



No. 65.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, October 19, 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0219/06

1.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Samurdhi and Poverty Alleviation—(3)

- (a) Will she submit to this House the names and addresses of the Samurdhi recipients in the Walasmulla Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, the number of members in each family unit, their monthly income before the receipt of Samurdhi allowance, the value of the Samurdhi allowance and the date on which they received the said allowance for the first time, separately in detail?
- (b) Will she state—
 - (i) the number of families empowered in the years 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005 under the empowerment of Samurdhi recipients;
 - (ii) the name and address, Grama Niladhari Division, the year of empowerment, the name of the Samurdhi Officer of the relevant Division and any other important information regarding each Samurdhi recipient so empowered; and
 - (iii) the subjects under which they have been empowered?
- (c) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Samurdhi and Poverty Alleviation,—(3)

- (a) Will she submit to this House the names and addresses of the Samurdhi recipients in the Katuwana Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, the number of members in each family unit, their monthly income before the receipt of Samurdhi allowance, the value of the Samurdhi allowance and the date on which they received the said allowance for the first time, separately in detail?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of families empowered in the years 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005 under the empowerment of Samurdhi recipients;
- (ii) the name and address, Grama Niladhari Division, the year of empowerment, the name of the Samurdhi Officer of the relevant Division and any other important information regarding each Samurdhi recipient so empowered; and
- (iii) the subjects under which they have been empowered?

(c) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Samurdhi and Poverty Alleviation—(3)

(a) Will she submit to this House the names and addresses of the Samurdhi recipients in the Angunakolapelessa Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, the number of members in each family unit, their monthly income before the receipt of Samurdhi allowance, the value of the Samurdhi allowance and the date on which they received the said allowance for the first time, separately in detail?

(b) Will she state—

- (i) the number of families empowered in the years 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005 under the empowerment of Samurdhi recipients;
- (ii) the name and address, Grama Niladhari Division, the year of empowerment, the name of the Samurdhi Officer of the relevant Division and any other important information regarding each Samurdhi recipient so empowered; and
- (iii) the subjects under which they have been empowered?

(c) If not, why?

0640/06

4.

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

(a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Disaster Management and Human Rights 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?

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5.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Education 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?

0642/'06

6.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion 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?

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7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately —
 - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the Chief Minister of the North Central Province, his security service and the personal staff;
 - (ii) of those vehicles, the number that has been obtained on contract and rent basis;
 - (iii) the names and ages of the drivers of those vehicles and their dates of recruitment;
 - (iv) the institutions from which they have been attached, if they have been so attached; and
 - (v) whether drivers have been newly recruited on contract basis?
- (b) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately —
 - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the Chief Minister of the Uva Province, his security service and the personal staff;
 - (ii) of those vehicles, the number that has been obtained on contract and rent basis;
 - (iii) the names and ages of the drivers of those vehicles and their dates of recruitment;
 - (iv) the institutions from which they have been attached, if they have been so attached; and
 - (v) whether drivers have been newly recruited on contract basis?
- (b) If not, why?

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9.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately —
 - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the Chief Minister of the Southern Province, his security service and the personal staff;
 - (ii) of those vehicles, the number that has been obtained on contract and rent basis;
 - (iii) the names and ages of the drivers of those vehicles and their dates of recruitment;
 - (iv) the institutions from which they have been attached, if they have been so attached; and
 - (v) whether drivers have been newly recruited on contract basis?
- (b) If not, why?

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10.

Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately in this House —
 - (i) the number of advisors recruited to the Ministry after the relevant Minister assumed office;
 - (ii) their names and addresses;
 - (iii) the basis on which the above advisors were recruited;
 - (iv) their educational qualifications; and
 - (v) the salaries, allowances and other benefits offered to them?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the registration numbers of vehicles, if official vehicles have been provided to the said advisors;
 - (ii) the monthly fuel allowance granted to them and the amount of money spent monthly for same;
 - (iii) the head of expenditure under which the relevant financial provisions are made?
- (c) If not, why?

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11.

Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the details of the electrification projects that are being implemented in each electorate of the Kegalle District through the Chinese aid scheme;
 - (ii) the total estimated amount of money for the said projects; and
 - (iii) the total number of families benefitted from the said projects?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the details of the projects that the work has been started at present under the Chinese funded electrification scheme;
 - (ii) the projects of which work has not been started and as to when their construction would Commence?
- (c) If not, why?

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12.

Hon. R.M. Gamini Ratnayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of electrification projects that are being implemented in each electorate of the Kegalle District under the grants extended by the A.D.B. and SEEDA;
 - (ii) what those projects are;
 - (iii) the number of electricity projects that have been completed and vested with the people; and
 - (iv) what they are?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, the copies of the original plans and the amended plans, if the original plans of these projects have been amended?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of families that were to be benefitted from the original plans; and
 - (ii) the number of families that will be benefitted from the amended plans?
- (d) If not, why?

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13.

Hon. Hemakumara Nanayakkara, —To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit separately to this House —
 - (i) whether suitable candidates have been selected for the year 2006 for the course of study of Enterpreunership and Management conducted by the Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the qualifications that are required for selection for the above course;
 - (iii) the procedure that was followed for the selection; and
 - (iv) the number of students selected for the said course?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether an eligibility test is conducted when selections are made for the above course;
 - (ii) if so, when it was held;
 - (iii) whether all the candidates were informed of the eligibility test;
 - (iv) if not, the reasons for that; and
 - (v) as to how those candidates were informed?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the quota allocated for candidates from Uva Wellassa if such a quota was set aside for them;
 - (ii) if so, as to how those candidates were selected?
- (d) If not, why?

0389/06

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that the Government pledged to provide a mid-day meal to all the school children in the country as stated in the Presidential Manifesto in 2005?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the above pledge has been fulfilled by the Government?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the number of schools and children enjoying the mid-day meal;

- (ii) the total cost incurred in this regard in the entire country to date per district, yearly and monthly basis;
- (iii) the bearers of the cost?
- (d) Will he admit that there are a lot of allegations as most of the schools have not been provided with the mid-day meal?
- (e) If not, will he also state—
 - (i) as to what action could be taken to extend the same facility to all schools;
 - (ii) the persons responsible for this lapse?
- (f) If not, why?

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15.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he submit in this House on Educational Division basis, the number of schools partially and completely destroyed in the Galle district due to tsunami and the nature of their destruction quantitatively?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) the institutions/organisations that have agreed to provide financial assistance for the reconstruction of these devastated schools;
 - (ii) the schools selected for assistance and the donations made available for them; and
 - (iii) the institutions that have accepted the responsibility of constructing the relevant schools with the said amounts of money?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the current state of the reconstruction activities of those tsunami affected schools?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Privilege (No. 1),—That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion, on 23rd May, 2006 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by a false news item published

in the “Virakesari” newspaper of 20th May, 2006 which had stated that a warrant had been issued to arrest him by the Magistrate of Colombo, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Privilege (No. 2),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Sarath Kumara Gunaratne, M.P., on 07th July, 2006 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by a news item published in the “Lankadeepa” newspaper of 07th July, 2006 which had misrepresented a part of the speech made by him at the debate on the Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance held on 06th July, 2006, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

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—

- 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,
- 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 :—

- pay a sum of Rs. 46,400/- to the Hon. Prime Ministers with effect from 01.12.2004;
- 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;
- 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. Dunesh 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. Ajith 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

48.

Sri Lanka Federation of the Visually Handicapped (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration

**Indicates Government Business.*

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