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No. 29.]

**ORDER PAPER
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FOR**

Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

0142/'06

1.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Vocational and Technical Training—

(a) Will he state this House separately—

- (i) the number of vehicles made available to the Minister of Vocational and Technical Training and his personal staff;
- (ii) out of those vehicles, the number of those that have been obtained on rent or on contract basis;
- (iii) the Number and the make of the said vehicles;
- (iv) the names, ages and the dates of recruitment to service of the drivers assigned to those vehicles;
- (v) if they are attached from the public service, the institutions from which they have been so attached;
- (vi) whether drivers have been newly recruited on contract basis;
- (vii) the number of vehicles detailed for his security Division;
- (viii) the Numbers and make of the said vehicles?

(b) If not, why?.

0143/'06

2.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Constitutional Affairs and National Integration—

(a) Will he state this House separately—

- (i) the number of vehicles made available to the Minister of Constitutional Affairs and National Integration and the Deputy Minister of Constitutional Affairs and National Integration and their personal staff;

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- (ii) out of those vehicles, the number of those that have been obtained on rent or on contract basis;
 - (iii) the Number and the make of the said vehicles;
 - (iv) the names, ages and the dates of recruitment to service of the drivers assigned to those vehicles;
 - (v) if they are attached from the public service, the institutions from which they have been so attached;
 - (vi) whether drivers have been newly recruited on contract basis;
 - (vii) the number of vehicles detailed for his security Division;
 - (viii) the Numbers and make of the said vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?.

0145/'06

3.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Empowerment—

- (a) Will she state this House separately—
- (i) the number of vehicles made available to the Minister of Child Development and Women's Empowerment and her personal staff;
 - (ii) out of those vehicles, the number of those that have been obtained on rent or on contract basis;
 - (iii) the Number and the make of the said vehicles;
 - (iv) the names, ages and the dates of recruitment to service of the drivers assigned to those vehicles;
 - (v) if they are attached from the public service, the institutions from which they have been so attached;
 - (vi) whether drivers have been newly recruited on contract basis;
 - (vii) the number of vehicles detailed for her security Division;
 - (viii) the Numbers and make of the said vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?.

0324/'06

4.

Hon. T. Maheswaran,— To ask the Minister of Infrastructure Development and Fisheries Housing,—

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(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names, private and official addresses of the Private Secretary, Co-ordinating Secretary, Parliamentary Co-ordinating Secretary, Media Officer, Media Secretary, Consultant, Clerk, Drivers, Karyala Karya Sahayakas and other employees of the Minister of Infrastructure Development and Fisheries Housing;
- (ii) the details of their previous places of work;
- (iii) their Internet and e-mail addresses; and
- (iv) the other perks they presently enjoy?

(b) Will he disclose to this House—

- (i) whether the vehicles given to them belong to the state;
- (ii) whether they have been obtained on rent;
- (iii) if so, the system adopted for calling of quotations to obtain those vehicles; and
- (iv) basis on which the fuel and maintenance costs of those vehicles are disbursed?

(c) Will he submit full information to this House—

- (i) that the said officers and workers have not been involved in any illegal, criminal act or defrauding of State funds; and
- (ii) whether there is a case before any Court of Law or a complaint at a Police Station against them?

(d) If not, why?

0325/06

5.

Hon. T. Maheswaran,—To ask the Minister of Infrastructure Development and Fisheries Housing,—

- (a) Will he state whether there are any vehicles or buildings obtained on the basis of rent or lease for various purposes of the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Fisheries Housing and other Institutions belonging to the aforesaid Ministry including Boards, Corporations and Departments?
- (b) Will he present to this House separately in detail—
 - (i) the make and the registration number of each of the aforesaid vehicles;
 - (ii) the names of the persons for whom those vehicles have been allocated;

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- (iii) the monthly rent for the aforesaid vehicles and the fuel expenditure incurred on them;
 - (iv) the purposes for which the buildings obtained as mentioned in (a) above are used;
 - (v) the address of each of the aforesaid buildings; and
 - (vi) the monthly rent or the lease paid for the aforesaid buildings?
- (c) Will he present to this House with proof the basis on which tenders were called regarding the rent or lease of the buildings and vehicles and payments made?
- (d) If not, why?

0326/'06

6.

Hon. T. Maheswaran,—To ask the Minister of Infrastructure Development and Fisheries Housing,—

- (a) Will he state separately whether officers who held high positions or other officers or employees attached to the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Fisheries Housing and Boards, Departments, Corporations and Institutions that come under it, have been subjected to transfer, removal from service or demotion after the present Government assumed office?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the reasons, if so; and
 - (ii) the particulars of these persons thus rendered helpless including their names, the posts held and the places of work separately?
- (c) If not, why?

0238/'06

7.

Hon. (Ven.) Ellawala Medhananda Thero,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Water Supply,—

- (a) Is he aware that,—
- (i) the display of hoardings carrying indecent and repulsive pictures at junctions in major cities is detrimental to the dignity and discipline of the country in general;
 - (ii) the majority of the pictures and the expressions found in such hoardings tend to mislead the younger generation;
 - (iii) this is also one of the reasons for the high incident of road accidents and traffic congestion?

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- (b) Will he inform this House the action he has taken to arrest this situation?
- (c) If not, why?

0239/'06

8.

Hon. (Ven.) Ellawala Medhananda Thero,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) there are constant complaints from parents to the effect that scholarship allowances due to students who have passed the year five Scholarship Examination are not given in time;
 - (ii) such scholarship allowances have not been received by some schools in the Ratnapura area for a considerable period of time.
 - (iii) this drawback prevails in schools in the other areas of the island as well?
- (b) Will he admit that,—
 - (i) since most of these scholarship holders are students of poor, rural families, their parents face immense difficulties as they do not receive the moneys expected;
 - (ii) due to this very reason, the principals of those schools concerned face much inconvenience?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the action that will be taken in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

0268/'06

9.

Hon. (Ven.) Ellawala Medhananda Thero,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development—

- (a) Is he aware that thousands of acres of paddy fields in the island are lying fallow and the present generation is not interested in cultivating such lands?
- (b) Therefore, will he take action to provide the present generation of students with a sound education in agriculture and make farming a dignified vocation paid for by the government and accord agriculture a high recognition in society?
- (c) If not, why?

0248/'06

10.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the extent of land belonging to the Ministry of Lands of the Neluwa Divisional Secretariat Division and to the Divisional Secretary of the said Division in the Galle District on the basis of the respective Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether eligible persons have been selected for the distribution of the aforesaid lands after conducting land kachcheris;
 - (ii) the qualifications required for it;
 - (iii) whether the Grama Niladharis have publicized the names of the recipients of such lands and called for objections;
 - (iv) the dates on which the objections were called and inquiries were conducted, separately; and
 - (v) the lists of names selected after the conclusion of such inquiries?
- (c) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) what course of action will be taken against the officers concerned in the event that the names of ineligible persons have been included in the said list; and:
 - (ii) whether he will take action to grant lands only to those who are eligible?
- (d) If not, why?

0249/'06

11.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the extent of land belonging to the Ministry of Lands of the Thawalama Divisional Secretariat Division and to the Divisional Secretary of the said Division in the Galle District on the basis of the respective Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether eligible persons have been selected for the distribution of the aforesaid lands after conducting land kachcheris;
 - (ii) the qualifications required for it;
 - (iii) whether the Grama Niladharis have publicized the names of the recipients of such lands and called for objections;

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- (iv) the dates on which the objections were called and inquiries were conducted, separately; and
- (v) the lists of names selected after the conclusion of such inquiries?
- (c) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) what course of action will be taken against the officers concerned in the event that the names of ineligible persons have been included in the said list; and:
 - (ii) whether he will take action to grant lands only to those who are eligible?
- (d) If not, why?

0266/'06

12.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the extent of land belonging to the Ministry of Lands of the Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division and to the Divisional Secretary of the said Division in the Galle District on the basis of the respective Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether eligible persons have been selected for the distribution of the aforesaid lands after conducting land kachcheris;
 - (ii) the qualifications required for it;
 - (iii) whether the Grama Niladharis have publicized the names of the recipients of such lands and called for objections;
 - (iv) the dates on which the objections were called and inquiries were conducted, separately; and
 - (v) the lists of names selected after the conclusion of such inquiries?
- (c) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) what course of action will be taken against the officers concerned in the event that the names of ineligible persons have been included in the said list; and:
 - (ii) whether he will take action to grant lands only to those who are eligible?
- (d) If not, why?

0342/'06

13.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of complaints received by the Gampaha Police Station in Gampaha District on the day of the Local Government Elections held on 30.03.2006;
 - (ii) separately, the time taken by the said Police station to take relevant action with regard to each of such complaints?
- (b) Will he state separately -
 - (i) out of the aforesaid complaints, the number of those referred to the courts and to the Mediation Board;
 - (ii) the reasons for such references, and
 - (iii) as to what action has been taken in respect of each of the aforesaid complaints by 01.05.2006?
- (c) Is he aware that complaints were recorded in the ordinary complaints register at the instigation of powerful politicians of the area, despite there being a separate book for recording election related complaints?
- (d) Will he inform this House as to what measures would be taken against the Officers in Charge of police stations who inquired into the complaints according to the needs of politicians, without conducting a fair investigation?
- (e) If not, why?

0343/'06

14.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of complaints received by the Minuwangoda Police Station in Gampaha District on the day of the Local Government Elections held on 30.03.2006;
 - (ii) separately, the time taken by the said Police station to take relevant action with regard to each of such complaints ?
- (b) Will he state separately —
 - (i) out of the aforesaid complaints, the number of those referred to the courts and to the Mediation Board;

- (ii) the reasons for such references, and
- (iii) as to what action has been taken in respect of each of the aforesaid complaints by 01.05.2006?
- (c) Is he aware that complaints were recorded in the ordinary complaints register at the instigation of powerful politicians of the area, despite there being a separate book for recording election related complaints?
- (d) Will he inform this House as to what measures would be taken against the Officers in Charge of police stations who inquired into the complaints according to the needs of politicians, without conducting a fair investigation?
- (e) If not, why?

0344/06

15.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of complaints received by the Ganemulla Police Station in Gampaha District on the day of the Local Government Elections held on 30.03.2006;
 - (ii) separately, the time taken by the said Police station to take relevant action with regard to each of such complaints?
 - (b) Will he state separately -
 - (i) out of the aforesaid complaints, the number of those referred to the courts and to the Mediation Board;
 - (ii) the reasons for such references, and
 - (iii) as to what action has been taken in respect of each of the aforesaid complaints by 01.05.2006?
 - (c) Is he aware that complaints were recorded in the ordinary complaints register at the instigation of powerful politicians of the area, despite there being a separate book for recording election related complaints?
 - (d) Will he inform this House as to what measures would be taken against the Officers in Charge of police stations who inquired into the complaints according to the needs of politicians, without conducting a fair investigation?
 - (e) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item 03 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 23.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Committee on High Posts,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 128A and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 24.09.2004, the Committee on High Posts shall consist of Thirty-one (31) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

* 1.

Hon. Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties which was presented on 09.05.2006 be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1430/7 of 31st January, 2006)

(Cabinet approval signified)

* 2.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act,— This Parliament resolves, under Section 98(1)(a) of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006 that the SAARC Limited Multilateral Agreement for Avoidance of Double Taxation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters entered into on 13 November, 2005 between the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Governments of the other SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) Member States namely, the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Kingdom of Bhutan, the Republic of India, the Republic of Maldives, the Kingdom of Nepal and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and which was presented on 09.05.2006 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

* 3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament for the investigation of the operations of Non-governmental Organizations and their impact,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95 and the motions agreed to by Parliament on 30.08.2005 and 09.05.2006, the Select Committee of Parliament for the investigation of the operations of Non-governmental Organizations and their impact, shall consist of not more than twenty nine (29) members.

*4.

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution,- That this Parliament resolves under Article 68(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the Monthly Allowance payable to the Hon. Prime Minister shall be revised as follows :-

- (a) pay a sum of Rs. 46,400/- to the Hon. Prime Ministers with effect from 01.12.2004;
- (b) pay a sum of Rs. 37,400/- from 22.04.2004 to 30.11.2004 and a monthly salary of Rs. 46,400/- from 01.12.2004 to 18.11.2005 to His Excellency the President, the then Hon. Prime Minister;
- (c) pay a sum of Rs. 47,100/- to the present Prime Minister with effect from 24.11.2005; as ideally Prime Minister's salary should have been higher than that of the Chief Justice.

(Cabinet approval signified)

* 5.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading

* 6.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading

* 7.

Private Medical Institutions (Registration) Bill — Adjourned Debate on Question (10th May, 2006) [I]

*8.

Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*9.

National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*10.

Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (04th April, 2006) [1]

*11.

Safeguard Measures Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (04th April, 2006) [1]

*12.

Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Adjourned Debate on question - (24th February, 2005) [1]

*13.

Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill —
Second Reading

*14.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*15.

The Minister of Social Services and Social Welfare,— Regulations under the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Women's Empowerment and Social Welfare under Section 25 read with Section 23 of the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, No. 28 of 1996 as amended by Act, No. 33 of 2003 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1419/7 of 14th November, 2005 which were presented on 18. 01.2006 be approved.

*16.

The Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— Regulations under the Local Government Service Law (No.1),—That the “Local Government Service Pension (Amendment) Regulations 2005” made by the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government under Section 23 of the Local Government Service Law No. 16 of 1974 as amended by Act, No. 10 of 1985 and published in Gazette Extraordinary No.1416/8 of 25.10.2005 which were presented on 07.03.2006 be approved.

*17.

The Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— Regulations under the Local Government Service Law (No.2),—That the “Local Government Service Widowers and Orphans Pension Fund (Permission for Option) Regulations” made by the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government under Section 23 of the Local Government Service Law No.16 of 1974 as amended by Act, No. 10 of 1985, and published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1416/9 of 25.10.2005 which were presented on 07.03.2006 be approved.

*18.

The Minister of Agricultural Development,—Regulations under the Survey Act (No.1),— That the “Fees Regulations of 2005” made by the Minister of Lands and Indigenous Medicine under Section 65 of the Survey Act, No.17 of 2002 read with Section 42 of that Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1420/20 of 23rd November, 2005 which were presented on 07.03.2006 be approved.

*19.

The Minister of Agricultural Development,—Regulations under the Survey Act (No.2),— That the “Certificate of Accreditation Regulations of 2005” made by the Minister of Lands and Indigenous Medicine under Section 24 of the Survey Act, No.17 of 2002 read with sub-Section (2) of Section 11 of that Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1420/20 of 23rd November, 2005 which were presented on 07.03.2006 be approved.

*20.

The Minister of Agricultural Development,—Regulations under the Survey Act (No.3),— That the “Land Survey Council (Annual Practicing License) Regulations of 2005” made by the Minister of Lands and Indigenous Medicine under Section 65 of the Survey Act, No.17 of 2002 read with Section 41 of that Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1420/20 of 23rd November, 2005 which were presented on 07.03.2006 be approved.

*21.

The Minister of Agricultural Development,—Regulations under the Survey Act (No.4),— That the “Depositing of Plans and Maps Regulations of 2005” made by the Minister of Lands and Indigenous Medicine under Section 12 of the Survey Act, No.17 of 2002 read with Section 24 of that Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1420/20 of 23rd November, 2005 which were presented on 07.03.2006 be approved.

*22.

The Minister of Agricultural Development,—Regulations under the Survey Act (No.5),— That the “Land Survey Council (Regulation) Regulations of 2005” made by the Minister of Lands and Indigenous Medicine under Section 65 of the Survey Act, No.17 of 2002 read with Section 39 of that Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1420/20 of 23rd November, 2005 which were presented on 07.03.2006 be approved.

*23.

Governors’ Pension Bill — Second Reading

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24.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya,— Select Committee of Parliament on Electoral Reforms,— That a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed pursuant to the Committee appointed by Hon. Speaker during the Second Session of the Fifth Parliament which submitted its interim report on the 23rd of January, 2004 to further consider Reforms to the current system of Parliamentary and Local Authority Elections and other matters connected therewith and to make recommendations in respect of further changes considered necessary to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the existing election laws and to report together with their observations and recommendations on the amendments necessary to the said laws.

2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Hon. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) 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 Specialist and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ;
- (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

25.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

26.

Association of Care for the Nature (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

27.

Sri Lanka Federation of the Visually Handicapped (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

28.

Mental Development and Research Center (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

29.

Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

30.

Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

31.

Rambukwella Vipassi Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

32.

Soma Edirisinghe Swarnadara Fund (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

33.

Institute of Dharuth Thowheed Assalafiyya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

34.

Serendib Educational Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

35.

Muditha Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

36.

Pannipitiya Depanama Sri Devram Maha Viharastha Sasanarakshaka Sanwardhana
Sabhawa (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

** Indicates Government Business.*

[1] Motion made and Question proposed “That the Bill be now read a Second time.”
