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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

196/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) number of Indian investment projects that have been implemented in the energy sector of Sri Lanka from 2015 up to now, the name of each such investment project, the value of the investment and their resultant contribution to the energy sector of Sri Lanka, in relation to each year, separately; and
  - (ii) stand of the government in relation to the Indian investments in the energy sector of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

219/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the extent of paddy fields that were destroyed due to adverse weather conditions that prevailed in Sri Lanka in November 2024, in acres in each district, separately;
  - (ii) of the reduction in the expected paddy harvest because of this;
  - (iii) of the extent of paddy fields that have been replanted out of those destroyed, in acres;
  - (iv) whether compensation has been provided for the destroyed paddy fields; and
  - (v) if so, of the details thereof?
- (b) If not, why?

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226/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether the policy statement ‘A Thriving Nation – A Beautiful Life’ pledged to seek the assistance of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Initiative in the recovery of misappropriated assets;
  - (ii) of the progress in securing technical and advisory assistance from each of the aforementioned entities, separately; and
  - (iii) if there is no such progress in securing technical and advisory assistance, of the reasons for it?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

263/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
  - (i) date on which the Department of Government Information was established;
  - (ii) names of the institutions coming under the purview of the Department concerned;
  - (iii) number of employees currently employed in the Department;
  - (iv) present role of the Department;
  - (v) name of the Director General of the Department; and
  - (vi) educational qualifications of the Director General concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

313/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of private electricity generating companies operating in Sri Lanka from the year 2015 to date for each year separately;
  - (ii) of the names and addresses of these companies along with the generating capacity of each company separately;
  - (iii) of the number of electricity units that each of the above company provided to Ceylon Electricity Board and amount paid to each of the company from year 2015 to date separately;

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- (iv) of the measures to be taken by the Ceylon Electricity Board to increase the electricity generation capacity; and
- (v) whether the electricity generation methods are renewable or thermal?

(b) If not, why?

6.

340/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

(a) Will he accept that the —

- (i) bridge connecting Periya Porativ and Palukamam areas within the Porativupattu Divisional Secretariat Division of Batticaloa District requires to be reconstructed; and
- (ii) people face significant difficulties in using this bridge for transportation?

(b) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to reconstruct the aforementioned bridge?

(c) If not, why?

7.

597/2025

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the Department of Immigration and Emigration has ceased issuing Emergency Certificates (EC passports) with effect from 24.12.2024;
- (ii) of the reasons that led to this situation; and
- (iii) of the alternative that has been made available for pilgrims travelling to India and Nepal for pilgrimages, and for patients travelling to India to receive medical treatment for various ailments?

(b) If not, why ?

8.

622/2025

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of disaster incidents reported in Sri Lanka, the number of individuals affected by the disasters, and the amount of compensation paid to the individuals so affected in each year from the year 2015 up to now, separately;

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- (ii) of the amount of money spent on disaster management from the year 2015 up to now;
- (iii) whether he is aware that many countries around the world pay special attention to disaster management; and
- (iv) of the measures that have been taken by Sri Lanka regarding disaster management?

(b) If not, why?

9.

726/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the quantity of potatoes imported into Sri Lanka annually;
- (ii) of the duty levied on imported potatoes;
- (iii) whether he is aware that potato harvesting is currently taking place in Nuwara Eliya, Welimada, Uva Paranagama and Haputale areas; and
- (iv) therefore, whether measures will be taken to suspend the importation of potatoes into Sri Lanka during the potato harvest season?

(b) If not, why?

10.

1122/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of civilian employees serving in the Army, the Air Force and the Navy, separately;
- (ii) of their professions;
- (iii) of the number of those confirmed in their posts;
- (iv) of the number of those currently serving on temporary basis;
- (v) of the year in which temporary civilian employees were last confirmed;
- (vi) whether action will be taken to confirm the civilian employees currently working on temporary basis;
- (vii) if so, of the measures taken in this regard; and
- (viii) of the procedure applicable in confirming civilian employees who are serving on temporary basis?

(5)

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether there are vacancies for civilian employees in the tri forces at present; and
- (ii) of the programme that has been formulated to fill those vacancies?
- (c) If not, why?

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

\*1.

National Audit (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*2.

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 01<sup>st</sup> January, 2025, and ending on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2025, and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:—

#### SCHEDULE

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 1 of 2025 presented on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2025

\*3.

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 01<sup>st</sup> January, 2025, and ending on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2025, and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:—

**SCHEDULE**

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 2 of 2025 presented on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2025

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

\*4.

National Building Research Institute Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

Penal Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

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

\*7.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

\*8.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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