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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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The Minister of Agriculture,— Regulations under Pesticide Control Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Agriculture under Section 26 of the Control of Pesticides Act, No. 33 of 1980 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1655/7 of 25th May 2010, which were presented on 20.07.2010, be approved.

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The Minister of Health,—Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation of Sri Lanka - 2007,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation of Sri Lanka together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended by 31.12.2007 and presented on 08.07.2009 under the Section 30(2) of 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 Healthcare and Nutrition on 05.05.2009)

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The Minister of Health,—Annual Report and Accounts of the Wijaya Kumarathunga Memorial Hospital - 2007,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Wijaya Kumarathunga Memorial Hospital together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended by 31.12.2007 and presented on 08.07.2009 under the Section 30(2) of 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 Healthcare and Nutrition on 05.05.2009)

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The Minister of Health,—Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital - 2006,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended by 31.12.2006 and presented on 08.07.2009 under the Section 30(2) of 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 Healthcare and Nutrition on 05.05.2009)

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The Minister of Technology and Research,—Annual Report of Sri Lanka Standard Institution, 2007,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Standard Institution together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year from 01st January, 2007 to 31st December, 2007 and presented on 09.09.2009 under Sri Lanka Standard Institution Act, No.06 of 1984 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Science and Technology on 06.08.2009)

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The Minister of Technology and Research,—Annual Report of Sri Lanka Industrial Technology Institute - 2006,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Industrial Technology Institute together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year from 01st January, 2006 to 31st December, 2006 and presented on 06.09.2009 under the Section 40(3) of Science and Technology Development Act, No.11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Science and Technology on 06.08.2009)

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The Minister of Technology and Research,—Annual Report of Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment - 2006,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year from 01st January, 2006 to 31st December, 2006 and presented on 09.09.2009 under the Section 29(5) of Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment Act, No.32 of 2005 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Science and Technology on 06.08.2009)

* *Indicates Government Business*

Friday, August 06, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0096/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this house the total public debt outstanding as Local and Foreign debt separately —
 - (i) at the end of each year from 1948 to 1994; and
 - (ii) at the end of each year from 1995 and in 2010 to-date on a per year basis?
- (b) Will he inform this House the total debt amortization (Capital + Interest) per year basis as per periods mentioned in (i) and (ii) above?
- (c) Will he state the total debt of the following institutions and countries as at year 1948 to 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 to-date along with the average interest cost for the loans given —
 - (i) Word Bank
 - (ii) IMF
 - (iii) ADB
 - (iv) JBIC (Japan Bank of International Cooperation)
 - (v) USA
 - (vi) Japan
 - (vii) EU Countries
 - (viii) India and
 - (ix) China?
- (d) Will he also state the per capita debt compared against per capita earnings for the last 05 years on year basis?
- (e) If not, why?

0092/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he present to this House for the last 5 years on a per year basis —
 - (i) the total direct taxes that was supposed to be collected;
 - (ii) the amount of taxes collected and uncollected out of the total taxes supposed to be collected;
 - (iii) the action being taken regarding the uncollected taxes;
 - (iv) the amount of rewards paid to the relevant Authorities; and
 - (v) the number of tax files maintained in the Department of Inland Revenue ?

- (b) Will he inform this House for the last 5 years or per year basis —
 - (i) the amount of VAT, Excise Duty, Debit Taxes, Airport and Port Taxes due as at 31st December each year;
 - (ii) the amount of above taxes collected and uncollected ; and
 - (iii) the action taken regarding the uncollected taxes?
- (c) Will he state the amount of expected taxes to be collected under Direct Taxes, VAT, Airport and Port Taxes for the next 3 years?
- (d) If not, why?

0331/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the average monthly expenditure of a family of four members in year 2002, according to the survey conducted by the Department of Census and Statistics ;
 - (ii) of the above mentioned expenditure for each month of each of the years from year 2002 to year 2010 ;
 - (iii) separately of the annual per capita income from year 2002 up to now ; and
 - (iv) of the annual average payment made on the basis of the cost of living index from year 2002 up to now?
- (b) If not, why?

0056/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that Dahaamuna and Hunnakumbura Primary Schools which belong to Tangalle Educational Zone of Hambantota district and come under the supervision of Angunakolapelassa Divisional Education office, have been closed for 03 years?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the present condition of the buildings constructed to run those two schools;
 - (ii) of the current value of the amount spent on constructing those schools; and
 - (iii) of the authority that will bear the loss, if those school buildings fall in to ruin?

(c) Will he state —

- (i) whether he will take measures to use these buildings for some other purpose;
- (ii) whether he will agree to release the buildings and the premises for the use of other institutions, if those buildings are not rehabilitated and used?

(d) If not, why?

0074/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—

- (a) Is he aware that in the 600 metres stretch of the Pathegama-Handugala road in the Pathegama Grama Niladhari Division in the Walasmulla Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, which was constructed by laying concrete about eight months ago, concrete has scaled off and it is in a dilapidated condition by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the financial provisions allocated for the development of the said road ;
 - (ii) whether recommendations of Technical Officers have been obtained to the effect that the work had been completed as per the standards in releasing money for constructions;
 - (iii) from what other institutions recommendations were obtained in making payments for the constructions of the said road?
- (c) Will he take action to conduct a proper inquiry in this respect and restore it?
- (d) If not, why?

0142/'10

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the extent of land; belonging to the Youth Affairs and Sports Development Centre established in Makurugoda, Baddegama?
 - (ii) of the number of buildings; in it;
 - (iii) what those buildings are?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the total amount of money that was spent for constructing the aforesaid buildings;
- (ii) the number of employees that have been appointed for the maintenance work of them?

(c) If not, why?

0137/'10

Hon. Arundika Fernando,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

(a) Will he admit that an amount of Rs.2018331.00 was in arrears to be paid to Sri Lanka Telecom by 2002, for foreign calls taken from Army headquarters in Jaffna?

(b) Is he aware that Sri Lanka Telecom took legal action regarding the non-settlement of these bills?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action has been taken by now to settle that amount;
- (ii) if so, the fund out of which settlement was done;
- (iii) the name of the person who granted approval for that?

(d) If not, why?

0270/'10

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— to ask the Minister of National Heritage and Cultural Affairs,—

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) the opportunities for training in Kandyan Dancing and Drumming provided by the state and other institutions;
- (ii) the measures that have been taken to record the best examples of these dance forms for television and on films ?
- (iii) whether she will take steps to enhance opportunities for training in these fields and to ensure the study and maintenance of traditional forms; and

(7)

- (iv) whether will she promote the establishment of a National performance based training centre for Dance that would showcase these and other traditional Dance forms, including Bharatha Natyam?

(b) If not, why?

0263/'10

Hon. Rauf Hakeem,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of families officially residing in the Mohideen Watta Housing scheme belonging to National Housing Development Authority and situated within Galle Municipal Council area of Kadawatsathara Divisional Secretariat Division, Galle ;
- (ii) the names and addresses of those residents?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the said residents who have been residing at the Mohideen watta housing scheme for over 20 years have not been provided with title certificates (title deeds) so far ;
- (ii) whether he will take speedy action to provide title certificates (title deeds) for those permanent residents?

(c) If not, why?

0115/'10

Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—

(a) Will he inform this House separately of —

- (i) the number of families, who are residing;
- (ii) the number of families, who have been issued with Land Grants;
- (iii) the number of families, who have been short listed for the issue of Land Grants;

in each of the Grama Niladhari divisions in Dehiattakandiya Divisional Secretary's division?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the timeframe within which the aforesaid Land Grants will be issued;
- (ii) the steps that will be taken to expedite the process?

(c) If not, why?

0143/'10

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the year in which the water scheme of the Kimbulawila Kanda Colony belonging to the 642 Galapatha East Grama Niladhari Division was started;
- (ii) the bank which funded its implementation;
- (iii) the grant received for this purpose?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the number of families targeted for the provision of benefits by implementing this water scheme;
- (ii) whether this project was unsuccessful;
- (iii) if so, the reasons for same?

(c) If not, why?

0139/'10

Hon. Duleep Wijesekera,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of tanks and reservoirs selected for launching the five year programme to develop fresh water fish and aqua culture production capacity; and
- (ii) the chosen varieties of fresh water fish due to be released to the said reservoirs?

- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of fresh water fish and prawns due to be released, separately;
 - (ii) the value of the said fish and prawns; and
 - (iii) the annual expected harvest of fresh water fish and prawns, after releasing the said aqua culture stock?
- (c) If not, why?

0138/'10

Hon. Udith Lokubandara,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that fresh water fingerlings were released into 24 selected tanks under the “ Nagenahira Novodaya” programme?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the monetary value of the fingerlings released into tanks as mentioned above;
 - (ii) the species of fresh water fish released into the above mentioned tanks; and
 - (iii) the annual fresh water fish harvest expected from it?
- (c) Is he aware that fresh water fingerlings were released into 97 selected tanks under “ Uthuru Wasanthaya” programme?
- (d) Will he state —
 - (i) the monetary value of the fingerlings released into tanks as mentioned above;
 - (ii) the species of fresh water fish released into the above mentioned tanks; and
 - (iii) the annual fresh water fish harvest expected from it?
- (e) If not, why?

0130/'10

Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the Rural Electrification schemes that were in operation in the country by the year 2005 in relation to each district ;
 - (ii) of the names of the Rural Electrification schemes initiated from the

year 2005 up to date in relation to each district ;

- (iii) separately of the funds incurred on each scheme ;
- (iv) of the Rural Electrification schemes to be initiated in future ;
- (v) of the cost to be incurred on them?

(b) If not, why?

0118/'10

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) people living in Ismailpuram village in the Digamadulla Pradeshiya Saba Division face numerous inconveniences due to the lack of proper health care faculties; and
 - (ii) these people have to go to Ampara and Smmanthurai which are very far away from their village to get urgent health services?
- (b) Will he take speedy action to establish at least a rural health centre at Ismailpuram village in order to provide basic health services entertained by most of the villages in the country through such centers?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Rauf Hakeem

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera,—Committee on Public Finance,—

There shall be a Committee to be designated the Committee on Public Finance consisting of a Chairman and eleven members nominated by the Committee of Selection provided that the Chairman shall be a Member of the Opposition.

2. It shall be the duty of the Committee to examine :

- (a) the collection of revenue under Article 148 of the Constitution;
 - (b) the payment from the consolidated fund under Article 149(1) of the Constitution;
 - (c) the utilization of public funds for specific purposes by law under Article 149(1) of the Constitution;
 - (d) the application of public funds under Article 150(1) and 150(2) of the Constitution;
 - (e) the recessions of appropriations contained in the Appropriations Act, for the current year, the transfer of appropriation and the unexpected balance;
 - (f) the implementation of the Appropriation Act for the current year;
 - (g) public debt and debt service;
 - (h) reports and statements under the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No. 2 of 2003.
3. The Committee shall from time to time report to Parliament matters arising from the matters referred to in paragraph 2.
4. The Committee shall present within 6 weeks of the tabling of the Budget Estimates of the Bill a Report on the estimates including whether the money is well laid out within the limits of Government policy.
5. The Committee shall present before Parliament within 04 days after the presentation of the Budget and the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill a Report on the fiscal, financial and economic assumptions used as bases in arriving at total estimated expenditures and receipts.

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Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Rauf Hakeem

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera,— Oversight Standing Committees,—

This Parliament resolves that,

- (a) There shall be in Parliament Committees styled “Oversight Standing Committees” as indicated below, each of which shall have the jurisdiction and related functions as indicated to examine all Bills, resolutions, treaties, reports and other matters relating to subjects to their jurisdiction as listed below;
- (b) All Bills, resolutions, treaties, reports and other matters within their

jurisdiction shall be referred to the relevant Committees for report prior to being placed before the House.

1. International Relations

Including International Trade-Overseas Employment, International Organization, International Conferences and Agreements, Regional Organizations.

2. National Security

Including Defence of Sri Lanka, Armed Forces, Intelligence, Public Law and Order, Police and Security, Cooperation with Foreign Countries.

3. Agriculture and Lands

Including Plantation Industries, Mahaweli Authority, Land and Irrigation

4. Human Resources and Culture

Including Education, Training, Youth, Sports, Culture and Religious Affairs

5. Human Settlement and Energy

Urban and Rural Infrastructure, Highways, Roads, Railway, Shipping, Aviation, Posts and Telecommunications

6. Human Welfare

Including Health, Social Welfare, Poverty Alleviation, Disabled, Senior Citizens and Child Welfare

7. Internal Administration

8. Environment and Natural Resources

Including Water Management, Aquatic Resources, Exclusive Economic Zone and Fisheries

9. Legal and Women's Affairs

Includes Courts, Human Rights, Media, Labour, National Integration and Gender.

- (c) Parliament shall allocate the subjects, functions, departments and institution assigned to Ministries under Articles 44(c) and 45(1) of the Constitution to the appropriate Standing Committee for the purpose of legislative oversight.
2. (a) The various Oversight Standing Committees shall have general oversight responsibilities as provided in paragraph (b) in order to assist Parliament in:-
- (i) its analysis, appraisal and evaluation of -
 - (a) the application, administration, executive and effectiveness of legislations passed by Parliament; and
 - (b) conditions and circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation; and
 - (ii) its formulation, consideration, and enactment or changes in laws, and of such additional legislation as may be necessary or appropriate.
- (b) In order to determine whether laws, projects and programmes addressing subjects within the jurisdiction of a committee are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of Parliament and whether they should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated, each standing committee shall review and study on a continuing basis-
- (i) the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of legislation projects and programmes addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;
 - (ii) the organization and operation of Departments and Institutions having responsibilities for the administration and execution of legislation projects and programmes addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;
 - (iii) any conditions or circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation addressing subjects within its jurisdiction (whether or not a bill or resolution has been introduced with respect thereto); and
 - (iv) future research and forecasting on subjects within its jurisdiction.

- (c) Each Committee may conduct at any time such investigations and studies as it considers necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its responsibilities.
 - (d) Not later than six weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, each Standing Committee shall, adopt its oversight plan for that Parliament. Such plan shall be submitted to the Committee on Parliament Business. In developing its plan each committee shall, to the maximum extent feasible-
 - (i) consult with other committees that have jurisdiction over the same or related legislation projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction with the objective of ensuring maximum coordination and cooperation among committees when conducting reviews of such legislation projects, programmes, or agencies and include in its plan an explanation of steps that have been or will be taken to ensure such coordination and cooperation;
 - (ii) review specific problems with Government rules, regulations, statutes and court decisions that are ambiguous, arbitrary or nonsensical, or that impose severe financial burdens on individuals;
 - (iii) give priority consideration to including in its plan the review of those legislation projects, programmes, or agencies operating under permanent budget authority or permanent statutory authority; and
 - (iv) have a view toward ensuring that all significant legislation projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction are subject to review every 10 years.
 - (e) Not later than nine weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, the Committee on Parliamentary Business shall report to the Parliament the oversight plans submitted by committees together with any recommendations that it, may make to ensure the most effective coordination of oversight plans and otherwise to achieve the objectives of this sub clause.
3. (a) The Parliament may refer any item to any Oversight Standing Committee.
- (b) A Minister may refer any matter to the relevant Oversight Standing Committee having jurisdiction over the subject, function, department or institution coming under the Minister.
4. (a) The Speaker shall refer each Bill, regulation, resolution or other matter that relates to a subject listed under an Oversight Standing Committee named under Paragraph 1(a) above in accordance with the provisions of this Standing Order.
- (b) The Speaker shall refer matters under paragraph 4 (a) in such manner as to ensure to the maximum extent feasible that each committee that has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1(a) over the subject matter of a provision thereof may consider such provision and report to Parliament thereon.

- (c) In carrying out paragraphs (a) and (b) with respect to the referral of a matter, the Speaker:-
 - (i) shall designate a committee of primary jurisdiction;
 - (ii) may refer the matter to one or more additional committees for consideration initially or after the matter has been reported by the committee of primary jurisdiction for its opinion;
 - (iii) may subject a referral to appropriate time limitations; and
 - (iv) may make such other provision as may be considered appropriate.
 - (d) The opinion shall deal solely with those matters that fall under the areas of responsibility of the Committee giving an opinion.
 - (e) The Committee of Primary Jurisdiction shall fix a deadline within which the Committee asks for an opinion and must deliver if it to be taken into account in the Committee of Primary Jurisdiction.
5. (a) Each Committee when acting in the exercise of its jurisdiction shall submit to the Speaker a report in respect of each item considered by the Committee. The Speaker shall cause such report to be tabled before Parliament.
- (b) (i) Any Report by a Committee on any Bill or regulation shall comprise draft amendments if any to the proposal accompanied, if appropriate by short justifications.
- (ii) Any such amendment to a Bill will be submitted by the Speaker to Parliament during the Committee stage of such Bill under SO 56 as an amendment moved by the Chairman of the Committee or such other member designated by the Committee.
- (iii) Any such amendment to a regulation will be submitted by the Speaker as an amendment moved by the Chairman of the Committee or such other member designated by the Committee.
- (c) The Parliament may by motion approve the recommendations of any non-legislative report placed before Parliament.
6. (a) Each Standing Committee will prepare a calendar of its meetings and submit it to the Speaker.
- (b) Each Standing Committee will meet not less than two days of the month. The meetings of each Standing Committee will be summoned in accordance with the calendar/timetable upon its approval by the Speaker.
- (c) Additional meetings of any Standing Committee shall be summoned either at the request of Parliament or at the request of half the members of the Standing Committee.

- (d) One third of the Members of Parliament may in writing request that any Standing Committee submit a report on the progress of any matter referred to such Committee provided that 8 weeks has passed after such referral. Upon receiving such request, such Standing Committee shall within two weeks submit a Report to Parliament. Such Report shall be tabled in Parliament.

- 7. Every Standing Committee will function for the duration of Parliament.
- 8. (a) All Members of Parliament other than the following are eligible to serve as Members of Standing Committees:
 - (i) Speaker
 - (ii) Deputy Speaker
 - (iii) Deputy Chairman of Committees
 - (iv) Prime Minister
 - (v) Leader of the House
 - (vi) Leader of the Opposition
 - (vii) Ministers of Cabinet appointed under Article 44(1) of the Constitution
 - (viii) Ministers appointed under Article 45(1) of the Constitution the subjects and functions of whose Ministries do not come within the purview of a Minister of the Cabinet or is not delegated subjects and functions under Article 45(4).
- (b) Every eligible member shall serve as a Member of one Standing Committee. Deputy Ministers and Ministers not falling under Paragraph 8 (a)(viii) shall not serve in any Standing Committee whose jurisdiction and related functions are the same as any subject, function, Department or Institution of the Minister of the Cabinet under whose purview such Deputy Minister or Minister functions.
- (c) (i) The Speaker shall prepare a list of eligible members.
 - (ii) The places in each Standing Committee will be allocated by the Speaker to political parties and independent groups represented in Parliament according to the numerical strength amongst the list of eligible members.
- (d) The Leaders of the Parties or of the Independent Groups in Parliament shall submit the nomination of members of each Standing Committee to the Speaker. The Speaker shall announce such names to Parliament in consultation with the Committee of Selection.

- (e) The Leader of any Party or Independent Group in Parliament may in writing request the Speaker to remove any such member nominated under paragraph 8(d) from such Committee. The Speaker shall on receiving such request remove such member from such Committee after informing Parliament.
 - (f)
 - (i) Each Standing Committee shall at its first meeting and thereafter at the first meeting after the post of Chairman becomes vacant elect a Chairman of the Standing Committee.
 - (ii) A Minister or a Deputy Minister shall not be eligible to be elected as a Chairman of a Standing Committee.
 - (g) Any Member who absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his membership of the Committee.
9. Each Oversight Standing Committee may when it considers necessary appoint Sub Committees of its own members to examine and report to such Committee such matters as deemed necessary.
10. Matters referred to an Oversight Standing Committee may not be taken up for consideration by Parliament until 3 months has lapsed from the Reference provided that if Parliament has by resolution extended the time for the reporting on any specific matter then the consideration of such matter shall take place only after the lapse of the period as referred to in the resolution.
11. Every Oversight Standing Committee may in regard to any Bill or any other matter of public importance call for evidence from all parties affected by such Bill or of any interested parties or persons of experience.
12. (a) Whenever a Report of an Oversight Standing Committee recommends the enactment of legislation other than a Bill referred to in Article 152 of the Constitution or an amendment to the Constitution, the Chairman or any other member of the Committee specified in the Report for such purpose may after notice, subject to Article 78 of the Constitution, present a motion for the Bill to be read the first time in Parliament without an order of Parliament. Copies of the Bill shall be presented with the motion. The Speaker shall place such motion before Parliament for a vote within six weeks of the motion being presented to Parliament, provided that if the period of six weeks falls within the Second Reading or the Committee Stage or Third Reading of the Appropriation Bill shall be placed before Parliament after the completion of the consideration of the Appropriation Bill. Upon Parliament approving such a motion, the Bill shall be read for the first time and ordered to be printed.

Provided that such Bill has been approved by 2/3 of the total Members of the Oversight Standing Committee and recorded so with the names.

- (b) After the Bill is read the first time and ordered to be Printed, the Speaker shall refer such Bill to the Cabinet of Ministers and no further proceedings shall be taken until the Cabinet of Ministers submits a Report to Parliament.
 - (c) After the Cabinet of Ministers have submitted a Report to Parliament or after the expiry of two months from the date the Bill was referred to the Cabinet of Ministers, the Bill shall be set down for Second Reading.
- 13.
 - (a) Every Standing Committee shall be empowered to send for persons, papers and records and shall submit Reports containing their opinions and observations together with the minutes of evidence taken before them to Parliament.
 - (b) A reservation by any member of a Standing Committee may be attached to any Report of such Committee.
- 14.
 - (a) Whenever the Report of a Standing Committee recommends the enactment of legislation referred to in Article 152 of the Constitution, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion to Parliament within 3 months of such report being tabled in Parliament.
 - (b) Whenever the Report of a Standing Committee is a non-legislation report, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion within 2 months of the Report being tabled in Parliament. Such Report shall not be taken up for consideration by Parliament.
- 15. Whenever any agency, association, officer or person is required to maintain confidentiality or secrecy under any law the relevant Standing Committee shall act in accordance with such law.
- 16.
 - (a) Any Regulation pertaining to Public Security made under Article 155 of the Constitution shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Legal and Women's Affairs for report. Whenever the short title of a Regulation refers to specific subjects coming under the jurisdiction of another Committee, the Speaker shall refer such Regulation to such Standing Committee in accordance with paragraph 4(c)(ii).
 - (b) Paragraph 7 shall not apply to reference made under sub paragraph (a).
- 17. Any Oversight Standing Committee may after obtaining the permission of the Speaker confer with one or more other Standing Committees.
- 18. The Secretary to the Minister of Finance and the Director Budget and the Secretary of the relevant Ministry shall immediately inform the Public Finance Committee of the transfer of any appropriations and the transfer of unexpended balance.

19. Jurisdiction shall mean Legislative Oversight Jurisdiction and include jurisdiction over subordinate Legislation.

The Secretary of the relevant Ministry shall immediately inform the relevant Oversight Committee of any transfer of appropriation and the transfer of any unexpended balance.

20. Paragraph 8(a) and (f)(ii) shall apply to Committee on Public Accounts and Committee on Public Enterprises.

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Hon. P. Dayaratna

Hon. Maithripala Sirisena

Hon. Kumara Welgama

Hon. W.B. Ekanayake

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into the alarming increase in traffic accidents,—

Whereas it has been reported that around 150 traffic accidents occur daily in Sri Lanka which cause loss of about 5 – 6 valuable lives;

And whereas it has been reported that the Government spends billions of rupees yearly for the treatment of persons injured in traffic accidents;

And whereas it has been reported that a large number of vehicles are damaged every year and billions of rupees are paid by the insurance companies to repair the damaged vehicles;

And whereas a considerable percentage of fuel used for vehicles is wasted due to traffic congestion;

And whereas road accidents have been a tremendous health and socio economic burden for the people and the country;

And whereas the UN General Assembly has declared 2011-2020 Decade of Action for Road Safety; and

Whereas the Select Committee appointed in Sixth Parliament to look into the alarming increase in traffic accidents was unable to submit the Final Report to Parliament before its dissolution.

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to look into and report to Parliament,

- (a) whether it is necessary to classify statistically the increase in traffic accidents and to identify scientifically the causes for such increase;
 - (b) whether the road network is adequate to meet the increasing number of vehicles;
 - (c) whether there is a total disregard of road rules by the users of the roads inclusive of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians;
 - (d) whether there is a failure on the part of the implementing authorities, specially the Police, to effectively enforce the rules of the road;
 - (e) whether it would be necessary to introduce new legislation or to amend existing legislations regarding road rules;
 - (f) whether the modern road safety equipment, technologies and systems are experimented in the country to prevent accidents;
 - (g) whether there is a system to look after the welfare of the victims of accidents and to compensate them and their families;
 - (h) what short term and long term procedures should be followed to prevent traffic accidents.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by the Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than seventeen (17) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to—
- (a) fix its quorum ;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above ;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ; and
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
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