



**ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 3
OF
PARLIAMENT**

Issued on Friday, October 12, 2007

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1112/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he state this House—
 - (i) when the foundation stone was laid for the proposed Hambantota Air Port;
 - (ii) whether a feasibility study was carried out in respect of this air port; and
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (b) Will he submit this House, the feasibility report concerned?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the approval of the Central Environmental Authority was obtained for the proposed airport;
 - (ii) whether an environment study report was proposed; and
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of land that would be covered by this airport; and
 - (ii) the extent of paddy lands that would go under this airport?
- (e) Will he submit in this House the total amount of compensation that would be paid in respect of such lands and houses that would be lost?
- (f) If not, why?

1213/07

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of 'Gama Neguma' projects approved in the Kandy District for 2006?
- (b) Will he state this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of projects implemented out of them, at Divisional Secretariat Division level;
 - (ii) the amount of money apportioned for each project; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent in implementing the said projects?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are projects which were approved in 2006 but not implemented;
 - (ii) if so, what they are; and,
 - (iii) the reasons for the non-implementation of those projects?
- (d) Will he state, separately in respect of each project, the amount of money allocated for projects that were not implemented?
- (e) If not, why?

1294/07

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Sub-Post Offices in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) whether all of the Sub-Post Masters who serve at the aforesaid Sub-Post Offices have been confirmed in service;
 - (iii) the number of Sub-Post Masters who are working on acting basis; and
 - (iv) the reasons for not confirming them in service up to now?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the persons who have been appointed as acting Sub-Post Masters have fulfilled the required educational qualifications; and
- (ii) whether action be taken to absorb all of them into the permanent service?

(c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Appropriation Bill,— Second Reading

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act (No.01),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006 and specified in the order No.03 hereto, be approved.

ORDER

Appropriation Act. No.47 of 2006

Order No.03 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006, I, Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 31002 “Government Factory Stores Advance Accounts” Government Factory of the Second schedule to that Act.

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| (i) | Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the second Schedule to that Act. | From . | 14,000,000 |
| | | To | 45,000,000 |
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| (ii) | Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the second Schedule to that Act. | From Rs. — | 145,000,000 |
| | | To Rs. — | 45,000,000 |

(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	-
		To	Rs.	—	8,000,000
(iv)	Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.				Not Revised

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2007 only)

Sgd. RANJITH SIYAMBALAPITIYA

Acting Minister of Finance and Planning.

28.09.2007

Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act, (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006, and specified in the order No.04 hereto, be approved.

ORDER

Appropriation Act. No.47 of 2006

Order No.04 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006, I, Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 31003 “Government Factory Work Done Advance Account” Government Factory of the Second schedule to that Act.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the second Schedule to that Act.	From	.	45,000,000
		To		140,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. —	45,000,000
		To	Rs. —	145,000,000

(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance	From	Rs.	—	8,000,000
specified in Column IV of the	To	Rs.	—	-
Second Schedule to that Act.				
(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities				
specified in Column V of the				
Second Schedule to that Act.				Not Revised

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2007 only)

Sgd. RANJITH SIYAMBALAPITIYA

Acting Minister of Finance and Planning.

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Customs Ordinance,— That the resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties which was presented on 12-10-2007 be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1511/01 of 20th August.2007)

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The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into the alarming increase in traffic accidents,— That the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09.03.2007 be amended as follows;

By the insertion of the following words immediately after the word “offenders” in Line 7 of Para 1 of the said motion.

“whether there is a system to look after the welfare of the victims of the accidents and to compensate them and their families and whether it would be necessary to introduce new legislation or to amend existing legislations in the regard”

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources under Section 61 read with paragraph (c) of Section 8 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No.2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1493/18 of 20th April 2007 which were presented on 09.10.2007, be approved.

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The Minister of Industrial Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Cement Corporation for the year 2004,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Cement Corporation together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2004 and presented on 12.01.2007 under Section 30(1) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No.49 of 1957, and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Industrial Development)

* *Indicates Government Business*

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1292/'07

Hon. Anuruddha Polgampola,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of licences issued for beer and liquor shops from the year 2005 to May 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, the year in which the aforesaid licences, were issued, the relevant District, Divisional Secretariat division, the full name, the address and the occupation of the licence holder, and if the licence has been issued to a society or a club, the name and address of that society or club?
- (c) If not, why?

1284/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Is he aware that a reservoir called 'Kekiriobada' is to be built by joining the two mountains that are situated across the Grama Niladhari divisions namely Velandagoda and Kekiriobada that come under Walasmulla Divisional secretariat Division in Hambantota district?

- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) Kekiriobada mountain has been subjected to land slides on seven occasions since 1969 to date; and
 - (ii) as a result of constructing a reservoir in a risky site like this, 36 families that reside in the neighbourhood will be subjected to danger?
- (c) Will he take steps to provide alternate land and housing for the 36 families that would be displaced due to the construction of this reservoir?
- (d) If not, why?

Tuesday, November 06, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1313/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that Mrs. Selveshwari Sellaiya, who had been serving as the Principal of Mo/Tennekumbura Tamil Vidyalaya of the Uva Provincial Council has been interdicted with effect from 11.06.2006?
- (b) Will he admit that an injustice has been caused to Mrs. Sellaiya, who reached 60 years of age on 11.11.2006, as she has been interdicted even without being served a charge sheet?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to conclude the inquiry about her quickly and provide relief to Mrs. Sellayya, who has been caused an injustice as a result of being interdicted on a false allegation?
- (d) If not, why?

1137/07

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. S.B. Dissanayake of Butawatta, Thalathuoya has retired having served as a principal?
- (b) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) eventhough the verdict of the Case numbers 453/99, 454/97, 362/99 and 390/99 delivered on the fundamental rights of the principals enables the retired Principals to be entitled to Pension arrears it has not been paid to this Principal; and,
 - (ii) eventhough the Principals who retired after 1996 were able to obtain the pension arrears, this Principal has not been able to obtain the pension arrears under the salary steps?

- (c) Will he state whether arrangements would be made to pay the pension arrears to this retired Principal Mr. S.B. Dissanayake who is spending the latter part of his life now?
- (d) if not, why?

1217/07

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Dr. Imitiyaz Lathif who has served on casual basis in the Government Homeopathy Hospital, Welisara and has been dismissed at present, has imported large quantities of Chlorine mixed globulus (globes) in an unauthorized manner;
 - (ii) a large amount of the drug Lactose too has been imported in excess of the required amount and the consignment of that drug is stored at Welisara hospital although its date of expiry is very near; and
 - (iii) there is a shortage of this drug in the Kurunegala, Matale and Dehiwala Free Homeopathy Dispensaries?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) according to the recent investigation report (C.S.R.), it has been found that the globulus (globes) contains Chlorine and therefore this drug would not cure the patients concerned; and
 - (ii) this doctor has caused damage to the property of the Homeopathy Medical Council and also committed a number of financial misappropriations?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to appoint a commission to investigate the above mentioned irregularities and corruption?
- (d) If not, why?

1218/07

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the students of Raddolugama Pannananda National School are severely affected due to a teacher of that school, Mrs. Wasantha Nandani, suffering from a mental disease; and
 - (ii) she scolds and threatens the students within the school premises using abusive language?

- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) she has come to this school on transfer recently, after serving as a housemaid in America for 5 years on approved leave; and
 - (ii) so far, no steps have been taken regarding any of the complaints made to the principal against this teacher's improper conduct?
 - (c) Will he take necessary steps to initiate suitable legal action regarding this teacher and the principal?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Friday, November 09, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1113/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he state this House, the total estimated cost of the proposed Hambantota Air Port;
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) how the construction of that Airport would be financed;
 - (ii) if it would be foreign loans or grants, what they are;
 - (iii) from which foreign institutes; and
 - (iv) if these moneys were to be obtained from the Treasury, what that amount is?
- (c) Will he state this House the number of years within which it is expected to complete this project?
- (d) Will he submit to this House separately the local and foreign components of funds expected to be utilized in each year?
- (e) if not, why?

1114/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) a housing project known as 'Jaya Lanka' is in operation;

- (ii) cabinet approval has been granted for a housing project known as 'Jaya Lanka' for the displaced people in the North East areas and for other people; and,
- (iii) if so, when?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) by which institution the said housing project is managed;
 - (ii) the total estimated cost of the relevant project; and,
 - (iii) the amount that has been paid out of this?
- (c) if not, why?

1314/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Cooperatives and Consumer Services,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the service of the person named L.W. Pushpa Kumara of Maberiya Junction, Teldeniya, who had been working at the Teldeniya Multi-purpose Co-operative Society, was suspended on 01.07.1993; and
 - (ii) he was called back to service on 20.01.1996?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reason for not paying the arrears of his salary in respect of the period from 01.07.1993 to 20.01.1996 although arrears of salary has been paid in respect of the period from 30.11.1995 to 20.01.1996 pertaining to the period in which his service was suspended?
- (c) Will he state the reason as to why the Co-operative Service Commission has taken two contradictory decisions by absolving the person named S.A.H. Siriwardhana, the accountant whose service was suspended along with the suspension of service of the aforesaid Pushpakumara, of the only charge against him while condemning the person named Pushpakumara?
- (d) Will he take the necessary steps to get him paid the full arrears with salary increments for the period from 01.07.1993 to 20.01.1996, the period in which his service remained suspended, by the Teldeniya Multi-purpose Co-operative Society?
- (e) If not, why?

1326/07

Hon. Anurudha Polgampola,— To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a stock of gold and silver to the value of Rs.24 lakhs has been stolen from the Gem and Jewellery Research and Training Institute; and
 - (ii) an investigation was conducted by the Presidential Investigation Unit with regard to the aforesaid theft?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid investigation has revealed that Mr. Sunil Punchibandara, a Senior Manager of the gem and Jewellery Research and Training Institution, as the respondent of the aforesaid theft; and
 - (ii) whether, an amount of 9 lakhs of rupees has been credited in favour of the Authority's account by him out of his personal money after the Presidential Investigation Unit has named him as a respondent to this fraud?
- (c) Will he submit a detailed report of the investigation carried out by the Presidential Investigation Unit with regard to this theft?
- (d) Will he state the legal steps that will be taken against, Mr. Sunil Puchibandara the Senior Manager, who has been found to have a connection with this theft?
- (e) If not, why?

1096/07

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Is he aware that the names of seven persons who had passed the limited competitive examination and obtained eligibility to the post of assessor, on the result sheet issued by the Commissioner General of Examinations with regard to the limited competitive examination held on 28-05-2006 for the recruitment of persons to the post of Assessor Class II Grade II in the Inland Revenue Service, have been removed and only 129 persons have so far been given appointments?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the 7 persons so removed; and
 - (ii) the reasons for removing the names of those 7 persons;
- (c) Will he take necessary action to give the posts of Assessor to those who were subject to injustice mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

1097/07

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House the result sheet of the interview held for granting promotions on seniority and merit basis to the post of Assessor Class II Grade II in the Inland Revenue Service?
- (b) Will he admit that the names of 12 Senior Tax Officers who were called for the interview to be promoted to the post of Assessor Class II Grade II on seniority and merit have been removed and only 121 persons have been granted promotions upto now?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names so removed; and
 - (ii) the reasons for removing the names of the aforesaid 12 persons?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to grant the posts of Assessor to the aforesaid 12 persons who appeared for the interview after obtaining all the necessary qualifications for the post of Assessor Grade II/II and were subjected to the injustice mentioned above?
- (e) If not, why?

1323/07

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he submit this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of patients, who had obtained treatment for hydrophobia in the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 in each district; and

- (ii) the number of patients who had died of hydrophobia during the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 in each district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the quantity of vaccines for hydrophobia that had been imported during the years 2004, 2005 and 2006; and
 - (ii) the value of them?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the way in which the aforesaid vaccines have been distributed at district level?
- (d) Will he state the amount of hydrophobia vaccines that has expired during each of the aforesaid years?
- (e) If not, why?

1325/07

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there have been instances of purchasing drugs during the years 2003, 2004 and 2005, violating the formal tender procedure of the Ministry of Health;
 - (ii) what the tenders pertaining to such purchases are;
 - (iii) the loss incurred thereby; and
 - (iv) whether the Auditor General has pointed it out?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the loss incurred by the state in the purchase of spinal needles in the year 2003;
 - (ii) whether a loss incurred in the purchasing of streptolcinase injection during the year 2005;
 - (iii) if so, the reason for the aforesaid loss; and
 - (iv) the courses of action that were followed against causing the aforesaid loss?
- (c) If not, why?

Monday, November 12, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1420/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people of Padavipura, Welioya battered by three decades of war and drought are suffering from a host of social, economic and environmental problems;
 - (ii) the kidney disease has been spreading very fast in these areas for a period of nearly 10 years; and
 - (iii) a large number of persons have already died from this disease?
- (b) Is he aware that residents of the area are undergoing immense difficulties as the stretch of road upto Kebitigollewa in the Anuradhapura-Padavi Sri Pura main road which was constructed along with the Padaviya scheme has not been properly restored?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the measures taken so far to resolve these environmental issues?
- (d) If not, why?

1427/'07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit this House—
 - (i) the towns where the exhibition called “Govijana Pola” was held in the year 2006; and
 - (ii) the objectives of the aforesaid exhibition?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether lottery tickets were printed for the aforesaid exhibition called “Govijana Pola” or for any other purpose;
 - (ii) if so, the total number of tickets printed;
 - (iii) the number of tickets sold and the amounts of money received in each district, separately; and
 - (iv) the manner in which those monies were spent?
- (c) If not, why?

1439/07

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, the amount of money received by Board of Investment of Sri Lanka through various ways to provide relief for Tsunami victims?
- (b) Will he submit to this House; separately, the amount of money that was used for the relevant purpose and the amount of money that was not used for the relevant purpose, out of the money received as mentioned above?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for not using all the money received as mentioned above for the purpose of providing relief to the Tsunami victims; and
 - (ii) what has happened to the remaining amount of money?
- (d) If not, why?

1443/07

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately the value of school equipments, books, school bags, uniforms that were to be donated to the children of the migrant families in the years 2005-2006?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for the delays in making the aforesaid donations to the children mentioned above;
 - (ii) the amount of items that has been donated by now; and
 - (iii) the reasons for not obtaining the authority of a ministerial tender board in purchasing the aforesaid school equipments and uniforms?
- (c) If not, why?

1452/07

Hon. Sunil Handunneththi,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he state in this House whether Fathima Afrak of Arabic College in Eravur who scored 176 marks at the grade 5 scholarship examination last year has been referred by the Ministry of Education to be admitted to Ramanathan Hindu Ladies College in Bambalapitiya?

- (b) Will he state whether—
 - (i) arrangements have been made for her to be admitted to this college;
 - (ii) Muslim girls are studying at Ramanathan Hindu ladies college; and
 - (iii) if the Order by the Ministry of Education regarding the admission of this child is not carried out, the reason for it?
 - (c) Will he approve the deprivation of a school to this child on grounds of religions differences?
 - (d) Will he take steps to ensure that this child is admitted to Ramanathan Hindu Ladies College which is the school relevant to the reference made by the Ministry?
 - (e) If not, why?
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Tuesday, November 13, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1494/07

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayaka,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether generators were received by the Ceylon Electricity Board under Tsunami aid;
 - (ii) if so, the countries from which they were received;
 - (iii) the number of generators and the capacity of each of the aforesaid generators; and
 - (iv) the local agent involved in the purchase of these generators?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) by whom the generators were cleared from the port;
 - (ii) the duties paid for them and how the money was received for that purpose; and
 - (iii) to whom their maintenance was handed over?
- (c) Will he submit this House—
 - (i) the districts to which these generators were distributed;

- (ii) the number of generators distributed as mentioned above;
- (iii) if the aforesaid generators were returned to the Ceylon Electricity Board following the resettlement of those displaced by the Tsunami disaster, whether such assets have been documented in the Electricity Board;
- (iv) the value of generators returned as mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

1538/07

Hon. Anurudha Polgampala,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the year in which the ‘Tea Shakthi’ Fund was founded;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated by the Treasury for this Fund; and
 - (iii) the amount of money currently available in the aforesaid fund?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the amount of shares and its financial value obtained or purchased to date by tea societies or individuals from the ‘Tea Shakthi’ Fund through the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority annually since its inception;
 - (ii) the dividends agreed to be paid for the aforesaid shares annually; and
 - (iii) the duration which was agreed upon to pay dividends?
- (c) Will he inform this House the number of shareholders to whom the dividends have been paid to date and the amount of dividends paid to them annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the dividends agreed to be paid for shareholders could not be paid as agreed upon; and
 - (ii) if so, the reason for that?
- (e) If not, why?

1504/07

Hon. Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of roads that belong to the area of Matale Pradeshiya Sabha;

- (ii) the number of roads that have not been taken over and maintained by the Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (iii) the names of roads mentioned above; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to take over those roads to the Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (b) Will he admit that Sri Saranankara Road in Aluvihare, Matale is being reconstructed by a private land owner without adhering to proper standards and considering the requirements of the area?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to prevent the aforesaid reconstruction?
- (d) If not, why?

1472/07

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date on which the foundation stone was laid for Matara-Karativu Road Development Project;
 - (ii) the place at which the aforesaid foundation stone was laid;
 - (iii) the estimated amount pertaining to the aforesaid road development project; and
 - (iv) the financial sources pertaining to the aforesaid project?
- (b) Will he submit this House—
- (i) the number of hoardings that had been put up in connection with the aforesaid project;
 - (ii) the places at which the aforesaid hoardings had been put up;
 - (iii) the amount that was spent on those hoardings; and
 - (iv) the financial sources for those hoardings?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether the construction work of that project has been started;
 - (ii) the extent to which the road has been developed by now; and
 - (iii) the year in which the work of the aforesaid project is scheduled to be completed?
- (d) If not, why?

Wednesday, November 21, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1269/07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date that the Kerawalapitiya site (two projects) is going to start; and
 - (ii) the cost at the beginning of the project;
 - (b) Will he state—
 - (i) how the funds are received;
 - (ii) the name of the country or Institution that lends the money; and
 - (iii) terms of lending?
 - (c) Will he also state the operational cost, throughput cost and the overall cost separately?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Friday, January 11, 2008

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.03/'05

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Prevention of the President and the Prime Minister from holding Cabinet Portfolios,—Adjourned debate on question (06th July 2007)

Motion made and question proposed,—“That this Parliament is of the opinion that the President and the Prime Minister be prevented from holding any cabinet portfolio in order to have a very effective administration and to critically review performances of their ministers”.

P.04/'05

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Registration of weapons,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that all weapons in Sri Lanka should be registered and thereafter, if anyone is found with an unlicensed weapon, he should be charged with breach of criminal law and a mandatory imprisonment of 20 years be enforced.

P.05/'05

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Banking hours,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that Banking hours should be extended from 9:00 hours till 16:00 hours in order to increase the economic activities in the country.

P.07/'05

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Closing down of all taverns in the Kotte electorate,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that legislation be made to close down all taverns in Kotte electorate because sale of liquor very freely has certainly degraded the moral values in the country.

P.08/'05

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting permission to journalists to attend all meetings held under Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE), Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and Consultative Committees,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that journalists must be permitted to attend all meetings held under the Committee on Public Enterprises, Public Accounts Committee and Consultative Committees as this will make the discussions more effective, meaningful and transparent.

P.09/'05

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting Agricultural Loans to farmers who are self employed in Agriculture,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that farmers who are self employed in agriculture be granted Agricultural loans to a maximum of Rs. 25,000 at a reduced Interest Rate of 5%.

P.10/'05

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Implementation of an Island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc.,— Since the usage of Polythene and Plastic material has rapidly increased in the island and large scale environmental pollution is taking place due to the indiscriminate disposal of such material, that this Parliament is of the opinion that an island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc, be implemented.

P.11/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of a Museum in the Kegalle District,— This Parliament resolves that steps be taken to establish a museum for archeological monuments and for the purpose of obtaining information regarding places which have archaeological, cultural and social values.

P.12/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a National Policy Formulation Board to determine National Policies,— This Parliament resolves that a national policy formulation board having specific powers to function notwithstanding changes of government and consisting of politicians and professionals in this field be appointed with a view to formulating systematic national policies and plans.

P.13/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Setting up of a unit with legal powers to solve the problems faced by the migrant employees,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that a unit with legal powers be set up to look into problems faced by migrant employees such as assaults, abduction, rape, sexual abuse, killings, financial frauds and to get them down to this country and to look into their safety.

P.14/05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Formulation of a National Programme to introduce New Inventors to the World,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to introduce the new inventors and citizens who are endowed with various skills to the world and to improve their skills and creations.

P.15/05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Tax Concession to Industrialists who utilize Indigenous Raw Materials,— That this Parliament resolves that a 02 year tax concession be granted to local industrialists who produce goods for the international market utilizing more than 75% indigenous raw materials.

P.16/05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a Presidential Commission combining the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison,— That this Parliament resolves that a Presidential Commission be appointed the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison with the objective of minimizing crimes spreading in the society, to improve criminals laws be minimizing shortcomings, to dispose of backlog of cases including land matters piled up in courts and to provide a speedy service by modernizing the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison.

P.17/05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Granting Citizenship to Estate Community,— That this Parliament resolves that the estate sector community who do not have Sri Lankan citizenship should be granted same upon their willingness.

P.18/05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Providing a free glass of milk to the pupils in primary schools in the Island,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements should be made to give a free glass of milk in the morning to all the pupils in the primary schools in the Island.

P.19/05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Refund of Employee's Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week,— That this Parliament resolves that there should be a procedure to refund Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week.

P.20/05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of Chairmen and Board of Directors in the Statutory Institutions including State Corporations, Boards and Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that only persons who have professional qualifications and experience should be selected to appoint as Chairmen and Board of Directors in Statutory Institutions including State Corporation, Boards and Authorities.

P.21/05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Re-demarcation of boundaries of Grama Niladhari Division, Divisional Secretariats, Districts and Administrative areas on a scientific basis,— That this Parliament resolves that boundaries of Grama Niladhari Divisions, Divisional Secretariats, Districts and Administrative areas should be re-demarcated on a scientific basis after conducting a survey all over the island.

P.22/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service only on marks of Limited Competitive Examinations,— That this Parliament resolves that recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service should be decided only on marks of limited competitive examinations and that only basic qualifications should be checked at the interview.

P.23/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Punishment to criminals and compensation to the victims,— That this Parliament resolves that laws should be made to enable the same court to impose punishment to criminals and give compensation to the victims.

P.24/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Issuing free season tickets to students,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be introduced to issue free season tickets to students to travel in buses of the Road Passenger Transport Authorities.

P.25/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Presidential Commission on Political victimization,— That this Parliament resolves that a fully pledge Presidential Commission should be appointed to inquire into the complaints made by people who have been affected by political victimization due to their political ideas, from past until now, and to give them relief.

P.26/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of Sports Schools and formulating a National Sports Policy,— That this Parliament resolves that a National Sports Policy with long term objectives should be formulated and high standard Sports Schools with pavilions, play grounds, sports Instruments and sports instructors should be established basically covering all the districts.

P.27/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of a Faculty of National Languages,— That this Parliament resolves that a Faculty of National Languages should be established in order to teach Sinhala, Tamil and English to teachers.

P.28/'06

Hon.V. Puththasigamoney,— Granting Voting Rights to Migrant Workers and other Sri Lankans living abroad,— That since migrant workers of Sri Lanka constitute 12% of registered voters and 10% of the national work force and that they contribute 17% of national savings and more than 20% of foreign exchange earning and also that since UN Convention of 1990 ratified by Sri Lanka in 1996 obliges the State to implement a special system of voting for migrant workers, and the Human Rights Commission has recommended to the Labour Minister to introduce laws to grant voting rights to migrant workers, and since the denial of voting rights to them is a violation of fundamental rights, this Parliament resolves that a scheme be introduced for the migrant workers and other Sri Lankans living abroad to vote at all elections in Sri Lanka.

P.29/06

Hon.Ravi Karunanayake,— Publishing the names of defaulters of loans taken from State Banks,— That this Parliament resolves that legal provisions be introduced in Parliament to publish names of defaulters who have borrowed over Rs.100 million from state banks.

P.31/06

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Implementation of Private Members Motions,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that Private Members Motions moved in Parliament shall be debated within one year and, if approved by Parliament, the Cabinet of Ministers shall sanction them within six months, so that the Private Members Motions would be an effective contribution by Parliamentarians.

P.32/06

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Playing National Anthem in Parliament,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that National Anthem be played in Parliament before the commencement and the conclusion of Parliament Sitting in order to develop national spiritedness in the country.

P.33/06

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Developing a Strong Sri Lankan Identity,— That since the requirement to state one's race and religion in government documents is an impediment and an inhibition to develop a strong national identity' this Parliament is of the opinion that this requirement be dispensed with.

P.36/06

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Prevention of using images of Religious leaders for commercial purposes,— That this Parliament resolves that all religions must equally be respected and that images of Lord Buddha, Jesus Christ, Lord Shiva or Prophet Mohammed should not be used on any Commercial advertisement or any other form of non religious items.

P.37/06

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Making new laws to regulate contempt of court proceedings,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that new laws should be brought in to regulate contempt of court proceedings as to strengthen democracy and to maintain a vibrant free media ensuring equal justice to all.

P.38/06

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Introducing of Laws relating to Public Interest Litigation,— That this Parliament resolves that Laws be introduced in Parliament for the Public Interest Litigation in respect of violation of basic Human Rights of the poor, content or conduct of Government policy, compel Municipal Authorities to perform a public duty, violation of religious rights or other basic fundamental rights, and corruption which Leads to Higher Public Debt and additional Liability to the Citizen.

P.39/'06

Hon.Ravi Karunanayake,— Presenting a Financial Audit Report to The Election Commission by Political Parties,— That this Parliament resolves that all income and expenditure earned and incurred by recognized Political Parties must be audited and presented to the Election Commission annually.

P.48/'07

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, – Establishment of a Common Fund for Buddhist Religious Affairs, –That, since the lack of involvements in Buddhist religious affairs in Sri Lanka most of the Buddhist shrines are maintained with the support of patrons and donors and since this is a deplorable situation when compared to the donations received from various sources for other religions and since the restrictions have been imposed on providing money from the decentralized funds of the Members of Parliament, that this Parliament resolves that a Common Fund be established for the conservation, development and maintenance of the Buddhist shrines which are rendering a invaluable service to the Buddha Sasana even at this poor condition.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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The Minister of Highways and Road Development,—The conduct of Hon. Mahinda Ratnatilake, Member of Parliament,—

Where as Hon. Mahinda Ratnatilake, the Member of Parliament for Ratnapura District has committed a severe offence by approaching the chair of the Hon. Speaker and forcibly snatching away some documents including the Order Paper of the Parliament, which spelt out the business of the House, when five finance bills were taken up for vote subsequent to being debated in the House, and whereas the aforesaid act of the member put the entire Parliamentary tradition into shame. This House vehemently condemns this illegal act and the conduct of this Member of Parliament on that particular day.

P.53/'07.

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi

Hon. Sripathi Sooriyaarachchi,— Vote of No Confidence on Hon. Milinda Moragoda, Minister of Tourism,—

Whereas prevention of fraud corruption and waste in activities relating to the monetary affairs of the government is the prime responsibility of this House, it is necessary to carry out all monetary affairs of the government of Sri Lanka constitutionally and legally subject to the monetary control, approval and supervision of the Parliament,

Whereas in the report issued under Parliamentary Series No.6, which was submitted to this House as the second report of the Committee on Public Enterprises by Hon. Rohitha Bogollagama, M.P., Chairman to the Committee on Public Enterprises and Minister of Advanced Technology and National Enterprises Development, it is stated inter alia about the Central Bank of Sri Lanka as follows:—

“This report engages primarily key sectors in relation to deviations, violations and lack of proper accountability associated in the functions and responsibilities of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka particularly with regard to the supervision of banking and credit lending institutions. In this connection, your committee has identified the following areas in the banking and the credit institutions, where the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has failed in its responsibilities,

- (1) Lack of proper scrutiny in relation to companies in finance business on a regular basis.
- (2) Failure of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in the exercise of due diligence in granting banking licenses to the same individuals, who have been associated in the failed companies in finance business.
- (3) Failure to recover advances granted to such finance companies at the appropriate times.
- (4) Failure to adopt suitable measures and actions to deal with individuals, who have been responsible for such failures and take proper legal action connected therewith.
- (5) Failure in paying due attention to administration and management of finance companies that have been brought under its purview.

The committee has examined several areas of managerial deficiencies on the part of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, which we wish to sum up follows in relation to the areas mentioned above. We have further gone into the companies in the finance business where the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has made a substantial monetary investment,

Supervision over Finance Companies by Central Bank of Sri Lanka,

Your committee observed that the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has failed to recover the refinance facilities provided to 13 default Finance Companies during 1988 to 1994. While the total advances made to these companies amount to Rs. 2.7 billion, the total outstanding balance as at 31st December 2004 amount to Rs. 7.3 billion made up as follows,

Name of Company	Loans/ Advances Granted	Recoveries made up to 31.12.2004	Interest due up to 31.12.2004	Total outstanding balance as at 31.12.2004
	Rs. billion	Rs. billion	Rs. billion	Rs. billion
Mercantile Credit Limited	1.7	0.1	3.1	4.7
Union Trust & Investment Ltd.	0.3	—	0.4	0.7
House & Property Trader Ltd.	0.3	—	0.3	0.6
Translanka Investments Ltd.	0.2	—	0.2	0.4
Home Finance Ltd.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Others	0.1	—	0.7	0.8
Total	2.7	0.2	4.8	7.3

The Committee carried out a detailed review on the Mercantile Credit Limited (MCL) since the amount advanced to this company alone amounts to Rs. 1.7 billion (63% of the total advances made) and the amount outstanding amounted to Rs. 4.7 billion (64% of the total outstanding) as at 31st December 2004,

Your Committee noted the following in its examination,

- MCL which was incorporated as a limited liability company on 04th July 1956 and converted into a public quoted company on 23rd January 1957, was registered on 27th November 1980 as a finance company under the Control of Finance Companies Act, No.27 of 1979. It was registered under the new Finance Companies Act, No.78 of 1988 and issued a licence to carry on finance business with effect from 06th November 1990.
- Since November 1990 MCL experienced severe liquidity problems and requested refinancing from the Government.
- The CBSL has given refinance/direct loan facilities amounting to Rs. 1,742 million to MCL from 1991 - 2000 against the security of promissory notes executed by the credit institution and assignment of loans for which refinance was provided as required by the provisions relating to Medium and Loans-term Credit Fund (MLCF) loans under the Monetary Law Act.
- Eventhough the Premier Management Limited was not a managing company of MCL, Coopers and Lybrand Associates has mentioned in their III quality report that it can be considered as a subsidiary company managed by MCL..

- Mr. A.S. Illangakoon, in whose name 9,994 shares (out of a total of 10,000 shares issued) are registered, holds them in trust for Allied Investment Limited the other 6 shares are held by present or past directors of Allied Investment Limited which is a partner company of Mercantile Credit Limited.
- Mr. Nihal Jayawardene, Chairman of Mercantile Credit Limited is a director of 19 of the 21 subsidiary companies of Premier Management Limited.
- Mrs. Neeliya Perera (daughter of Mr. N.U. Jayawardene, president, Mercantile Credit Limited) is a director of 13 subsidiary companies of Premier Management Limited.
- Mr. Milinda Moragoda (son of Mrs. Neeliya Perera) is a director of 13 subsidiary companies of Premier Management Limited.
- Mr. Nihal Jayawardane, Mrs. Neeliya Perera and Mr. Milinda Moragoda are directors of Premier Management Limited and Mercantile Credit Limited.

Further, whereas the manner in which Mercantile Credit Company Limited had acted after obtaining money from the public as savings, obtaining permission to engage in financial enterprises in an improper manner and the manner in which repayment of refinance facilities obtained from the Central Bank of Sri Lanka had been omitted, is given with clarity and in detail from page 7 to 15 in the report of the Hon. Member of Parliament Rohitha Bogollagama,

Whereas it has been stated thus on the 5th page of the first report on the Committee on Public Enterprises submitted on behalf of this House by the Chairman of the Committee on Public Enterprises of the second session of the 6th Parliament Hon. Wijedasa Rajapaksha;

“The Central Bank of Sri Lanka has failed, neglected, acted in a lethargic manner in relation to the recovery of a sum of Rs. 7000 million which had been granted to bankrupt financial companies. The list of such companies is annexed as “A”. The Governor agreed to take appropriate legal action with due diligence within a period of two months”,

Whereas it has been disclosed as per the aforesaid annex “A” that Mercantile Credit Limited should pay Rs. 5071.3 million to the Central Bank as the initial capital and accrued interest,

Whereas it has been disclosed, as revealed above, that cash deposits were received by Mercantile Credit Limited from the people and that he has colluded with the other members of his family as one of its directors to make Mercantile Credit Limited an unsuccessful venture through the misuse and/or wasteful expenditure of such money,

Whereas it has been not yet possible to cause justice to the public by initiating legal action against the persons responsible for such failure; and

Whereas the Directors of Mercantile Credit Limited are entirely responsible for the failure to settle the Refinance facility of 5071.3 million provided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, as a result of the failure of the Mercantile Credit Limited; and

Page 29 of the first report of the Committee on Public Enterprises which was presented by the aforesaid Member of Parliament Hon. Wijedasa Rajapaksha on behalf of this House, states the following with regard to the sale of 90% shares of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation (SLIC)

“Steering Committee to handle the sale of 90% shares of SLIC has been appointed on 22.01.2002 by the Hon. Minister, Milinda Moragoda without Cabinet approval”; and

Whereas it is obvious that there have been illegal and undue involvements in the sale of 90% shares of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation (SLIC); and

Whereas, as mentioned by the aforesaid Hon. Milinda Moragoda was the Minister in Charge of the Public Enterprise Reform Commission (PERC) at the time of the transaction of selling 90% shares of the Sri Lanka Marine Services (Pvt) Ltd. took place; and

Whereas it has now been referred to the Criminal Investigation Department and the Bribery or Corruption Commission to take appropriate legal action against the officers who are responsible for the acts of fraud and corruption and other misdeeds revealed by the first report of the aforesaid Committee and the transactions relating to Marine Services Limited, Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation and Mercantile Credit Limited in which Mr. Milinda Moragoda has had involvements have been referred to the Bribery or Corruption Commission for necessary legal action on the unanimous approval of the committee; and

Whereas he is expected to exhibit maximum confidence and transparency in carrying out his functions as a member of Parliament and a Minister; and

Whereas it is essential that Ministers responsible for colossal frauds and corruption of this magnitude should be severely dealt with for the common good of the people and also as an example to the society; and

Whereas a person charged with embezzling colossal amounts of public monies, holding a Ministerial Position is an impediment to future legal actions against him; and

Whereas the page 3 of the report of the Committee on Public Enterprises chaired by Hon. Wijedasa Rajapaksha states as follows;

“It was also decided that the reports be made in respect of these institutions examined by this Committee would be forwarded to His Excellency the President and the Ministers concerned of the subject for his information and also to take appropriate action”; and

Whereas the report of Hon. Wijedasa Rajapaksha has already been referred to the Attorney General for necessary legal actions subsequent to the approval of His Excellency the President and the Cabinet of Ministers.

Whereas no civilized, law abiding person who also condemns fraud and corruption, approves of the failure to take any step against Minister Milinda Moragoda so far, although the report of the Committee on Public Enterprises was issued on 12th January 2007,

This Parliament resolves that it has lost confidence in the Minister of Tourism, Milinda Moragoda.

* *Indicates Government Business*
