



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 30.]

**ORDER PAPER
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FOR**

Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

0123/'06

1.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources—

- (a) Will he state this House separately—
 - (i) the number of vehicles made available to the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources 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 numbers 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; and
 - (viii) the numbers and make of the said vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Co-operative Development and Deputy Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government—

- (a) Will he state this House separately—
 - (i) the number of vehicles made available to the Minister of Co-operatives and Co-operative Development and his 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 numbers 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; and
 - (viii) the numbers and make of the said vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy—

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) a person named L. Niroshan Sirikumara of Pahalagama, Weweldeniya has built an unauthorized building in the Reservation belonging to the Road Development Authority situated in the Weweldeniya West, No. 20, Grama Niladhari Division in the Mirigama Divisional Secretary's Division; and
 - (ii) electricity supply too has been given to that building?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) on whose recommendation a permit was issued in respect of the electricity supply to this place; and
 - (ii) for what purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

0261/'06

4.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Consumer Affairs and Marketing Development and Minister of Highways—

- (a) Is he aware that the foundation stone was laid before the Presidential Election, by the Deputy Minister of Highways to construct a motorable bridge connecting Ketagoda and Mapalagama in the Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in the Galle District?

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- (b) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) whether necessary estimates have been prepared for the construction of this bridge; and
 - (ii) if any allocations have been made for this purpose, the amount of money that has been allocated?
- (c) Is he aware that,—
- (i) although a foundation stone had been laid by the then Minister of Highways too in 2001 at this very place, necessary funds were not allocated for this purpose;
 - (ii) after the collapse of the suspension bridge which was there earlier, following heavy floods occurred in the year 2003, the villagers have been using a raft for nearly 3 years now for their transport purposes; and
 - (iii) on account of the absence of this bridge, the country lost two innocent lives?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to build a motorable bridge in this place, where nearly a thousand of people cross to and fro?
- (e) If not, why?

0262/'06

5.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction—

- (a) Will she inform this House of the number of roofing sheets allocated under the Indian Credit Line, for distribution among low income earners in the Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in the Galle District?
- (b) Will she state—
- (i) the number of recipients of roofing sheets recommended after site inspections conducted by officials of the Housing Development Authority with the recommendation of the Grama Niladhari on examining their suitability;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and number of roofing sheets to be distributed separately;
 - (iii) out of the recommended names, how many have been provided with roofing sheets by now; and
 - (iv) the names of those who have not received the roofing sheets?
- (c) Is she aware that the distribution of these roofing sheets which was delayed due to the Tsunami disaster, is being implemented now?

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(d) Will she inform this House—

- (i) of the recommendations required for the provision of roofing sheets;
- (ii) whether those who have not been recommended, have been given roofing sheets;
- (iii) their names and the number of roofing sheets given to them; and
- (iv) the action that will be taken, if those who had complied with the criteria followed, have not been given roofing sheets?

(e) If not, why?

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6.

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 Niyagama 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?

0327/'06

7.

Hon. T. Maheswaran,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,—

(a) Is he aware that the Army has taken over the properties belonging to the Jaffna Tamil People including many lands, private lands, houses,

government institutions, places of worship, schools, hospitals, fisheries sector, agricultural lands and the cement factory citing the high security zone in Jaffna peninsula as a reason for doing so?

- (b) Will he take steps to present to this House separately, all the details of such places along with the details of the damages caused?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the relief measures to be implemented by the government for the people who have been affected as a result of this situation?
- (d) If not, why?

0328/06

8.

Hon. T. Maheswaran,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he give details of Institutions, Department, Corporations, Boards and Companies that come under the Ministry of Ports and Aviation?
- (b) Will he disclose the following information separately with details—
 - (i) the full names and addresses of the newly appointed officers including Chairman and Directors of all these Establishments;
 - (ii) the telephone numbers of their offices and official quarters and the mobile telephones;
 - (iii) their web-site addresses and E-mail addresses;
 - (iv) the details of their previous service and educational qualifications;
 - (v) the particulars of their personal staff;
 - (vi) the benefits that have already been given and are to be given;
 - (vii) their monthly wages;
 - (viii) the vehicles that have been assigned to them; and
 - (ix) the rent for those vehicles and their fuel and maintenance cost?
- (c) Will he submit the following information to this House separately in detail—
 - (i) whether the said newly appointed Chairman or Directors of such Institutions, Departments, Corporations and Boards have committed any crime or misappropriated State funds; and
 - (ii) whether there are cases pending in any court of law in Sri Lanka or any complaints lodged at police stations against them?
- (d) If not, why?

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9.

Hon. T. Maheswaran,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources—

- (a) Will he give details of Institutions, Department, Corporations, Boards and Companies that come under the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources?
- (b) Will he disclose the following information separately with details—
 - (i) the full names and addresses of the newly appointed officers including Chairman and Directors of all these Establishments;
 - (ii) the telephone numbers of their offices and official quarters and the mobile telephones;
 - (iii) their web-site addresses and E-mail addresses;
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 - (v) the particulars of their personal staff;
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- (c) Will he submit the following information to this House separately in detail—
 - (i) whether the said newly appointed Chairman or Directors of such Institutions, Departments, Corporations and Boards have committed any crime or misappropriated State funds; and
 - (ii) whether there are cases pending in any court of law in Sri Lanka or any complaints lodged at police stations against them?
- (d) If not, why?

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10.

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 Pugoda 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?

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- (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 reference; 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?

0346/06

11.

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 Weliveriya Police Station in Gampaha District on the day of the Local Government Elections held on 30.03.2006; and
 - (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 reference
 - (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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12.

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 Dompe Police Station in Gampaha District on the day of the Local Government Elections held on 30.03.2006; and
 - (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 reference; 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?

0283/'06

13.

Hon. (Ven.) (Dr.) Omalpe Sobhitha Thero,— To ask the Minister of Education—

- (a) Will he reveal to this House, whether the Sri Sumangala Vidyalaya, Panadura had been shifted to the Wekada area, about one kilometre from its present location, after being affected by the Tsunami in 2004?
- (b) Is he aware that a sum of about Rs. 275 million has been allocated under outright aid from Japan for the construction of the required buildings for this school in the Wekada area?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether it is due to a government decision to allocate the land for a different purpose that there is a delay in commencing the work

concerned despite the signing of the agreement for the construction of the buildings ; and

- (ii) if not so, the reasons for such delay?
- (d) Will he admit that,—
 - (i) due to this delay, the country is at the risk of losing this grant of nearly Rs. 275 million extended as an outright aid; and
 - (ii) compensation will have to be paid to the contractor on account of violating the contract agreement?
- (e) Will he state as to what measures would be taken to prevent this danger and the losses?
- (f) If not, why?

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14.

Hon. (Ven.) (Dr.) Omalpe Sobhitha Thero,— To ask the Minister of Cultural and National Heritage,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the spiritual development of the yonger generation is affected as religious activities and Sunday schools are being crippled due to the conducting off tuition classes on that day; and
 - (ii) despite the announcements made by the former government to initiate legal measures in order to stop such tuition classes, it has still not been fulfilled?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any measures have been taken to stop the conducting of tuition classes on Sundays, and if so what they are; and
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for that?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) as to what measures would be taken in this connection;
 - (ii) if so, when; and
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for that?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Ven. Ellawala Medhananda Thero,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Deputy Minister of Science and Technology—

- (a) Is he aware that the fact that the country is heading towards an era in which coconuts will have to be imported from abroad, since our coconut cultivation, which is a prime income earner, is threatened with extinction due to the fragmentation and selling of land?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps taken to forestall this disaster?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament.— Sitting of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 17.01.2006, the hours of sitting on Friday, 26th May 2006 shall be 09.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 01.00 p.m. to 04.30 p.m. At 04.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

* 1.

Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— Adjourned Debate on question (24th May, 2006), Motion made and question proposed,— “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 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;

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- (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)

*3.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading

*4.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading

*5.

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

*6.

Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*7.

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

*8.

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

*9.

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

*10.

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

*11.

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

*12.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*13.

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.

*14.

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.

*15.

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.

*16.

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.

*17.

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.

*18.

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.

*19.

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.

*20.

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.

*21.

Governors’ Pension Bill — Second Reading

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22.

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.

23.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

24.

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

25.

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

26.

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

27.

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

28.

Serendib Educational Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

29.

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

30.

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

31.

Jeyaraj Fernandopulle Educational Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

** Indicates Government Business.*

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