of several irregular constructions in the aforesaid area?

(b) If not, why?

10.

835/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of major irrigation reservoirs existing in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether the reservation boundaries of the reservoirs concerned have been identified;
- (iii) if so, of the number of reservoirs in which reservation boundaries have been identified;

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- (iv) whether the reservation boundaries of the reservoirs, in which reservation boundaries have been identified, have been gazetted; and
  - (v) of the reservoirs whose reservation boundaries have been gazetted?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the number of families living within the reservation boundary of the Nuwara Weva Reservoir in the Anuradhapura District;
  - (ii) whether a list of names of such people will be tabled;
  - (iii) whether permits have been granted for lands in which they live; and
  - (iv) if so, whether a list of people whom have been granted with a permit will be presented?
- (c) If not, why?

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**Wednesday, May 21, 2025**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

580/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that the —
- (i) Sri Lanka Railways Department, under the then Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation, had prepared plans to construct a railway line from Kurunegala to Habarana via Dambulla and had commenced preliminary works thereon; and
  - (ii) possession/tenure of the lands and properties of the Rangiri Dambulla Rajamaha Viharaya and the Bambawa Rajamaha Viharaya, and the people of the Galewela and Dambulla Divisional Secretariat Divisions, were legally acquired by the relevant Divisional Secretaries?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to return the possession of those lands and properties taken over by the Divisional Secretaries to their original owners;
  - (ii) if so, whether an amount of money in compensation/ex-gratia payment will be made for the damages caused to the said properties due to non-maintenance for the past 10 years and for the loss of income due to non-development of the lands;

(26)

- (iii) if so, of the procedure followed in that regard;
  - (iv) of the date on which the said compensation/ ex-gratia payment will be made; and
  - (v) if not, whether any such payment will not be made?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

582/2025

Hon. Lal Premanath,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the Central Government allocates funds to the Provincial Councils for development activities; and
  - (ii) of the mechanism through which the Parliament is informed of the funds allocated to the Provincial Councils by the Central Government are spent?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money that was allocated to the last Provincial Council of the Southern Province;
  - (ii) of the amount channelled from such amount to the provincial cultural ministry in the Southern Province;
  - (iii) of the number of buildings of which the construction works have been commenced and have been stopped partway by the then provincial cultural ministry in the Southern Province;
  - (iv) whether action will be taken to conduct an investigation in this regard; and
  - (v) whether steps will be taken to utilize the above-mentioned buildings for the needs of the public?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

604/2025

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the bridge located in Pansilgoda, Minuwangoda, in the Gampaha District, which is daily used by around 8,000 people in 09 villages, was dismantled and removed in 2021 for repairs; and
  - (ii) nevertheless, the construction of the bridge has not been completed for a period of 04 years and as a result, the people concerned have been facing inconveniences and as a result of the non-operation of the two buses that used to ply that route up to Gampaha?

(27)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount that has been allocated for the construction of a new bridge in place of the aforesaid bridge;
  - (ii) whether the full amount of the allocation has been credited to the relevant account;
  - (iii) if so, of the name of that account and the name of the bank at which the account is maintained;
  - (iv) whether he is aware that the State Development and Construction Corporation, which is responsible for the construction of the bridge concerned, was directed at the meeting of the Minuwangoda Divisional Coordination Committee held on 04.04.2024 to complete the construction of the bridge within two and a half months; and
  - (v) of the length of time that will be taken to open that bridge?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

611/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindrane Kiriella, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) amount of money received by the Lady Ridgeway Hospital in Colombo from donors to purchase the items required for surgeries, from 2024 to date;
  - (ii) amount used from it and the amount not used, separately; and
  - (iii) measures that will be taken to properly utilize the funds so received by that hospital from donors?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

631/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) separately, of the number of teacher vacancies in Sinhala medium and Tamil medium government schools for grades 1 to 5 and grades 6 to 11;
  - (ii) separately, of the number of teacher vacancies in Sinhala medium and Tamil medium government schools of the Western province for grades 1 to 5 and grades 6 to 11;

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- (iii) separately, of the number of teacher vacancies in Sinhala medium and Tamil medium government schools in the Colombo Education Zone, from grade 1 to grade 5 and from grade 6 to grade 11;
- (iv) of the steps that will be taken to fill the aforesaid teacher vacancies; and
- (v) of the time taken to fill the aforesaid teacher vacancies?

(b) If not, why?

6.

634/2025

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,—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 have left for employments in Israel's agriculture sector in each year from 2015 up to now, separately;
- (ii) procedure adopted in selecting the workers referred to above; and
- (iii) measures that will be taken to ensure transparency in providing the employment opportunities mentioned above?

(b) If not, why?

7.

648/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the date on which the preliminary plan for the construction of the East Terminal of the Colombo Port was prepared;
- (ii) of the date on which a new road plan was prepared with regard to it;
- (iii) whether he is aware that the trade unions of the Colombo Port have pointed out that the new road plan has been prepared arbitrarily; and
- (iv) if so, of the steps that will be taken in that regard?

(b) If not, why?

8.

666/2025

Hon. Lasith Bhashana Gamage,—To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of warehouses of the Cooperative Wholesale Establishment existing in Welisara;

(29)

- (ii) whether he is aware that a few of them have been leased out to some other institutions;
- (iii) of the institutions who have obtained them on lease basis;
- (iv) of the rent charged for the warehouses which have been leased out, separately; and
- (v) of the measures that will be taken to re-acquire the warehouses in question if they have been let or leased out on rents that are far below the prevailing market values?

(b) If not why?

9.

667/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Ramanathan Archchuna,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that Dr. Sathyamoorthy Thangamuththu holds an end post as the Director of the Teaching Hospital, Jaffna;
- (ii) of the date on which Dr. Thangamuththu was appointed to this position;
- (iii) whether he is aware that Dr. Thangamuththu was appointed to this post by the previous government with the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers;
- (iv) of the basis on which this appointment was approved by the previous government;
- (v) whether the Cabinet of Ministers has the authority to appoint a consultant to an end post;
- (vi) whether he is aware that Dr. Thangamuththu does not hold Board Certification and is only an Acting Consultant; and
- (vii) if so, of the reasons justify his appointment as a Director despite the availability of many Board-Certified Consultants?

(b) If not, why?

10.

669/2025

Hon. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the extent of land purchased by Ceylinco Developers and Real Estate Company from lands of the Steel Corporation in Oruwala for the construction of the Millennium City Housing Complex, for which the plan was presented to the Urban Development Authority for its approval;

(30)

- (ii) whether a plan approved by the Urban Development Authority for its construction will be presented if one is available;
  - (iii) if not, of the reasons for it;
  - (iv) of the extents of lands that should be set aside for the common amenities of the complex, of the extent of lands set aside according to the plan, and of the extent physically set aside, separately;
  - (v) whether the lands physically set aside are shown in the approved plan;
  - (vi) if not, of the reasons for it;
  - (vii) whether lands have been set aside for common amenities from the marshy lands outside the complex;
  - (viii) whether it is legal; and
  - (ix) if not, of the measures that will be taken?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
- (i) extent of land that has been alienated out of the extent set aside for common amenities;
  - (ii) measures taken against it; and
  - (iii) measures taken to re-acquire the lands concerned?
- (c) If not why?

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**Thursday, May 22, 2025**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

1.

11/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the methodology adopted in granting the lands belonging to Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority for large scale projects;
  - (ii) of the extent of land provided to companies named ‘Dole Lanka’ and ‘Vita Organi’ for banana cultivation in Chandrika Wewa Division of Walawa region, separately; and
  - (iii) whether he admits the fact that the said lands were not provided following the proper methodology ;
- (b) If not, why?

2.

701/2025

Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy,—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 teachers' colleges available in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) whether steps will be taken to convert those colleges into other training centers related to the field of education since the number of students learning at the teachers colleges is very low;
  - (iii) whether steps will be taken to conduct a one-year, full-time postgraduate diploma course at the teachers colleges referred to above since the National Institute of Education is an institution qualified for awarding degrees; and
  - (iv) if not, of the action that will be taken in the future regarding the teachers colleges concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

713/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of tea small holders in the Kalutara District;
  - (ii) contribution of the said tea small holders to the national tea exports in Sri Lanka;
  - (iii) number of Tea Small Holding Development Societies in the Kalutara District where fertilizer and agricultural equipment can be obtained; and
  - (iv) measures that have been taken for the welfare of the tea small holders?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether he has got acquainted with the method by which members are enrolled to the tea small holding development societies and the method by which elections are conducted in those societies;
  - (ii) if so, of the methods concerned, separately; and
  - (iii) whether details of the methods will be tabled?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

718/2025

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the total extent of paddy lands existing in the Moneragala District;
  - (ii) of the total paddy harvest of that district in the Maha season of 2024/2025;
  - (iii) whether fertilizer subsidy had been given to all paddy farmers in the Moneragala District prior to harvesting;
  - (iv) of the quantity of paddy purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board out of the paddy harvest referred to above; and
  - (v) of the number of state-owned paddy warehouses located in the Moneragala District, and the address and storage capacity of each of those warehouses, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

789/2025

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) the foundation stone was laid in the year 2004 in the land adjacent to the Bank of Ceylon in Mahiyanganaya town for the construction of an agricultural sales centre;
  - (ii) the incumbent President, as the then Minister of Agriculture, took the preliminary measures to take over the above-mentioned land to the Department of Agrarian Services;
  - (iii) requests had been made for it by the Mahiyanganaya Agrarian Services Committee and farmers;
  - (iv) approval has been given under the letter No. 4/10/75144 of the Land Commissioner General to grant the abovementioned land on preferential lease basis to Mr. Y.M. Rathnapala, who is residing at 48<sup>th</sup> Post, Arawatta, Mahiyanganaya; and
  - (v) state lands are granted on preferential basis only on compelling and special grounds?

(33)

- (b) Will he state —
- (i) the reason for selecting a person who is over 80 years of age to transfer the abovementioned land;
  - (ii) whether he is aware that, when alienating state lands, the availability of sufficient lands for government needs and the physical fitness of the selected recipient are taken into consideration, and that state lands are not usually given to a person over 60 years of age;
  - (iii) whether the abovementioned considerations were taken into account when granting the said land; and
  - (iv) whether the approval for the lease referred to above will be revoked?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

795/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) A.M.M.M. Rathwaththe,—To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the Community Water Supply Centres functioning under the Department of National Community Water Supply have been decided to be taken over to the National Water Supply and Drainage Board;
  - (ii) if so, of the procedure concerned;
  - (iii) whether all the properties belonging to the said Community Water Supply Centres will be taken over by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board;
  - (iv) whether he is aware that the Community Water Supply Unit in New Medagame, Dehiattakandiya has been taken over by the Board without conducting a formal audit; and
  - (v) whether approval of Cabinet of Ministers has been obtained for the said takeover?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

796/2025

Hon. E.M. Basnayaka,—To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, of the number of sand piers located along the major rivers, tributaries, creeks, and canals and of the number of people engaged in occupations related to them;
  - (ii) of the number of those that are operated legally, out of the number of piers referred to above;
  - (iii) whether he is aware that there are illegal sand piers as well;

(34)

- (iv) if so, of the legal action that will be taken against such illegal sand piers; and
- (v) of the measures to be taken regarding the environmental harm caused by sand mining?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether the annual demand for sand needed for construction activities in Sri Lanka has been estimated;
  - (ii) whether it is possible to meet that demand;
  - (iii) if not, whether alternative ways are available to meet the demand;
  - (iv) of the new sources of sand available in the country;
  - (v) whether priority will be given to the new sources of sand referred to above; and
  - (vi) if not, of the reasons for it?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

816/2025

Hon. Ajantha Gammeddage,—To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the Urban Development Authority has prepared a plan to develop the town of Deiyandara;
  - (ii) of the number of proposals that have been implemented by now out of those contained in the plan referred to above;
  - (iii) of the measures that will be taken in the future to implement the remaining proposals;
  - (iv) whether it has been proposed to remove the Deiyandara Primary School from its current location according to the abovementioned plan; and
  - (v) of the institution/individual authorized to implement the proposal referred to in above?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

817/2025

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the measures that were taken in the year 2025 to control the stray dog population;

(35)

- (ii) whether steps will be taken to prevent dogs and puppies raised in households from being brought and abandoned on roads and public places; and
- (iii) of the measures that will be taken to minimize dog bites and road accidents caused by the increase in the stray dog population?

(b) If not, why?

10.

823/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law,—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 students studying at all the faculties of the University of Colombo at present;
- (ii) of the number of those who have been provided with hostel facilities out of the students referred to above;
- (iii) whether she accepts that a considerable number of students are not getting hostel facilities accordingly; and
- (iv) of the number of hostels possessed by the University of Colombo, and of their names and of the number of those as per the categorization of female, male and mixed hostels, separately?

(b) Will she also inform this House—

- (i) whether she is aware that the land in Colombo 02, where the “Muttiah” Girls' Hostel, which provided hostel facilities to around 800 female students of the University of Colombo, had been located, was taken over in the year 2020;
- (ii) of the name of the entity which currently has possession of the land where the aforesaid hostel was located;
- (iii) whether she is aware that no development work has been carried out there although more than 05 years has lapsed after the demolishing of the said hostel; and
- (iv) if so, whether the entire land or a portion thereof will be returned to the University of Colombo?

(c) If not, why?

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**Friday, May 23, 2025**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

72/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Is she aware that —
  - (i) Bt/ Kayankuda Kannahi Vidyalaya in Batticaloa West Education Zone and Bt/ Korakkallimadu Sri Ramana Maharishi Vidyalaya in Kalkuda Education Zone belong to the IC category;
  - (ii) students from Bt/ Kayankuda Kannahi Vidyalaya won the first place at the national-level in Elle and students from Bt/ Korakkallimadu Sri Ramana Maharishi Vidyalaya won the first place at the national level in Kabaddi; and
  - (iii) however, physical training instructors have not been appointed to the schools concerned up to now?
- (b) If so, will she inform this House whether steps will be taken to appoint physical training instructors to these schools?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

94/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether the crop damage caused by animals to domestic food crops has been assessed;
  - (ii) if so, separately, of the damage caused to each crop, i.e. paddy, vegetables, and fruits; and
  - (iii) of the animals that cause the most disastrous damage to food crops?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

157/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) total area of lands in which crops were damaged due to adverse weather that affected Sri Lanka in November 2024;

(37)

- (ii) total area of lands that cultivated each crop damaged, i.e. paddy fields, maize fields, and lands cultivated with other crops etc, separately; and
- (iii) estimated financial loss caused by the damage to crops?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
  - (i) total amount of compensation paid for the damaged crops ;
  - (ii) total amount of compensation paid for each damaged paddy field, maize cultivation and lands cultivated with other crops, separately;
  - (iii) total area of lands that cultivated crops for which compensation has not yet been paid; and
  - (iv) reasons for not paying the compensation for the lands referred to above?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

195/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of investment projects carried out by China in Sri Lanka from 2015 up to now, along with the name of each such investment project, the value of the investment, and the number of direct and indirect jobs generated, for each year separately; and
  - (ii) steps that will be taken to attract more Chinese investments to Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

213/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,—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 government schools functioning in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) number of schools that teach Technology as a subject among the said schools; and
  - (iii) measures that are being taken to teach Technology in other schools as it is a highly important subject?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

222/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether he is aware that the development bank promised to be established for granting loans without collaterals to young entrepreneurs, which is stated in the manifesto “Rich Country, Beautiful Life”, has not been established so far; and
  - (ii) of the reasons for the delay in delivering on the promise concerned?
- (b) If not why?

7.

278/2024

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
  - (i) whether plans have been formulated to make it compulsory for teaching Sinhala language in Tamil medium schools and Tamil language in Sinhala medium schools;
  - (ii) if so, of the timeframe for its implementation;
  - (iii) whether teachers are available for the aforesaid purpose; and
  - (iv) if not, of the steps that will be taken to fill the relevant teacher vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

294/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the rivers and streams that poses the constant threat of flooding;
  - (ii) of the local and foreign projects that have been implemented so far to control flooding of those water bodies;
  - (iii) separately, of the amount of local funds and foreign funds utilized for the said projects;
  - (iv) of the institutions that have provided funds for the projects concerned;
  - (v) whether there are any projects among these projects that have failed due to various obstacles; and
  - (vi) if so, of the names of those projects?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

441/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) amount of paddy that was purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board in each year over the past ten (10) years, separately;
  - (ii) profit earned / loss that the Paddy Marketing Board incurred in each year during the aforesaid period separately;
  - (iii) amount of money spent by the Paddy Marketing Board on the renovation of buildings the period concerned; and
  - (iv) amount of money that is expected to be spent on the renovation of buildings in the future?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

618/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
    - (i) whether a loan scheme named “SARUSARA” which gives loans to small-scale farmers at a concessionary interest rate has been introduced;
    - (ii) if so, of the objectives of introducing the loan scheme concerned;
    - (iii) of the number of farmers who have obtained loans under the loan scheme so far;
    - (iv) of the criteria considered in granting loans under the loan scheme concerned; and
    - (v) of the measures that are adopted for empowering farmers financially?
  - (b) If not, why?
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