

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to discuss the Heads of Expenditure of Ministries selected from the Budget estimates of 2009,—

Whereas the duration of time allocated for Committee stage programme of the Budget estimates of the year 2009 is only 16 days as per the decision of the Committee on Parliamentary Business;

And whereas about 07 hours a day have been allocated for the programme during the Committee stage of the Budget and since the votes of a number of Ministries have to be debated in a day, the time allocated for a single vote amounts approximately to two hours;

This House resolves that a Select Committee be appointed to enable the Honorable Members to meet and discuss the Heads of Expenditure of selected Ministries during the period from the commencement of the second reading of the Budget estimates until the date of voting on the second reading as agreed by the Chief Government Whip of Parliament and the Chief Opposition Whip of Parliament.

2. (a) The Committee and its chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.  
(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than thirty one (31) members selected from both the Government and Opposition.
3. The Committee shall have powers to:
  - (a) fix its quorum;
  - (b) send for persons, papers and records, order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee.
4. The Committee shall present its Report to the Parliament on or before the day on which the Committee stage debate on the votes of the said selected Ministries commences.