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FOR

Tuesday, October 06, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

371/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) progress of the measures that have been taken by the Government for the registration of land titles;
 - (ii) total number of employees that are currently employed in the Department of Land Title Settlement;
 - (iii) areas in which arrangements have been made for the registration of land titles;
 - (iv) obstacles that impede the implementation of land title registration throughout Sri Lanka; and
 - (v) measures that have been taken by the Ministry to update and amend the Registration of Title Act, No. 21 of 1998?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

705/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) date on which United Petroleum Lanka commenced its operations in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) value of the total investment made by the said company in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) conditions of the agreements entered into with the said company;
 - (iv) number of fuel stations allocated to the said company for its operations; and
 - (v) reasons that led the said company to cease its operations in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

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3.

769/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of paramilitary groups that were active in the North and East during the period in which the armed conflicts prevailed in those areas;
 - (ii) separately, of the names of those groups, the types of weapons they used and the number of weapons that belonged to each of them;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of weapons that were taken into custody by security forces from the possession of each of those groups and the number of weapons that were properly handed over by each of those groups;
 - (iv) whether such paramilitary groups are active at present; and
 - (v) of the steps that have been taken by the Government so far regarding such groups?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

985/2025

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the income earned by the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau through training from 2010 to date;
 - (ii) of the means by which the said income is earned;
 - (iii) separately of the number of workers who have gone abroad after receiving training at the Bureau and those who have gone abroad without such training during that time period; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to make it mandatory for every worker going abroad for the first time to receive training from the Bureau, as it is important to provide such training?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1668/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the name, residential address and period of service of the Headquarters Inspector of Police in Kilinochchi;

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- (ii) whether the said officer has previously served as a Headquarters Inspector or an Officer in Charge (OIC) of a police station;
- (iii) if so, of the police station where he served; and
- (iv) of the procedure followed in appointing Headquarters Inspectors of Police?

(b) If not, why?

6.

2193/2026

Hon. Ruwan Wijeweera,— To ask Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately, of the number of industrial parks and industrial estates currently in operation in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the objectives of establishing industrial parks and industrial estates;
- (iii) whether the government intends to establish industrial parks and industrial estates in the future for the development of the industrial sector;
- (iv) if so, of the names of them; and
- (v) of the steps that have been taken by the Ministry for the development of the industrial sector?

(b) If not, why?

7.

2265/2026

Hon. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi,— To ask Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether all information regarding children born in the Nuwara Eliya District is reported to the Registrar General's Department;
- (ii) of the number of children born among the plantation community in the said district whose births have not been registered within 03 months of birth, stated separately according to each Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (iii) whether the reasons for not obtaining birth certificates for the said children and the future issues that those children may face as a result, have been identified;

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- (iv) whether a special programme has been planned to address the issues faced by this community and to issue birth certificates expeditiously; and
- (v) if so, of the procedure by which the said programme will be implemented for each division, separately?

(b) If not, why?

8.

2276/2026

Hon. Danushka Ranganath,— To ask Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) age limit at which a citizen of Sri Lanka is considered a senior citizen;
- (ii) number of senior citizens in this country at present;
- (iii) date on which the National Council for Elders and the National Secretariat for Elders were established;
- (iv) objective of establishing the said institution;
- (v) services provided by the institution; and
- (vi) number of senior citizens benefiting from the said services, separately in respect of each service?

(b) If not, why?

9.

2289/2026

Hon. U.P. Abeywickrama, Attorney at Law,— To ask Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that applications should be called for promotion to Class I from officers who have fulfilled the required qualifications and completed a service period of 12 years in terms of the Service Minute of the Sri Lanka Planning Service;
- (ii) whether applications have been called for promotion to Class I from the officers recruited to the said service in the year 2013;
- (iii) if not, of the reasons for the above;
- (iv) whether he accepts that an injustice has been caused to the said officers due to applications not being called at the scheduled time to promote them to Class I; and
- (v) of the steps that will be taken to expedite the calling of applications for the promotion of the said officers to Class I?

(b) If not, why?

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10.

2292/2026

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody,— To ask Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of private buses deployed for passenger transport in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the institution that regulates the said private buses;
 - (iii) of the taxes, permit fees, and other payments to be paid to the Government annually, monthly, or daily when deploying a private bus for passenger transport;
 - (iv) whether receipts are issued to bus owners acknowledging the receipt of funds upon making the said payments; and
 - (v) if so, of that institution?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that there are individuals collecting money from buses parked at public bus stands located in many provinces of the island;
 - (ii) whether such individuals possess any legal authority or permission to collect money from buses in that manner; and
 - (iii) if not, of the measures that will be taken to prevent such action?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— Sri Lanka Cricket,— Bill to provide for the establishment of Sri Lanka Cricket for control, governance, regulation, promotion, development and administration of cricket in Sri Lanka; to foster the growth of the sport of cricket through principles of good governance, integrity, transparency, accountability, inclusivity and providing equal opportunity; to safeguard the welfare of all participants and protect cricket from corruption and other improper conduct; to provide for the constitution, powers and functions of Sri Lanka Cricket; and to make provisions for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Minister of Justice and National Integration,— Protection of the State from Terrorism,— Bill to provide for the protection of the national security of Sri Lanka and the people of Sri Lanka from acts of terrorism, other offences associated with terrorism and certain specified acts constituting the offence of terrorism committed within or outside Sri Lanka; for the prevention of use of territory of the Republic of Sri Lanka and its people for the preparation for terrorism outside Sri Lanka; to provide for the detection, identification, apprehension, arrest, detention, investigation, prosecution and punishment of any person who has committed an act of terrorism or any other offence associated with terrorism; for the repeal of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act, No. 48 of 1979; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Foreign Exchange Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2493/36 of 18th June 2026, which were presented on 11.09.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Foreign Exchange Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2493/37 of 18th June 2026, which were presented on 11.09.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Foreign Exchange Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 22 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2493/38 of 18th June 2026, which was presented on 11.09.2026, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Public Debt Management Act— Whereas, the Government has initiated the ‘Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Sector Development Programme - SME Sector Development Programme’ (hereinafter referred to as the ‘SDP’) with the objective of strengthening the SME sector by enhancing business capacity, improving access to finance, promoting the adoption of technology and expanding market opportunities;

And whereas the Government has initiated the ‘Agriculture Value Chain Financing and Commercialization Sector Development Programme’ (hereinafter referred to as the ‘AVC’) with the objective of strengthening the agricultural and agribusiness sectors by providing concessional financing through participating financial institutions;

And whereas, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has agreed to provide financial assistance for the implementation of the said ‘SDP’, comprising a Policy-Based Loan (PBL) of United States Dollars One Hundred Million (USD 100 million) and a Financial Intermediation Loan (FIL) of United States Dollars One Hundred Million (USD 100 million), and for the implementation of the said ‘AVC’, comprising a PBL of United States Dollars Thirty Million (USD 30 million) and a FIL of United States Dollars Seventy Million (USD 70 million);

And whereas, the FIL component of ‘SDP’ amounting to United States Dollars One Hundred Million (USD 100 million) and that of ‘AVC’ amounting to United States Dollars Seventy Million (USD 70 million) are intended to be on-lent to eligible Small and Medium Enterprises through financial institutions identified following the completion of the requisite due diligence, which institutions shall act as financial intermediaries for the disbursement of such funds;

And whereas, in terms of subsection (2) of Section 20 of the Public Debt Management Act, No. 33 of 2024, the approval of Parliament is required for the on-lending of funds in respect of obligations of any entity other than a Provincial Council, a local authority or a State-Owned Enterprise;

That this Parliament resolves that, in terms of subsection (2) of Section 20 of the Public Debt Management Act, No. 33 of 2024, the on-lending of funds under the Financial Intermediation Loan components of the ‘Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Sector Development Programme - SME Sector Development Programme’ (‘SDP’) and the ‘Agriculture Value Chain Financing and Commercialization Sector Development Programme’ (‘AVC’) through the following financial institutions, which have been identified following the requisite due diligence, be approved and the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development be authorised to take such steps as may be necessary for the implementation of this Resolution in accordance with the provisions of the Public Debt Management Act, No. 33 of 2024 and other applicable written law:-

1. Hatton National Bank PLC;
2. Seylan Bank PLC;
3. Sampath Bank PLC;

4. Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC;
5. DFCC Bank PLC;
6. Pan Asia Banking Corporation PLC;
7. National Development Bank PLC;
8. Union Bank of Colombo PLC;
9. SANASA Development Bank PLC;
10. Nations Trust Bank PLC; and
11. Cargills Bank PLC (subject to due diligence)
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.
Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.
Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.
Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.
Chartered Institute of Media Professionals of Sri Lanka Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.
The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Annual Report of the Ranaviru Seva Authority (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Ranaviru Seva Authority 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 11.07.2025 under the Section 15 of the Rana Viru Seva Authority Act, No. 54 of 1999, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on 11.11.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 17.11.2025.)

*10.
The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 09.08.2023 under the Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 20.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.10.2025.)

*11.

The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the BCC Lanka Limited (2021/2022),— That the Annual Report of the BCC Lanka Limited 2021/2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2022 and presented on 24.07.2025 under the Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 20.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.10.2025.)

*12.

The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Salt Limited (2021/2022),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Salt Limited 2021/2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2022 and presented on 24.07.2025 under the Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 20.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.10.2025.)

*13.

The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board (2022),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 21.08.2024 under the Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 20.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.10.2025.)

*14.

The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 20.03.2024 under the Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 20.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.10.2025.)

*15.

The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the BCC Lanka Limited (2022/2023),— That the Annual Report of the BCC Lanka Limited 2022/2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2023 and presented on 03.06.2025 under the Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 20.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.10.2025.)

*16.

The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Salt Limited (2022/2023),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Salt Limited 2022/2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2023 and presented on 24.07.2025 under the Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 20.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.10.2025.)

*17.

The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 20.05.2025 under the Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 20.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.10.2025.)

*18.

The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority (2023),— That the Annual Report of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 05.03.2025 under the Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 20.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.10.2025.)

*19.

The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Annual Report of the Gem and Jewellery Research and Training Institute (2023),— That the Annual Report of the Gem and Jewellery Research and Training Institute 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 14.03.2025 under the Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations on 20.08.2025 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.10.2025.)

*20.

The Minister of Labour,— Annual Report of the National Institute of Labour Studies (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Institute of Labour Studies 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 20.02.2024 under the National Institute of Labour Studies Act, No. 12 of 2010, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education, Manpower and Human Capital on 08.07.2025, and presented its report to Parliament on 22.07.2025.)

*21.

The Minister of Labour,— Annual Report of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 04.06.2024 under the Section 18 of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health Act, No. 38 of 2009, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education, Manpower and Human Capital on 08.07.2025, and presented its report to Parliament on 22.07.2025.)

*22.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Janatha Estates Development Board (2015),— That the Annual Report of the Janatha Estates Development Board 2015 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 23.08.2023 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability on 14.05.2024 and 05.02.2026, and presented its report to Parliament on 17.02.2026.)

*23.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Janatha Estates Development Board (2016),— That the Annual Report of the Janatha Estates Development Board 2016 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 06.03.2024 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability on 24.11.2025 and 05.02.2026, and presented its report to Parliament on 17.02.2026.)

*24.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Janatha Estates Development Board (2017),— That the Annual Report of the Janatha Estates Development Board 2017 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2017 and presented on 06.03.2024 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability on 24.11.2025 and 05.02.2026, and presented its report to Parliament on 17.02.2026.)

*25.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— Annual Report of the Janatha Estates Development Board (2018),— That the Annual Report of the Janatha Estates Development Board 2018 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2018 and presented on 06.03.2024 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability on 24.11.2025 and 05.02.2026, and presented its report to Parliament on 17.02.2026.)

*26.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*28.

Penal Code (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned debate on question (24th September 2025) [1].

*29.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*30.

Finance (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*31.

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.”

32.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

33.

Institute of Facilities Management Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

34.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

35.

Kodhagoda Gunarathana Nahimi Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* ***Indicates Government Business.***

[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

2389/2026

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) targeted number of persons to be directed for foreign employment for the year 2026;

(ii) number of persons directed for foreign employment from 01.01.2026 to 30.06.2026; and

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(iii) measures that will be taken to achieve the targeted number?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) of Sri Lankan Diplomatic Missions that currently do not have an appointed Ambassador and the duration for which each such position remained vacant; and
- (ii) out of the number of Heads of Missions, the number of officers belonging to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service and the number of persons appointed externally?

(c) Will he also state the —

- (i) amount expended by the Ministry on foreign visits from 01.01.2025 to date;
- (ii) countries visited, dates of visit, number of participants, and the objectives of the said visits;
- (iii) total expenditure incurred for each such visit including airfare, accommodation, and allowances, separately; and
- (iv) agreements and Memoranda of Understanding signed, and the benefits accrued, separately?

(d) If not, why?

2.

2404/2026

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) an Annual Provincial Sports Tournament is conducted by the Ministry of Sports of the Central Provincial Council;
- (ii) a Sports Colours Awarding Ceremony is held for the winners of the said tournament for the relevant year; and
- (iii) the said Sports Colours Awarding Ceremony is held and colours are awarded prior to the final day of the Provincial Sports Tournament of the ensuing year?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether provisions have been allocated for the Central Province Sports Colours Awarding Ceremony for the year 2025;
- (ii) if so, of the amount of provisions allocated;
- (iii) whether the date scheduled for holding the Colours Awarding Ceremony has been postponed after the allocation of provisions;
- (iv) if so, of the number of times it has been postponed;
- (v) whether the Colours Awarding Ceremony has already been held;

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- (vi) if not, of the date on which it is scheduled to be held;
- (vii) if the said ceremony will not be held, of the present status of the provisions allocated for that purpose;
- (viii) whether a date has been fixed for the final competition of the Central Province Sports Tournament for the year 2026; and
- (ix) if so, of the said date?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

2406/2026

Hon. Mujibur Rahman,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in relation to the 'TH-57 Sea Ranger' helicopters recently provided to Sri Lanka by the United States of the —
 - (i) date on which the Government of Sri Lanka submitted the request to acquire the said helicopters, and the date on which the approval of the United States Government was received;
 - (ii) date on which the acquisition agreement was signed, the parties to the said agreement, and the mode of acquisition (whether as a donation, a loan, or a sale);
 - (iii) estimated market value in US Dollars;
 - (iv) original purchase value and the current value as indicated in the Excess Defense Articles (EDA) documents;
 - (v) primary tasks for which they are expected to be deployed;
 - (vi) total expenditure incurred by the Government of Sri Lanka up to the point of acquisition of them;
 - (vii) amount spent, after receiving the said helicopters, on repairing, restoring them to an airworthy condition, and certification; and
 - (viii) total number of flying hours completed so far and the number of remaining flying hours, separately according to the registration number of each aircraft?
 - (b) If not, why?
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