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Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report on the possibility of enabling Sri Lankans employed overseas to exercise their franchise in future elections and matters incidental thereto,—

Whereas the right to exercise franchise is a fundamental right for every citizen of Sri Lanka;

(2)

And whereas citizens of Sri Lanka employed overseas have not had the opportunity to exercise their franchise in local elections up to now;

And whereas Sri Lankans employed overseas make an invaluable contribution for the sustenance of the economy of Sri Lanka at present through the earning of foreign exchange;

And whereas creating the necessary background for the migrant workers to engage in their employment with dignity is the responsibility of the government;

And whereas the exercise of franchise in an election is a Fundamental Right of the citizens of Sri Lanka;

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to look into the difficulties faced by Sri Lankans employed overseas and the possibility of providing them the opportunity to exercise their franchise in elections and report to Parliament on the same with observations and recommendations.

2. (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
(b) The Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order No. 95 of the Parliament.
 3. The Committee shall have the power to —
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of specialists and experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
 4. The Committee shall present its report to Parliament within a period of six (06) months from the first meeting of the Committee or within such further period as Parliament may grant.
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