



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 52.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, August 23 , 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0281/'06

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date that the first Cease-fire Agreement signed between the Government and the LTTE signed;
 - (ii) the name of the then President;
 - (iii) whether there has been any other Cease-fire Agreements signed; and
 - (iv) if so, the parties signed and the names of the then Presidents?
- (b) Is he aware that a Cease-fire Agreement was signed on the 22nd of February, 2002?
- (c) If so, will he also state names of the then Prime Minister and the then President?
- (d) Since the last cease-fire agreement signed in February, 2002, will he inform this house the following :—
 - (i) when and where the peace talks were held;
 - (ii) the number of Government Members attended;
 - (iii) the cost for per person and the total costs?
 - (iv) whether the Government accepts the Cease-fire Agreement as legal and constitutional;
 - (v) if not, the reason for not abrogating same;
 - (vi) the facilitators and the co-sponsors of the peace process;
 - (vii) whether JVP and JHU agreed to Norway continuing as facilitators and to hold peace talks in Geneva?
- (e) If not, why?

0375/06

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House
 - (i) the number of commercial banks operating in Sri Lanka as at date;
 - (ii) whether they are government controlled or privately owned;
 - (iii) if so, Government controlled, the names of the Government controlled stakeholders?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the amount of direct and indirect taxes collected from each bank under different categories for the last 10 years as a percentage of the total taxes collected;
 - (ii) a comparison of the total taxes against the turnover of each bank as a percentage;
 - (iii) whether the taxes were increased recently;
 - (iv) if so, what taxes had been increased and by what percentage;
 - (v) whether it has contributed to increase in the lending rate and to push up the borrowing rate?
- (c) If not, why?

0376/06

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the Government pledged to give fertilizer for Rs.350/- in the Presidential Manifesto in 2005?
- (b) Will he state in this House whether a bag of fertilizer is sold at present for the said price?
- (c) Will he state per year basis separately—
 - (i) the amount of money utilized by the Government for fertilizer from 01.01.2000 to 31.12.2005 and 01.01.2006 to-date;
 - (ii) the total fertilizer tonnage distributed during the above period;
 - (iii) the amount of money due to the private Companies for import of fertilizer and selling it to the farmers and private sector on behalf of the Government?
- (d) If not, why?

0271/'06

4.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. M.M. Wijesinghe, the Principal of Walasmulla model primary school in Hambantota District has been transferred to Kotagala Maha Vidyalaya Matara as the Deputy Principal with immediate effect from 16.01.2006?
- (b) Will he admit that -
 - (i) Mr. Wijesinghe acts as the Secretary of the Katuwana branch of the Jathika Adyapana Sevaka Sangamaya, the Chairman of the Hambantota District Council and the Divisional Trade Union Officer of the Mulkirigala electorate; and
 - (ii) therefore, this transfer has been done purely as an act of political victimization?
- (c) Is he aware that he had suffered a financial loss of about Rs. 75 lakhs in 1999 when he had been interdicted and his promotion to the Educational Administrative Service too has been suspended?
- (d) Will he take action to appoint Mr. Wijesinghe as the Principal of the H/Walasmulla model primary school with immediate effect?
- (e) If not, why?

0275/'06

5.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit this House, the number of Reserve Police Officers serving in the Police Department at present, with their designation separately?
- (b) Will he accept that in the absorption of Reserve Police Officers into the regular service, it is an injustice not to have promoted those who have served in the post for less than 15 years?
- (c) In the absorption to the regular service, will he take action to grant promotions to the Reserve Police Officers who have completed the required qualifications, considering their period of service?
- (d) If not, why?

0276/'06

6.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of employees who have been working as Security Officers in the National Water Supply and Drainage Board since 1996;

- (ii) whether the administrative matters of these employees come under the National Water Supply and Drainage Board considering them as employees attached to the government service;
 - (iii) if not, whether they come under a private company;
 - (iv) if so the name of that company and its Board of Directors, and
 - (v) whether any such Board Member holds executive positions in the Land Reclamation and Development Corporation;
 - (vi) if so, who they are?
- (b) Is he aware that these Security Officers do not enjoy any privilege that are enjoyed by the Public Servants or the privileges granted to the public companies?
- (c) If not, why?

0425/06

7.

Hon. L.G. Wasantha Piyatissa,—To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit this House separately and on district basis, the number of houses completely and partially destroyed in the entire country as a result of Tsunami?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) the extent of land allocated for the construction of new houses on district basis;
 - (ii) the number of houses that have been completed on the said lands; and
 - (iii) the number of plans that have been finalized for the construction of the said houses?
- (c) If not, why?

0426/06

8.

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Estate Infrastructure and Livestock Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state this House —
- (i) whether the Ambewela farm in Nuwara-Eliya is a property that comes under the purview of his Ministry or a property owned by any other individual or an institution;

- (ii) if owned by another, through which process this farm, which was once a government owned property, became a property of another; and
- (iii) who the present owner of this land is?
- (b) Will he state in this House —
 - (i) the total extent of land of Ambewela farm;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of movable and immovable property owned by the farm at the time of transfer;
 - (iii) the assessed value of the land if it was assessed at the time of transfer; and
 - (iv) whether the government received the relevant assessed value?
- (c) Will he state in this House —
 - (i) whether there was an agreement regarding the use of this farm for a specific development purpose at the time of transfer and if so, what that development purpose is; and
 - (ii) whether the said farm is being used by now exclusively for the said purpose?
- (d) Will he take measures to take over this land if the terms and conditions of the Agreement have been violated?
- (e) If not, why?

0406/06

9.

Hon. R. M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the extent of land belonging to the Ministry of Lands and to the relevant Divisional Secretary of the Buttala Divisional Secretariat Division in the Monaragala District, on the basis of the respective Grama Niladhari Division?
- (b) Will he state in this House,—
 - (i) whether eligible persons have been selected for the distribution of the aforesaid lands after conducting land kachcheries;
 - (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 the relevant inquiries were conducted, separately, and
 - (v) the names of the land recipients selected after the conclusion of such inquiries?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) what 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?

0407/06

10.

Hon. R. M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the extent of land belonging to the Ministry of Lands and to the relevant Divisional Secretary of the Wellawaya Divisional Secretariat Division in the Monaragala District, on the basis of the respective Grama Niladhari Division?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether eligible persons have been selected for the distribution of the aforesaid lands after conducting land kachcheries;
 - (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 the relevant inquiries were conducted, separately, and
 - (v) the names of the land recipients selected after the conclusion of such inquiries?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) what 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?

0408/06

11.

Hon. R. M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House the extent of land belonging to the Ministry of Lands and to the relevant Divisional Secretary of the Sevanagala Divisional Secretariat Division in the Monaragala District, on the basis of the respective Grama Niladhari Division?

- (b) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether eligible persons have been selected for the distribution of the aforesaid lands after conducting land kachcheries;
 - (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 the relevant inquiries were conducted, separately, and
 - (v) the names of the land recipients selected after the conclusion of such inquiries?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) what 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?

0432/06

12.

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land that went under water for the restoration of “Kandepitawala Wewa in the Laggala-Pallegama Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matale District;
 - (ii) the extend of land proposed to be distributed around the said tank;
 - (iii) whether suitable persons have been selected after conducting land kachcheris for the distribution of said lands;
 - (iv) the qualifications required for it;
 - (v) whether the names of the lands earmarked have been publicized and objections have been called by the Grama Niladharis;
 - (vi) separately, the dates on which such objections were called and investigations held; and
 - (vii) as to what action will be taken against the relevant officials if names of unsuitable persons have been included in the list?
- (b) Will he state whether he would take steps to distribute the said lands only among the deserved?
- (c) If not, why?

0433/06

13.

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land and the number of houses that went under water for the restoration of “Wemedilla Wewa” in the Galewela Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matale District;
 - (ii) whether compensation has been paid by now, to all those who lost their houses;
 - (iii) whether action has been taken to provide alternative land to those who have lost their farming land; and
 - (iv) if so, from which Divisional Secretariat Divisions and the extent of plots so granted?
- (b) If not, why?

0434/06

14.

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development and Minister of Environment,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the “zones” that will be submerged by the “Moragahakanda reservoir” in the Naula Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matale District;
 - (ii) the population in these “zones”;
 - (iii) the total extent of land that will be submerged by this reservoir;
 - (iv) whether details of land have been obtained for the allocation of land to the people in the said areas; and
 - (v) if so, from which Divisional Secretariat Divisions?
- (b) If not, why?

0183/06

15.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Railways and Transport and Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent in each year on the importation of petroleum into this country since the year 1990;
 - (ii) the amount of crude oil imported during the period 2000 to 2005;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent in each year on the importation of crude oil;
 - (iv) out of the amount of petroleum needed for the consumption of this country, the amount obtained through the refining of crude oil;

- (v) separately, the cost of refining one litre of Petrol and Diesel from the imported crude oil?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of taxes paid to the government by the Petroleum Corporation during the period 2000 to 2005;
 - (ii) if this institution has incurred a loss or earned a profit during this period, such amounts quantitatively;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to minimize if such losses are incurred them;
- (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 this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. At 6.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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 25th October, 2005 which were presented on 07.03.2006 be approved.

*2.

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 25th October, 2005 which were presented on 07.03.2006 be approved.

*3.

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.

*4.

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.

*5.

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.

*6.

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.

*7.

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.

8.

The Minister of Agricultural Development,— Regulations under the Land Development Ordinance,— That the “Land Development Regulations 2005” made by the Minister of Land and Indigenous Medicine under Sections 155 and 156 of the Land Development Ordinance as amended by the Act, No. 16 of 1969, Act, No. 27 of 1981, Act, No. 22 of 1993, Act, No. 9 of 1995 and Act, No. 20 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1416/23 of 27th October 2005 which were presented on 07.07.2006 be approved.

*9.

Tea Research Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*10.

Sri Lanka Tea Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*11.

Tea Small Holdings Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*12.

Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18 July, 2006) [1]

*13.

Banking (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18 July, 2006) [1]

*14.

Non-performing Assets (Recovery) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18 July, 2006) [1]

*15.

Gaming (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18 July, 2006) [1]

*16.

Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act — (No. 1), — That the Orders made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazettes Extraordinary Nos. 1439/1 dated 03rd April, 2006 and 1441/17 of 20th April, 2006, which were presented on 21.07.2006 be approved.

*17.

Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act — (No. 2), — That the Orders made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 5 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazettes Extraordinary Nos. 1439/2 dated 03rd April, 2006 and 1441/18 of 20th April, 2006, which were presented on 21.07.2006 be approved.

*18.

Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,— Order under the Stamp duty Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 69 of the Stamp Duty Act, No. 43 of 1982 read with Section 2 of that Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1439/3 of 03rd April, 2006 which were presented on 21.07.2006, be approved.

*19.

The Minister of Railways and Transport, and Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Railways and Transport, and Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development under Section 19 and 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) as amended by Act, No. 21 of 1981 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1446/31 of 25th May, 2006 which were presented on 20.06.2006 be approved.

*20.

The Minister of Railways and Transport, and Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Railways and Minister of Transport, and Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) as amended by Act, No. 21 of 1981 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1446/31 of 25th May, 2006 which were presented on 20.06.2006 be approved.

*21.

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Regulations under Quarantine and Prevention of Diseases Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition by virtue of the powers vested in him by Section 2 read with Paragraph (p) of sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Quarantine and Prevention of Diseases Ordinance (Chapter 222) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1443/21 1443/21 of 06th May, 2006 which were presented on 20.06.2006 be approved.

*22.

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.

*23.

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

*24.

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

*25.

Companies Bill - Second Reading

* 26.

The Minister of Trade, Commerce, Consumer Affairs and Marketing Development and Minister of Highways,— Regulations under Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1), — 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.

*27.

The Minister of Trade, Commerce, Consumer Affairs and Marketing Development and Minister of Highways,— Regulations under Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2),— That the “Imports (Standardization and Quality Control) Regulations 2006” made by the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Consumer Affairs and Marketing Development by virtue of the powers vested in him under Section 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 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, No. 1447/28 of 01st June, 2006 which were presented on 23.06.2006 be approved.

*28.

The Minister of Trade, Commerce, Consumer Affairs and Marketing Development and Minister of Highways,— Regulations under Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Consumer Affairs and Marketing Development under Sections 4(3), 14 and 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 01 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1454/30 of 21st July 2006 which were presented on 08.08.2006 be approved.

*29.

The Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development and Minister of Environment,— Notification under the Forest Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Environment under Section 24 of the Forest Ordinance (Chapter 451) and published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1447/19 of 31st May, 2006 which was presented on 19.07.2006 be approved.

*30.

The Minister of Housing and Construction,— Annual Report of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka - 2000,— That the Annual Report, Balance Sheet, Final Accounts and Auditor General’s Report of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year 2000 presented on 20.01.2004 under Section 13 (1) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Housing and Construction)

*31.

The Minister of Housing and Construction,— Annual Report of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka - 2001,— That the Annual Report, Balance Sheet, Final Accounts and Auditor General's Report of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year 2001 presented on 20.01.2004 under Section 13 (1) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Housing and Construction)

*32.

The Minister of Housing and Construction,— Annual Report of the Institute of Construction Training and Development - 2003,—That the Annual Report, Balance Sheet, Final Accounts and Auditor General's Report of the Institute of Construction Training and Development (ICTAD) for the year 2003 presented on 04.01.2005 under Section 13(1) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Housing and Construction)

*33.

The Minister of Housing and Construction,— Annual Report of the Institute of Construction Training and Development - 2004,—That the Annual Report, Balance Sheet, Final Accounts and Auditor General's Report of the Institute of Construction Training and Development (ICTAD) for the year 2004 presented on 21.12.2005 under Section 13(1) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Housing and Construction)

*34.

The Minister of Industrial Development,—Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Cement Corporation - 2002,— That in terms of Section 30(1) of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971, the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Cement Corporation (2002) with the observations of Auditor-General which was presented on 14.02.2006 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Science and Technology)

*35.

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

*36.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*37.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*38.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*39.

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution (No. 1),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 36(4) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Monthly Allowance payable to His Excellency the President be revised as follows :—

<i>Present Salary</i>	<i>Proposed Allowances</i>	
<i>Rs.</i>	<i>2006.01.01</i>	<i>2007.01.01</i>
	<i>Rs.</i>	<i>Rs.</i>
25,000	61,250/-	97,500/-

This Parliament further resolves that—

- (a) in terms of the P.A. Circular 6/2006, 50% of the difference of the salary of December 2005 and the proposed salary will be paid effective from 01.01.2006,
- (b) The balance 50% will be paid effective from 01.01.2007.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*40.

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution (No. 2),— 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 Hon. Prime Minister, Hon. Speaker, Hon. Deputy Speaker, Hon. Deputy Chairman of Committees, Hon. Ministers, Hon. Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Deputy Ministers and Hon. Members of Parliament shall be revised as follows :

<i>Post</i>	<i>Present Salaries</i>	<i>Comparative Post and Number, Salary Code & Salary according to 6/2006</i>	<i>Proposed Allowances</i>	
	<i>Rs.</i>		<i>2006.01.01</i>	<i>2007.01.01</i>
			<i>Rs.</i>	<i>Rs.</i>
1. Hon. Prime Minister	34,000/-	Chief Justice SF4 - 70,000.00 + 1,500.00	52,500/- + 1,500/-	71,500/-
2. Hon. Speaker	31,800/-	Attorney General SF3 - 67,000.00 + 1,500.00	49,400/- + 1,500/-	68,500/-
3. Cabinet/Non Cabinet Ministers	29,815/-	Puisne Judges SF2 - 65,000/-	47,407.50	65,000/-
4. Hon. Leader of the Opposition	29,815/-	Puisne Judges SF2 - 65,000/-	47,407.50	65,000/-
5. Hon. Deputy Ministers	28,750/-	Appeal Court Judges SFI - 63,500/-	46,125/-	63,500/-

6. Hon. Deputy Speaker	28,750/-	Appeal Court Judges SF1 - 63,500/-	46,125/-	63,500/-
7. Hon. Deputy Chairman of Committees	28,750/-	Appeal Court Judges SF1 - 63,500/-	46,125/-	63,500/-
8. Hon. Members of Parliament	22,100/-	High Court Judges SL8 - 54,285/- (initial salary)	38,192.50	54,285/-

This Parliament further resolves that,—

- (a) In terms of the P.A. Circular 6/2006, 50% of the difference of the salary of December 2005 and the proposed salary will be paid effective from 01.01.2006.
- (b) The balance 50% will be paid effective from 01.01.2007.
- (c) Revisions of the allowances of parliamentarians will be made on par with the revisions of the salary structure of the Judiciary Service, whenever the salary structure undergoes a revision.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*41.

The 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	From	Rs.	—
Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act	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)

*42.

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)

*43.

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution (No. 3),— 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)

*44.

Governors' Pension Bill — Second Reading

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45.

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.

46.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

47.

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

48.

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

49.

Serendib Educational Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

50.

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

51.

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

52.

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

53.

Bibliomania Educational Books for the Nation Foundation (Incorporation) Bill —
Second Reading.

54.

General Consistory of the Dutch Reformed Church of Ceylon (Amendment) Bill —
Second Reading.

55.

Our Kids Organization (Incorporation) Bill - Second Reading

56.

Nawalapitiya Dharul Uloom Al Hashimiya Arabic College (Incorporation) Bill —
Consideration.

**Indicates Government Business.*

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