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Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

717/2025

Hon. Danushka Ranganath,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the measures that have been taken to protect natural streams;
 - (ii) of the extent of land related to the stream reservations that should be available alongside the natural streams;
 - (iii) whether the law is enforced against the persons who have forcibly acquired stream reservations; 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 stream reservations have been given as freehold lands;
 - (ii) of the extent of stream reservations in Kalutara District that have been given on freehold basis; and
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to reacquire the stream reservations referred to above?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

972/2025

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of government divisional hospitals in Jaffna and Kilinochchi districts;
 - (ii) the approved and the actual cadre of doctors, nurses and other employees of each of the hospitals, separately;
 - (iii) the measures taken to fill those vacancies;
 - (iv) whether there are vacancies for pharmacists in hospitals in above districts;

(2)

- (v) the date on which those vacancies are filled;
 - (vi) the date on which the appointments will be given, whereas no appointments have been given although interviews have been conducted for recruiting pharmacists;
 - (vii) whether there are vacancies for ambulance drivers in the above hospitals; and
 - (viii) the date on which those vacancies will be filled?
- (b) Will he also state —
- (i) whether the Welanai Divisional Hospital in Jaffna has been placed to Grade B;
 - (ii) the date on which it will take effect;
 - (iii) the number of approved employees and the actual number of employees serving in that hospital at present according to the grading, separately;
 - (iv) whether laboratory facilities and staffs have been provided according to the grading; and
 - (v) if not, the measures that will be taken to provide them?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

978/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the fishermen named M.F. Mustakeen, N. Gunapalasingam, A. Radha Krishnan and Premasiri, who left for deep sea fishing from Point Pedro (Vettilai Kenikkadal) on 07.07.2024, were brought back to Sri Lanka from India after 194 days;
 - (ii) whether compensation was paid for the said fishermen; and
 - (iii) if so, of the details, relating to the compensation?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1071/2025

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) extent of the land known as 'Ratalankawa' belonging to the Land Reform Commission situated within the Kamburupitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District;

(3)

- (ii) extent of land allotted to each institution from the land concerned, separately; and
- (iii) extent of land allotted from the aforesaid land to the Industrial Development Board?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a proper approval is available for the allocation of plots from above land to employees of the Land Reform Commission;
 - (ii) if so, whether a copy of the letter pertaining to such approval will be tabled;
 - (iii) if not, whether the approval granted for a different land owned by the Land Reform Commission was invoked to allocate parcels of this land fraudulently and unlawfully; and
 - (iv) of the action taken regarding the families who have been unlawfully occupying the said land for some time?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1074/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the districts in which cinnamon is cultivated in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the total area of land under cinnamon cultivation in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) of the names of the government institutions that have been established for the development of cinnamon cultivation;
 - (iv) of the names of the institutions that have been established in the Galle District, out of them;
 - (v) of the amount of money that has been spent on establishing those institutions;
 - (vi) whether those institutions are currently in operational status; and
 - (vii) if not, of the reasons for it?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1100/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Is she aware that —
 - (i) according to Cabinet Decision No. අම/12/1101/530/035 dated 08.08.2012, principals who served or are currently serving in extremely difficult schools for extended periods have been appointed to Grades 2(ii) and 3 of the Sri Lanka Principals' Service on supernumerary basis; and

(4)

(ii) the appointments of them were confirmed as per Cabinet Decision No. අම/21/1824/308/139 dated 23.11.2021, and the letter No. PSC/EST/02-05/01/2020 dated 02.06.2022, issued by the Secretary to the Public Service Commission?

(b) Will she inform this House —

(i) whether she is aware that the administrative allowance paid to principals of other schools as per the school categorization was also paid to the principals mentioned in (a) above until March 2018, but it is not paid at present?

(ii) of the reasons for it;

(iii) whether she is aware that current requests for appointments to fill principal vacancies and for mutual transfers are rejected;

(iv) of the reasons for it;

(v) whether internal and inter-zonal transfers and promotions are granted to the principals mentioned in (a) above; and

(vi) if not, of the reasons for it?

(c) If not, why?

7.

1104/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the quantity of maize produced in Sri Lanka and the quantity imported to Sri Lanka during each of the years 2023, 2024 and during the first quarter of 2025, separately in metric tons;

(ii) of the course of action that has been put in place at present to promote maize production in Sri Lanka;

(iii) whether a reasonable price can be given to farmers during the maize harvesting periods in Sri Lanka; and

(iv) of the programme in place to control the fluctuation of maize prices?

(b) If not, why?

8.

1111/2025

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

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) a permanent building is not available for male and female patients' wards at the Mullaitivu District General Hospital and those wards are housed in temporary buildings;

(5)

- (ii) the planning was commenced for the construction of a permanent building for those wards with aid from the Government of India during the period 2017-2018; and
- (iii) the soil test was conducted for the construction in the year 2024?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons for not commencing the construction of the building so far;
 - (ii) if the plan concerned is still in effect, of the date on which the construction work of the said building will be commenced; and
 - (iii) if the construction work of the building has been suspended or cancelled, of the reasons for it?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1252/2025

Hon. Sunil Rathnasiri,— To ask the Minister of Digital Economy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of employees serving in Sri Lanka Telecom at present;
 - (ii) whether there are positions vacant in the company at present;
 - (iii) of the profit made by the company in 2024;
 - (iv) of the amount defaulted on payments for services obtained from the company; and
 - (v) of the measures taken for the recovery of that value?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1265/2025

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the areas to which drinking water is to be supplied from the Alawwa Water Scheme in Pothuhera, Polgahawela;
 - (ii) of the areas which are not covered by it within the Polgahawela DS Division;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that over 2500 families in 13 Grama Niladhari divisions within the Polgahawela DS Division, who suffer due to an acute drinking water scarcity, are not covered by the above scheme;
 - (iv) the reasons for it;
 - (v) whether the move to provide water to the above divisions according to the original plan has been changed later; and
 - (vi) the reasons for it?

(6)

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) the objectives for which the provisions allocated from the 2025 Budget for the above scheme are spent;
- (ii) whether solutions will be given from it to the problem referred to in above (a) (iii);
- (iii) whether the above scheme has been acquired to the NWSDB;
- (iv) if so, the measures that will be taken to supply drinking water to the above families; and
- (v) the reasons why the Weerambugedara DS Division is not covered by the above scheme?

(c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

National Building Research Institute Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Penal Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 20 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2449/60 of 15th August 2025, which were presented on 12.09.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

(7)

*6.

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.*
