



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 35.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Friday, June 09, 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0157/'06

1.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Science and Technology—

(a) Will he state this House separately—

- (i) the number of vehicles made available to the Minister of Science and Technology and Deputy Minister of Science and Technology and their security Divisions and personal staff;
- (ii) out of those vehicles, the number of those that have been obtained on rent or on contract basis;
- (iii) the names, ages and the dates of recruitment to service of the drivers assigned to those vehicles;
- (iv) if they are attached from the public service, the institutions from which they have been so attached;
- (v) whether drivers have been newly recruited on contract basis;

(b) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Ports and Aviation —

(a) Will he state this House separately—

- (i) the number of vehicles made available to the Minister of Ports and Aviation and Deputy Ministers of Ports and Aviation and their security Divisions and personal staff;
- (ii) out of those vehicles, the number of those that have been obtained on rent or on contract basis;

- (iii) the names, ages and the dates of recruitment to service of the drivers assigned to those vehicles;
 - (iv) if they are attached from the public service, the institutions from which they have been so attached;
 - (v) whether drivers have been newly recruited on contract basis;
- (b) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Foreign Employment—

- (a) Will he state this House separately—
- (i) the number of vehicles made available to the Minister of Labour Relations and Foreign Employment and Deputy Minister of Labour and their security Divisions and personal staff;
 - (ii) out of those vehicles, the number of those that have been obtained on rent or on contract basis;
 - (iii) the names, ages and the dates of recruitment to service of the drivers assigned to those vehicles;
 - (iv) if they are attached from the public service, the institutions from which they have been so attached;
 - (v) whether drivers have been newly recruited on contract basis;
- (b) If not, why?

0360/'06

4.

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 Peliyagoda 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 investigation 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?

0361/'06

5.

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 Kelaniya 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 investigation 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?

6.

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 Wattala 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?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament— (No.1),— That Government Business do have precedence this day.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— (No. 2),— That the proceedings on Item 27 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's Sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 23.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.02/'05

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Indicating the details of the projects in the Election Manifesto of Political Parties or Groups contesting elections,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that it should be made compulsory that the manifesto of Political Parties or Groups contesting an election should indicate the anticipated date line for the implementation of their projects, the total financial outlay as well as the methodology involved, once they are returned to power, for the purpose of eliminating the lack of confidence in the minds of the citizens of Sri Lanka towards democracy.

P.03/'05

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Prevention of the President and the Prime Minister from holding Cabinet Portfolios,—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

3.

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

4.

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.06/'05

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Legislation to prosecute any person who sells cigarettes and liquor to persons below 18 years,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that laws should be brought into prosecute any person who sells cigarettes and liquor to persons below 18 years.

P.07/'05

6.

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

7.

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

8.

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

9.

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

10.

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

11.

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

12.

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

13.

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

14.

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

15.

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

16.

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

17.

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

18.

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

19.

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

20.

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

21.

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

22.

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

23.

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

24.

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

25.

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

26.

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.

* 27.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament on Electoral Reforms,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 07.04.2006, the Select Committee of Parliament on Electoral Reforms shall consist of not more than thirty-three (33) members.

*28.

National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Bill — Second Reading.

* 29.

Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* 30.

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

*31.

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

*32.

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

* 33.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*34.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*35.

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

*36.

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

*37.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*38.

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.

*39.

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.

*40.

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.

*41.

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.

*42.

The Minister of Agricultural Development,—Regulations under the Survey Act (No.2),— That the “Certificate of Accrediation 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.

*43.

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.

*44.

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.

*45.

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.

* 46.

The Minister of Trade, Commerce, Consumer Affairs and Marketing Development and Minister of Highways,— Regulations under Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Consumer Affairs and Marketing Development under Section 4(3), 14 and 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 01 of 1969 as amended by the Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1444/15 of 10th May, 2006 which were presented on 24.05.2006 be approved.

* 47.

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)

* 48.

Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,— Resolution under Appropriation Act,— 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 7 of the above Appropriation Act, No. 15 of 2004 and specified in the order No. 38 hereto, be approved.

ORDER

Appropriation Act, No. 15 of 2004
Order No. 38 under Section 7

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 7 of the Appropriation Act, No. 15 of 2004, I, Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the Activity Item No. 90102—“Railway Stores Advance Accounts” Department of Sri Lanka Railway of the second schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of Expenditure specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to that Act	From	Rs.	800,000,000
	To	Rs.	920,000,000
(ii) Minimum limit of Receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act	From	Rs.	800,000,000
	To	Rs.	575,000,000
(iii) Maximum limit of Debit Balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act	From	Rs.	3,200,000,000
	To	Rs.	3,483,000,000
(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act	From	Rs.	—
	To	Rs.	—

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2005 only)

Sgd. RANJITH SIYAMBALAPITIYA
Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning.

16.05.2006
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*49.

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)

*50.

Governors' Pension Bill — Second Reading

P.6/'04

51.

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.

52.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

53.

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

54.

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

55.

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

56.

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

57.

Serendib Educational Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

58.

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

59.

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

60.

Abolition of the Temporary Amalgamation of the Northern and Eastern Provinces (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

** Indicates Government Business.*

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