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FOR

Friday, August 22, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

846/2025

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) extent of lands owned by the state plantation companies in the Monaragala district, separately as per each company;
 - (ii) extent of lands and the names of the companies/institutions that have obtained the sub-leases, separately, if the lands owned by the companies referred to above have been sub-leased;
 - (iii) amount of tax revenue received for the lands which were sub-leased, from the year 2015 to this day, separately as per each year; and
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to collect the tax revenue referred to above, properly?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

1024/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of plastic manufacturing factories in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) separately, of the annual production volumes of plastic and polythene in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) of the measures that have been taken to minimize the use of plastic and polythene; and
 - (iv) whether attention has been paid regarding the quality of plastic food packaging, intended for young children?
- (b) If not, why?

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3.

1068/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he accepts that no action has been taken so far to grant freehold deeds under the ‘Urumaya’ programme in place of the land permits, land grants and deeds that have been handed over to the government by the respective landowners;
 - (ii) of the steps taken to establish the land entitlement of the individuals whose land permits, land grants and deeds have thus been handed over;
 - (iii) whether there is a specific time frame for completing the process of issuing freehold deeds in place of the land permits, land grants and deeds referred to above; and
 - (iv) of the way in which the individuals concerned can obtain information regarding the current status of the land permits, land grants and deeds that have been handed over to the government for the purpose of obtaining freehold deeds?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1070/2025

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) total amount of money spent on the construction of the SAARC Cultural Centre, in Navimana, Matara, whereas the construction work of which has been halted and which is not currently in use;
 - (ii) institutions that have borne the aforesaid financial cost;
 - (iii) annual cost incurred on maintenance and security of the aforesaid building complex; and
 - (iv) existing plan for the utilization of the aforesaid building complex?
- (b) If not, why?

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5.

1073/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the objectives of establishing the Urban Development Authority;
 - (ii) of the name and location of each of the development projects that are being implemented by the Urban Development Authority in the Matara District separately;
 - (iii) of the date of commencement, the nature, the objectives, the amount spent, and the current status of the project, separately in relation to each project implemented within the city limits of Matara, out of the said projects;
 - (iv) whether the intended objectives of the Matara ‘Gangabada Udyana’ and ‘Thurunu Uyana’ projects have been achieved; and
 - (v) of the administrative structure of each of the projects referred to above and the individuals involved in the said structure separately?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1076/2025

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) 454 Healthcare Assistants selected after a formal interview conducted in the year 2019 for recruitment to the permanent post of the Healthcare Assistants Service (Grade III) in the Northern Province have not hitherto been recruited;
 - (ii) the recruitment referred to above has got delayed because the approval from the Ministry of Finance has not been received; and
 - (iii) the prevalence of 643 vacancies in the above post has become a hindrance to the maintenance of health services in the Northern Province?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the administrative or legal constraints that impede the recruitment of these Healthcare Assistants, despite the fact that appointment letters were issued in the year 2019; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to recruit them expeditiously?
- (c) If not, why?

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7.

1084/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

(a) Will he accept that —

- (i) the private lands in the vicinity of the Tachchankulam Airport in Vavuniya belonging to the Sri Lanka Air Force were acquired for the expansion of the airport and the public access to the roads that the local residents have long been using has been restricted;
- (ii) in particular, the use of the Tachchankulam-Moonrumurippu main road has been prohibited to the general public for a long time; and
- (iii) the people, living in the Tachchankulam village, have had to travel twelve kilometers instead of the usual two kilometers to reach the Grama Niladhari office to get their needs fulfilled, as a result?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) if so, whether steps will be taken to open the Tachchankulam - Moonrumurippu main road concerned above for public use; and
- (ii) of the time that will be taken for it?

(c) If not, why?

8.

1092/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the date on which the project to construct the canal from the 'Kuda Oya' river to the 'Debara Ara' reservoir in the Wellawaya Divisional Secretariat Division implemented by the Department of Irrigation was commenced;
- (ii) of the total amount of money that was allocated for the project concerned;
- (iii) of the sources from which funds were channelled for the project;
- (iv) whether the proper procurement procedures have been followed during the project; and
- (v) if so, whether the relevant information will be tabled?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the name of the contractor of the project referred to above;

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- (ii) of the institution that provided technical assistance and carried out the supervision for the project;
- (iii) of the method used for the disposal of the rocks and soil excavated during the construction of this canal; and
- (iv) whether the intended objective of this project has been achieved by now?

(c) If not, why?

9.

1103/2025

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

(a) Will she inform this House of the —

- (i) benefits accrued from the recent official visit of the current President of Sri Lanka to Germany;
- (ii) total expenditure incurred in respect of that visit; and
- (iii) names of the Heads of State who had met with the President during that visit?

(b) If not, why?

10.

1117/2025

Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Kaushalya Ariyaratne,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that a large number of retired personnel of the Tri-Forces and the Sri Lanka Police are employed in private security services;
- (ii) whether they receive fair wages, adequate facilities, proper training and proper recognition;
- (iii) whether there is a mechanism in place for regulating private security services; and
- (iv) if not, of the steps that have been taken to formulate a regulatory mechanism?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

National Audit (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Presidents' Entitlements (Repeal) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*5.

Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme,— Adjourned debate on question (10th April 2025) Motion made and question proposed,— “Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme, which was tabled in Parliament on 14th March 2025, be considered by Parliament.”

* *Indicates Government Business.*
