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**ORDER PAPER
OF
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FOR**

Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0246/'06

1.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Foreign Employment,— (3)

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately, the names and addresses of the persons who were interviewed from April 2004 upto now, for employment abroad in Korea?
- (b) Will he state separately the names of those who have in fact gone abroad, out of the persons who appeared for the said interviews?
- (c) Will he state to this House, —
 - (i) whether those who have thus gone abroad, had spent some money for it; and
 - (ii) if so, how much it was?
- (d) If not, why?

0331/'06

2.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that an injustice has been caused to students during the assessment of answer scripts of the last General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) examination?
- (b) Will he state separately, the courses of action that will be followed in order to —
 - (i) neutralize the impact of this on the Z-score of the final result of the students, and
 - (ii) to prevent the delay that will be caused in enrolling students to the universities as a result of the above mentioned reason?
- (c) If not, why?

0450/06

3.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the Grama Niladhari Divisions with their respective Divisional Secretariat Divisions, which come under the jurisdiction of the Consumer Services Centre of the Ceylon Electricity Board of Kataragama in the Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he state separately the number of transformers stationed in the area of this Consumer Services Centre as at June 01, 2006 and where they are stationed?
- (c) Will he state in this House separately,—
 - (i) the number of consumers who have obtained connections from each such transformer for purposes such as religious, domestic, commercial etc.;
 - (ii) the number of transformers in the entire area covered with three phase electricity lines; and
 - (iii) will he state, with reference to the electrical transformer concerned, the areas identified by the Ceylon Electricity Board as those which do not get the proper voltage in the above Consumer Services centre area?
- (d) If not, why?

451/06

4.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the Grama Niladhari Divisions with their respective Divisional Secretariat Divisions, which come under the jurisdiction of the Consumer Services Centre of the Ceylon Electricity Board of Hambantota?
- (b) Will he state separately the number of transformers stationed in the area of this Consumer Services Centre as at June 01, 2006 and where they are stationed?
- (c) Will he state in this House separately,—
 - (i) the number of consumers who have obtained connections from each such transformer for purposes such as religious, domestic, commercial etc.;
 - (ii) the number of transformers in the entire area covered with three phase electricity lines; and

- (iii) will he state, with reference to the electrical transformer concerned, the areas identified by the Ceylon Electricity Board as those which do not get the proper voltage in the above Consumer Services centre area?

(d) If not, why?

0452/06

5.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the Grama Niladhari Divisions with their respective Divisional Secretariat Divisions, which come under the jurisdiction of the Consumer Services Centre of the Ceylon Electricity Board of Angunakolapelessa?
- (b) Will he state separately the number of transformers stationed in the area of this Consumer Services Centre as at June 01, 2006 and where they are stationed?
- (c) Will he state in this House separately,—
 - (i) the number of consumers who have obtained connections from each such transformer for purposes such as religious, domestic, commercial etc.;
 - (ii) the number of transformers in the entire area covered with three phase electricity lines; and
 - (iii) will he state, with reference to the electrical transformer concerned, the areas identified by the Ceylon Electricity Board as those which do not get the proper voltage in the above Consumer Services centre area?

(d) If not, why?

0523/06

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the line rooms occupied by the estate workers in the Panvilla Rakyawa estate workers in Wathugama area, are in very bad condition and on the verge of collapse;
 - (ii) the estate administration or the trade unions have not come forward to renovate the above line rooms;
 - (iii) these line rooms are in a dilapidated condition for the last 20 years;
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the steps to be taken to renovate these line rooms;

- (ii) the time it will take to renovate them; and
- (iii) though N.G.O.s issued roofing sheets for the above line rooms, the reason for not given them to the workers?
- (c) The action he is going to take against the trade union, and the estate administration for not empathizing with this situation?
- (d) If not, why?

0637/06

7.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development and Minister of Environment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development and to the Institutions, Statutory Boards and Corporations which come under the Ministry?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the basis on which they were appointed,
 - (ii) their qualifications;
 - (iii) the salaries and allowances paid to them and other facilities enjoyed by them as advisors; and
 - (iv) the duties that have been entrusted to them?
- (c) If not, why?

0638/06

8.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Empowerment and to the Institutions, Statutory Boards and Corporations which come under the Ministry?
- (b) Will she state separately—
 - (i) the basis on which they were appointed,
 - (ii) their qualifications;
 - (iii) the salaries and allowances paid to them and other facilities enjoyed by them as advisors; and
 - (iv) the duties that have been entrusted to them?
- (c) If not, why?

0639/06

9.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask Minister of Constitutional Affairs and National Integration,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Constitutional Affairs and National Integration and to the Institutions, Statutory Boards and Corporations which come under the Ministry?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the basis on which they were appointed,
 - (ii) their qualifications;
 - (iii) the salaries and allowances paid to them and other facilities enjoyed by them as advisors; and
 - (iv) the duties that have been entrusted to them?
- (c) If not, why?

0373/06

10.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries and Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a separate institution by the name “Tea Shakthi Bureau” has been established to shoulder the responsibility of developing tea small holdings, which was under the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority;
 - (ii) even though the tea small holdings societies are members of the Tea Shakthi Bureau, it is not specifically mentioned to which sector some of the officers in those two institutes belong; and
 - (iii) a sum of Rs. 1,200/- annually by Rs. 100/- per month has been levied from each member when members were enrolled for tea small holdings development societies which have a membership of around 150,000?

- (b) Will he present to this House the details of the payment of benefits as it has been promised that benefits from Rs. 25,000/- upto Rs.100,000/- would be paid in an accidental death?
- (c) Does he admit that there are nearly 500 more persons whose payment of benefits is pending?
- (d) Will he state —
 - (i) the details of names and addresses, of the persons who have not received benefits after applying for the same, and the amounts of money payable to them; and
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken in order to provide relief and the date of payment?
- (e) Will he state —
 - (i) the funds that belonged to the aforesaid institution when it was separated from the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority; and
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken to bring the “Tea Shakthi Bureau” to the proper standard?
- (f) If not, why?

0446/06

11.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the extent of land that is left for distribution out of the land called Apthopwaththa in Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle after a portion of the aforesaid land has been distributed among the landless people; and
 - (ii) whether the extent of the available land has been surveyed and settled?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the extent of land which has been brought under cultivation in an unauthorized manner by the owners of adjoining lands after the aforesaid land was taken over by the government;

- (ii) their names, addresses and the extents of lands acquired by them in an unauthorized manner;
 - (iii) whether the Grama Seva Niladharis who were in-charge of this area during the period concerned have reported this situation to the Divisional Secretariat of Nagoda;
 - (iv) the relevant dates, if it has been reported;
 - (v) whether the necessary action has been taken with regard to this matter; and
 - (vi) if not so, whether legal action has been taken against the relevant officials?
- (c) Will he state the period of time that will be necessary to survey the extent of lands that have been acquired in an unauthorized manner as mentioned above and vest the remaining land with the Divisional Secretary after giving a certain amount of land to the landless people depending on the extents of the land distributed?
- (d) If not, why?

0447/06

12.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the number of houses destroyed in the Tsunami in Habaraduwa, Galle, Hikkaduwa, Ambalangoda and Balapitiya Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Galle District;
 - (ii) out of the persons who were displaced by Tsunami the number of persons who have been provided with houses by now;
 - (iii) whether those houses have been built by the Non-Governmental Organizations or by the Government; and
 - (iv) the number of people who are still living in temporary houses in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) out of the persons who were displaced as mentioned above, the number of persons who have not been provided with houses they need; and
 - (ii) the period of time which will be necessary for providing houses to the aforesaid persons?
- (c) If not, why?

0467/06

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Empowerment,— (1)

- (a) Is she aware that the Daily News newspaper had reported that Child Prostitutes are being used to lure foreigners into the country?
- (b) Will she state —
 - (i) the action taken to curb this crime; and
 - (ii) if not, the action taken against the Daily News newspaper for irresponsible reporting?
- (c) Will she submit to this House —
 - (i) the estimated number of child prostitutes involved this pathetic dilemma; and
 - (ii) the prevalent districts such prostitution take place?
- (d) If not, why?

0475/06

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Railways and Transport and Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the total sales of petrol, diesel, kerosene oil, furnace oil, aviation fuel and others for the last 05 years to date;
 - (ii) the tax imposed on all imports and the impact on the cost price per litre;
 - (iii) the profit per litre from petrol, diesel, kerosene oil, furnace oil and aviation fuel; and
 - (iv) the total profit for the last 05 years to-date?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the subsidy that the Government reimbursed to CPC;
 - (ii) whether the Government had paid it;
 - (iii) if not the date the Government is going to pay it; and
 - (iv) the total liability, debt of CPC to-date?
- (c) If not, why?

0491/06

15.

Hon. Dimuthu Bandara Abayakoon,— To ask the Minister of Estate Infrastructure and Livestock Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) what Insurance Company has been selected for the purpose of employee insurance by the State owned Milco Company;
 - (ii) whether the formal tender procedure was followed for the selection of that Insurance Company; and
 - (iii) what were the other bidding Insurance Companies and the quotations (according to the packages) offered by them?
 - (b) Will he submit the aforesaid quotations together with the covering letters?
 - (c) Will he state —
 - (i) the amount spent for the purpose of employee insurance by the Milco Company;
 - (ii) if there is a contribution by the employees its percentage?
 - (d) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Companies Bill — Second Reading

*2.

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.

*3.

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 No. 1447/28 of 01st June, 2006 which were presented on 23.06.2006 be approved.

*4.

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.

*5.

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

*6.

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

*7.

Banking (Amendment) Bill — Committee — (Progress 17th October, 2006)

*8.

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

*9.

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

*10.

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

*11.

Prevention of Mosquito Breeding Bill - Second Reading

*12.

Appropriation Bill — Second Reading

*13.

The Minister of Urban Development and Water Supply,— Regulations under the Urban Development Authority Law,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Urban Development and Water Supply under Section 21 of the Urban Development Authority Law, No. 41 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1459/20 of 23rd August, 2006 which were presented on 27.09.2006 be approved.

*14.

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.

*15.

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.

*16.

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.

*17.

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.

*18.

Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— Adjourned Debate on Question (3rd October, 2006),— Motion made and question proposed,— “That the Regulations made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition under Section 19 read with Section 72 of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) in consultation with the Sri Lanka Medical Council and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1458/16 of 17th August, 2006 which was presented on 05.09.2006.”

*19.

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)

*20.

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)

*21.

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)

*22.

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)

*23.

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)

*24.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—Annual Report of the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation - 2004,— That the Annual Report of the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation - 2004 presented on 26.05.2006 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Infrastructure Development and Fisheries Housing)

*25.

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

*26.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*27.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*28.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*29.

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)

*30.

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.)

*31.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,—
Notification under Excise Ordinance,—That the Notification made by the President and Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1456/24 of 03rd August 2006 which was presented 05.10.2006 be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 888)

*32.

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 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)

*33.

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)

*34.

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)

*35.

Governors' Pension Bill — Second Reading

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36.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. P. Dayaratne

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera

Hon. W. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Lakshman Seneviratne

Hon. Dunes Gankanda

Hon. Johnston Fernando

Hon. P. Radhakrishnan

Hon. R. M. Dharmadasa Banda

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna

Hon. Neomal Perera,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into the resignation of Mr. Sunil Mendis and the appointment of Mr. Ajit Niward Cabral as the Governor of the Central Bank,—

- (1) Whereas the Central Bank is one of the most important financial institutions of a country responsible for managing its economy.
- (2) Whereas the Governor of the Central Bank Mr. Sunil Mendis abruptly resigned under mysterious circumstances and
- (3) Whereas it is reported that Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral, who
 - (a) was a Member of the Western Provincial Council.
 - (b) formerly contested Colombo District Parliamentary Elections and,
 - (c) was a one time political organizer.
- (4) And whereas several reports in newspapers indicate that he has been involved in unsavory financial transactions more particularly Pyramid Schemes.

- (5) This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into:
- (a.) the circumstances under which Mr. Sunil Mendis resigned
 - (b.) the suitability of Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral to hold the position of the Governor of the Central Bank.
 - (c) whether the appointment of an individual such as Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral will seriously affect the creditability of the Central Bank and have disastrous effects on the country's economy.
- (6) (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
- (7) 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 Commission may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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37.

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.

38.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

39.

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

40.

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

41.

Serendib Educational Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

42.

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

43.

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

44.

Our Kids Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

45.

Social Development Institute of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

46.

Cancer Research Foundation of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading

47.

Ratnapura, Marapana Sastrodaya Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading

**Indicates Government Business.*

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