



DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES IN PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, the 31st of December, 2024

THE PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT FOR THE FIRST SITTING WEEK OF JANUARY 2025 COMMENCING FROM TUESDAY, THE 07th TO FRIDAY, THE 10th OF JANUARY 2025

Programme of Business of the House of Parliament for the First Sitting Week of Parliament in January, 2025 commencing from Tuesday, the 07th to Friday, the 10th of January 2025 agreed by the Committee on Parliamentary Business at its meeting held on Tuesday, the 31st of December, 2024 is sent herewith for your kind information and necessary action, please:—

Tuesday, January 07th, 2025

- 9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. **Questions for Oral Answers**
- 10.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. **Adjournment Debate on "Mid-Year Fiscal Position Report – 2024" (Government)**

(Lunch Interval is from 12.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. on this day)

Wednesday, January 08th, 2025

- 9.30 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. **Questions to be asked from the Prime Minister (04 Questions)**
- 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. **Questions for Oral Answers (05 Questions)**
- 10.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
- (i) **Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act**
 - (ii) **Order under the Foreign Exchange Act**
 - (iii) **Regulations under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act**
 - (iv) **Regulation under the Casino Business (Regulation) Act**
 - (v) **Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act**
 - (vi) **Regulations under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act**

(Above item Nos. from (i) to (vi) bearing the Gazette Extraordinary Nos. 2384/35, 2389/08, 2382/11, 2386/09, 2377/39 & 2394/68 dated 17.05.2024, 18.06.2024, 30.04.2024, 29.05.2024, 28.03.2024 & 26.07.2024 respectively were presented to Parliament on 18.06.2024, 06.08.2024, 21.08.2024 & 03.09.2024 respectively. The approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been obtained to present these items to Parliament on 07.01.2025 and motions thereof will be included in the Order Paper of Parliament of 08.01.2025 having suspended the Standing Order 27 of the Parliament.)

- 5.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. **Questions at the Adjournment Time (Two Questions)**

(Lunch Interval is from 12.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. on this day)

Thursday, January 09th, 2025

9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

Questions for Oral Answers

10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

(i) Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act

(ii) Six Orders under the Special Commodity Levy Act

(iii) Notification under the Welfare Benefits Act

(Gazette Extraordinary Nos. 2400/25, 2384/31, 2395/32, 2404/19, 2406/02, 2408/15, 2412/38 & 2415/66 dated 05.09.2024, 17.05.2024, 31.07.2024, 02.10.2024, 14.10.2024, 01.11.2024, 30.11.2024 & 21.12.2024 respectively will be presented to Parliament on 07.01.2025 and motions thereof will be included in the Order Paper of Parliament of 09.01.2025 having suspended the Standing Order 27 of the Parliament.)

(iv) Notification under the Strategic Development Projects Act

*(Vide Item No. *2 of the Order Paper No. 7 of 18.12.2024)*

(v) Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act

*(Vide Item No. *1 published in the Addendum to the Order Book of Parliament No. 1(3) issued on 20.12.2024)*

11.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.

Adjournment Debate to be moved by the Opposition

(Lunch Interval is from 12.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. on this day)

Friday, January 10th, 2025

9.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.

Votes of Condolence on the late —

(i) Hon. Kumara Welgama, ex-M.P.

(ii) Hon. H. Nandasena, ex-M.P.

(iii) Hon. Tudor Gunasekera, ex-M.P.

(No 'Questions for Oral Answers', No 'Questions under Standing Order 27 (2) of the Parliament and No 'Questions at the Adjournment Time' on this day and Lunch Interval is from 12.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m.)

*Signed/- M. Jayalath Perera
Director (Legislative Services)/Actg. Director (Communication)
for Secretary-General of Parliament*



OFFICE OF THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT

January 10th, 2025.

Approved Programme of Business of Parliament for the Sitting Week of Parliament

(From Tuesday, the 21st to Friday, the 24th of January 2025)

(1) January 21st Tuesday, 2025

- 9.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. **Business of Parliament as per (1) to (6) of Standing Order 22 of the Parliament**
- 10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. **Questions for Oral Answers**
- 11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. **Questions under Standing Order 27(2) of the Parliament**
- 11.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m. **Adjournment Debate on the “Clean Sri Lanka” Project (Government) – To be continued**

(Lunch Interval is from 12.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. on this day)

(2) January 22nd Wednesday, 2025

- 9.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. **Business of Parliament as per (1) to (6) of Standing Order 22 of the Parliament**
- 10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. **Questions for Oral Answers**
- 11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. **Questions under Standing Order 27(2) of the Parliament**
- 11.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m. **Continuation of the Adjournment Debate on the “Clean Sri Lanka” Project**

(Lunch Interval is from 12.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. on this day)

(3) January 23rd Thursday, 2025

- 9.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. **Business of Parliament as per (1) to (6) of Standing Order 22 of the Parliament**
- 10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. **Questions for Oral Answers**
- 11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. **Questions under Standing Order 27(2) of the Parliament**
- 11.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m. **[i] Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act**
(Presented to Parliament on 07.01.2025 and the Motion thereon will be published in the Addendum to be issued on 10.01.2025)
- [ii] Notification under the Strategic Development Projects Act**
*(Vide Item No. *29 of the Order Paper of Parliament No. 11 of 10.01.2025)*

- [iii] **Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act**
*(Vide Item No. *30 of the Order Paper of Parliament No. 11 of 10.01.2025)*
- [iv] **Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act**
*(Vide Item No. *31 of the Order Paper of Parliament No. 11 of 10.01.2025)*

3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. **Motion at the Adjournment Time (Opposition)**
(Lunch Interval is from 12.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. on this day)

N.B.: Above Time allocations from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. will be adjusted with the Time allocated for the Main Business of the day according to the time spent on the scheduled items for that time period.

(4) January 24th Friday, 2025

9.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m. **Votes of Condolence on the Late Hon.**

- (i) Rajavaritham Sampanthan, Ex-MP**
- (ii) Rukman Senanayake, Ex-MP**
- (iii) A. A. Reginald Perera, Ex-MP**
- (iv) Sirinal de Mel, Ex-MP**
- (v) (Dr.) I. M. Ilyas, Ex-MP**

(No Questions for Oral Answers, No Questions under Standing Order 27(2) of the Parliament and No Questions at the Adjournment Time on this day.)
(Lunch Interval is from 12.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. on this day.)

The Leader of the House of Parliament
10.01.2025



DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES IN PARLIAMENT

Thursday, the 23rd of January, 2025

THE PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT FOR THE FIRST SITTING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2025 COMMENCING FROM TUESDAY, THE 4TH TO FRIDAY, THE 7TH OF FEBRUARY 2025

Programme of Business of the House of Parliament for the First Sitting Week of Parliament in February, 2025 commencing from Tuesday, the 4th to Friday, the 7th of February 2025 agreed by the Committee on Parliamentary Business at its meeting held on Thursday, the 23rd of February, 2025 is sent herewith for your kind information and necessary action, please:—

Tuesday, February 4th, 2025

No Sitting of Parliament on this day (Public Holiday)

Wednesday, February 5th, 2025

9.30 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.

Business of Parliament as per Standing Order 22(1) to 22(6) of the Parliament

10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

Questions to be asked from the Prime Minister (04 Questions)

10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

Questions for Oral Answers (05 Questions)

11.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

Questions under Standing Order 27(2) of the Parliament

11.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.

(i) Order under the Foreign Exchange Act

(ii) Two Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act

(Above item Nos. (i) and (ii) were presented to Parliament on 21.01.2025 and the motions thereof will be included in the next Addendum to the Order Book of Parliament, No. 1(6) to be issued on 24.01.2025)

3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.

Adjournment Debate to be moved by the Government

(Lunch Interval is from 12.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. on this day)

Thursday, February 6th, 2025

9.30 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.

Business of Parliament as per Standing Order 22(1) to 22(6) of the Parliament

10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

Questions for Oral Answers

11.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

Questions under Standing Order 27(2) of the Parliament

11.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Regulations under the Intellectual Property Act

(These regulations were presented to Parliament on 21.01.2025 and the motion thereof will be included in the next Addendum to the Order Book of Parliament, No. 1(6) to be issued on 24.01.2025)

5.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.

Questions at the Adjournment Time (Two Questions)

(Lunch Interval is from 12.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. on this day)

Friday, February 7th, 2025

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| 9.30 a.m. | - | 10.00 a.m. | Business of Parliament as per Standing Order 22(1) to 22(6) of the Parliament |
| 10.00 a.m. | - | 11.00 a.m. | Questions for Oral Answers |
| 11.00 a.m. | - | 11.30 a.m. | Questions under Standing Order 27(2) of the Parliament |
| 11.30 a.m. | - | 5.00 p.m. | Private Members' Motions* — To be moved |
| 5.00 p.m. | - | 5.30 p.m. | Motion at the Adjournment Time (Opposition) |

(Lunch Interval is from 12.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. on this day)

Above Time Allocations from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. would be adjusted with the Time allocated for the Main Business of the day according to the time spent on the scheduled items for that time period

*Subsequently, it was agreed to enlist the Private Members' Motions for debate suspending the Standing Order 24(2) of the Parliament. A Business Motion to this effect will be included in the Order Paper of Parliament on 07.02.2025.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed that the following Private Members' Motions, published in the Addendum to the Order Book of Parliament, No. 1(5) issued on 10.01.2025 be moved:—

| Registration Number | Name of the Member of Parliament | Title of the Private Members' Motion |
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| <i>P. 1/2024</i> | <i>Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi</i> | <i>Acquisition of estate roads to the Government</i> |
| <i>P.11/2024</i> | <i>Hon. Kins Nelson</i> | <i>Preparation of a proper procurement program for the process of purchasing goods for cooperatives</i> |
| <i>P.13/2024</i> | <i>Hon. Rohana Bandara</i> | <i>Making arrangements for maintaining a rice reserve with the Government</i> |
| <i>P.15/2024</i> | <i>Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri</i> | <i>Formulation of a proper methodology for the appointment of Labour Welfare Officers</i> |
| <i>P. 24/2024</i> | <i>Hon. Ravi Karunanayake</i> | <i>Abolishing the Pension Scheme of the Members of Parliament of Sri Lanka</i> |
| <i>P.28/2024</i> | <i>Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at law</i> | <i>Appointing a Select Committee of Parliament to investigate and make appropriate recommendations regarding the cremation, instead of burial, of the bodies of COVID-19 pandemic victims</i> |

NB: The Committee also agreed to take up the Second Reading of the Bill titled "Local Authorities Elections (Special Provisions)" which is included as item No. 2 scheduled for 24.01.2025 in the Addendum to the Order Book, No. 1(5) of Parliament dated 10.01.2025, on Thursday, the 6th of February, 2025 from 11.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., in addition to the already scheduled Business, in the event the Determination of the Supreme Court on the petitions filed against the said Bill is received by the Hon. Speaker, prior to Wednesday, the 5th of February, 2025.

Signed/- M. Jayalath Perera
Director (Legislative Services)/Actg. Director (Communication)
for Secretary-General of Parliament



OFFICE OF THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT

PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT FOR THE SPECIAL SITTING DAY ON FRIDAY, THE 14TH OF FEBRUARY, 2025 & REVISED BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT ON MONDAY, THE 17TH OF FEBRUARY, 2025

(1) February 14th Friday, 2025

9.30 a.m. – Onwards

Announcements by the Speaker

(Announcement regarding the Determination of the Supreme Court on the petitions filed against the Bill titled "Local Authorities Elections (Special Provisions)")

Motions at the commencement of Public Business

(No 'Questions for Oral Answers', No 'Questions under Standing Order 27(2) of the Parliament' and No 'Motions/ Questions at the Adjournment Time' on this day)

(2) February 17th Monday, 2025

10.30 a.m. – Onwards

Budget Speech

(Appropriation Bill – Second Reading)

The Hon. Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

*(Vide Item No. *29 of the Order Paper No. 18 of 07.02.2025)*

****Suspension of Sittings until 2.00 p.m. immediately after the Budget Speech***

2.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

Local Authorities Elections (Special Provisions) Bill – Second Reading

*(Vide Item No. *30 of the Order Paper No. 18 of 07.02.2025)*

(No 'Questions for Oral Answers', No 'Questions under Standing Order 27(2) of the Parliament' and No 'Motions/ Questions at the Adjournment Time' on this day)

The Leader of the House of Parliament
10.02.2025