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FOR

Tuesday, September 09, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1105/2025

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

- (a) Will he accept that —
 - (i) the present government conducted interviews in stages for the appointment of 39 permanent directors to the Road Development Authority (RDA);
 - (ii) 05 provincial directors and 34 directors were selected during those interviews and the Chairman of the Authority referred their names to the Board of Directors for approval;
 - (iii) although approximately six months has elapsed, appointments have not yet been given; and
 - (iv) the employees who have served the Authority for many years approaching retirement are expecting promotions, which is fair?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons for not giving the appointments concerned yet;
 - (ii) whether any impediments exist for making such appointments;
 - (iii) of those impediments;
 - (iv) whether measures are taken to remove such impediments;
 - (v) whether he is aware that the delay in making the above appointments adversely affects the efficiency of the government; and
 - (vi) of the date on which the above appointments will be effected?
- (c) If not, why?

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1112/2025

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether she accepts that there is an acute shortage of teachers in government schools in the Eastern Province; and,
 - (ii) if so, of the number of teacher vacancies existing in each subject in each of the districts in the province concerned, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1118/2025

Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga,—To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reliefs / allowances provided to military personnel who suppose to be on active service but are not, due to their disability;
 - (ii) of the reliefs / allowances provided to their dependents, if they pass away after retirement on medical grounds;
 - (iii) whether those reliefs / allowances are adequate; and
 - (iv) if not, whether steps have been taken to increase those reliefs / allowances?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the reliefs / allowances provided to their dependents if they pass away while on active service before retirement;
 - (ii) whether any relief / allowance is currently provided to military personnel who did not report for duty due to disability and were later dismissed on the basis that their services were not required;
 - (iii) if not, of the reasons for the same;
 - (iv) whether he accepts that a relief / allowance should be given to them;
 - (v) if so, whether steps have been taken to provide it; and
 - (vi) of such steps?
- (c) If not, why?

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4.

1158/2025

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the owner of the 53-acre parcel of tea cultivation and a luxurious bungalow forming part of the Kalugalle Estate located in Ella Pradeshiya Sabha area in the Badulla District is in India; and
 - (ii) a false claim has been made by an individual for the land concerned posing as the owner of the said estate ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether —
 - (i) he accepts that it is illegal to forcibly enter the aforesaid land and pluck tea leaves; and
 - (ii) the government can take action to acquire the land concerned as its ownership is not clear?
- (c) If not why ?

5.

1175/2025

Hon. Manjula Sugath Rathnayaka,—To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the National Housing Development Authority has not acquired the lands of the Punasthapana, Digamadulu Jana Udana and Namal Uyana, Dighayugama and Loka Janawasa Dayapura Housing Projects implemented in 1997, 1999, 2002 and 2006 respectively in the Ampara Divisional Secretariat Division and granting deeds to the respective beneficiaries;
 - (ii) the reasons for not forwarding the land acquisition requests to Ampara Divisional Secretary through the Ministry still, although the land recipients of Punasthapana, Digamadulu Jana Udana and Loka Janawasa Housing Projects, have collected money, surveyed lands and submitted relevant reports to the Authority; and
 - (iii) the time taken to forward the request for the acquisition of those lands to the Ampara Divisional Secretary through the Secretary to the Ministry?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether there are any other housing projects in the Ampara District where deeds have not yet been given to beneficiaries than those mentioned above;

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- (ii) if so, their names; and
- (iii) the reasons for the delay in granting those deeds?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

1178/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to the Kilinochchi District of the —
 - (i) number of families permanently residing and the extent of land belonging to them;
 - (ii) number of families and individual residing and holding freehold land deeds;
 - (iii) number of families and individual residing and holding land permits;
 - (iv) number of families and individuals who are resident but possess neither freehold land deeds nor land permits until now; and
 - (v) extent of paddy lands and dry lands with permits?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the reason for not hitherto granting freehold land deeds to persons who have lived in the Kilinochchi District for over 60 years; and
 - (ii) whether he is aware that they are not granted loan and mortgage services from banks and financial institutions due to lack of freehold deeds, depriving them of their economic development?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

1234/2025

Hon. Aravinda Senarath,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the foreign employment agencies;
 - (ii) whether foreign jobs are provided only by the agencies that have legally entered into agreements; and
 - (iii) if agencies that have not legally entered into agreements, have been providing foreign employment, of their names?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether agencies that provide foreign employment illegally defraud money when providing jobs;

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- (ii) if so, of the amount of money that has been defrauded by such agencies; and
 - (iii) of the action that will be taken against the agencies that have obtained money from people, but have not given them any foreign jobs?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

1236/2025

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the internal road from Weppamkulam to Silawathurai, of the Musali Pradeshiya Sabha in the Mannar District was reconstructed in the year 2010, by the then Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services;
 - (ii) of the length of the aforesaid road;
 - (iii) of the name of village through which the aforesaid road passes; and
 - (iv) separately, of the dates of commencement and completion of its reconstruction work?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he will submit a copy of the agreement entered into with the company concerning the reconstruction of the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) of the owners of the company at the time of entering into the agreement;
 - (iii) of the amount of money allocated to the company for the reconstruction of that road;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that road has not been reconstructed but the funds have been obtained fraudulently; and
 - (v) if so, of the steps that will be taken regarding it?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1241/2025

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) whether lands in the Anuradhapura District have been provided on annual or long-term lease basis;

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- (ii) whether lands in the Ipalogama and Kekirawa Divisional Secretariat Divisions have been provided on lease for developing; and
 - (iii) if so, the extent of those lands and the durations for which the lands have been provided, separately?
- (b) Will he also state —
- (i) the extent of lands provided on lease in Grama Niladhari Divisions No. 519-Ihalakagama, No. 621-Ihalagama, and No. 618- Karambawatte, separately;
 - (ii) whether lease agreements have been signed for it;
 - (iii) if so, the relevant parties;
 - (iv) the area and the term of lease of each land, separately,
 - (v) whether the said lands have been developed;
 - (vi) whether the lands which have not been developed have been re-acquired;
 - (vii) whether the above lands have been sub-leased;
 - (viii) whether he is aware that an elephant fence has been erected around above lands; and
 - (ix) whether approval has been obtained for it?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

1250/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total extent of the lands in hectares in the Kegalle District owned by the Land Reform Commission;
 - (ii) of the extent of those lands that have been allocated for industrial purposes as of now;
 - (iii) of the name of the persons to whom each of those lands were given, and the year in which each land was granted, separately;
 - (iv) of the extent of lands which have not used for any development activity in hectares from among those mentioned in (i) above;
 - (v) whether any alternative lands have been distributed out of the lands referred to in (i) above; and
 - (vi) of the names of the individuals by whom such alternative lands have been received?
- (b) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the United Arab Emirates on the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments, signed on 12th February 2025, being an agreement for the promotion and protection of investments in Sri Lanka by nationals of that foreign State or by corporations, companies or other associations incorporated or constituted under the laws of that State, which was presented on 21.08.2025 be approved, following as essential for national economic development.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

National Audit (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Urban Development, Construction, and Housing,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 123— Programme 02— † That this Parliament resolves that a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Thirteen Billion Two Hundred Eighty-Five Million Six Hundred Thousand (Rs. 13,285,600,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or out of any other fund belonging to the Government, or out of any money, or out of any loan obtained by the Government at the discretion of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the financial year commencing on 01st January, 2025, and ending on 31st December, 2025, and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:—

SCHEDULE

Head 123	-	Minister of Urban Development, Construction, and Housing	
Programme 02	-	Development Activities	
		Capital Expenditure	Rs. 13,285,600,000
		Total Expenditure	Rs. 13,285,600,000

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 1 of 2025 presented on 22nd August, 2025

*5.

The Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 171— Programme 02— † That this Parliament resolves that an additional sum not exceeding Rupees one thousand five hundred million (Rs. 1,500,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or any other fund or finances possessed by the Government or any loan obtained by the Government at the discretion of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the financial year commencing on 01st January, 2025, and ending on 31st December, 2025, and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:—

SCHEDULE

Head 171	-	Minister of Women and Child Affairs	
Programme 02	-	Development Activities	
		Recurrent Expenditure	Rs. 1,500,000,000
		Total Expenditure	Rs. 1,500,000,000

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 2 of 2025 presented on 22nd August, 2025

Total of Supplementary Estimate No.1 Rs. 13,285,600,000

*6.

Presidents' Entitlements (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

National Building Research Institute Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Penal Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*10.

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.*
