



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 67.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, November 07, 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0646/'06

1.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition 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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2.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Consumer Affairs and Marketing Development and Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Highways 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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3.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Housing and Construction 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?

0430/06

4.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the MAZDA van bearing No. GZ 5048 which belongs to Madhu Travels Company belonging to Mr. Sarath Chandra Siriwardhana of No. 50, Bogamuwa Road, Mallowapitiya, Kurunegala, has been leased out to Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation on a requirement from 05.03.2006 to 02.04.2006;
 - (ii) an amount of Rs. 35,000/= has been issued to Madhu Travels Company as the rent for the aforesaid vehicle by a cheque bearing No. 657485 issued by the Torrington Branch of the Bank of Ceylon;
 - (iii) the van was used for the election campaign of a person by the name of Nandana Balasooriya who contested the Udabeddawa Pradeshiya Sabha from the United People's Freedom Alliance under Number 10, during the entire period mentioned above; and
 - (iv) the aforesaid van is in a very bad condition now?

- (b) Does he admit that this van was subjected to attacks of brick bats in a dispute occurred when it was being used for the election campaign during the period mentioned above and a complaint under the name of Mr. Nandana Balasooriya, the present chairman of the Udubaddawa Pradeshiya Sabha has been lodged at the Dummalasooriya police station?
- (c) Will he take action to pay a compensation to Madhu Travels Company for the damages caused to this van as a result of using it for the election campaign under the pretext of using it for official purposes of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation?
- (d) If not, why?

0556/06

5.

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 Western 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?

0557/06

6.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately the number of employees recruited to each institution in all Provincial Councils in the country since 2004 to date on permanent / contract / casual / temporary basis?
- (b) Will he state the names, addresses, personal details, educational qualifications, terms of recruitment and the salaries drawn by those employees recruited under each institution?
- (c) If not, why?

0501/06

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the local and foreign officers recruited to the official hierarchy of the People's Bank, outside the institutional management of the Bank, from 2000 up to date;
 - (ii) the salaries and other benefit accorded to those officers;
 - (iii) their educational and professional qualifications;
 - (iv) how many of the above said officers possess a degree and a pass in the Interim Examination of the Bankers' Institute, which are minimum educational and professional qualifications required for the institutional management of the Bank?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether the above mentioned recruitments were made according to the powers vested in the Bank in terms of the People's Bank Act, No. 29 of 1961 and the subsequent Acts as amended;
 - (ii) if not, within which power frame the relevant recruitments were made?
- (c) If not, why?

0500/06

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the policy adopted by the People's Bank in granting extensions of service to its employees;
 - (ii) the policies adopted by the Bank of Ceylon, National Savings Bank, State Mortgage and Investment Bank and other State Banks in granting service extensions, separately;
 - (iii) whether there policies are consistant with the provisions of the Public Administration Circulars No. 05/2002?
- (b) Will he state;
 - (i) the name of the respondents, the case number and the amounts paid for the retaining of lawyers in respect of the cases filed in

the Supreme Court against the People's Bank by its employees on account of service extensions not being granted to them;

- (ii) the number of complaints filed before the Human Rights Commission in this regard, the plaintiffs, complaint numbers, the current position of them and the amounts of money paid to the lawyers who had appeared for the Bank in each of these cases?
- (c) Will he state in this House, the decision made by the People's Bank on the proposal made to the effect that, in order to settle the cases filed before the Supreme Court, a decision should be made in line with the policy adopted by the other State Banks?
- (d) if not, why?

0503/06

9.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House the steps that have been taken regarding the Oluwil Harbour which has been planned to be constructed?
- (b) Will he accept that certain employees have already been attached for service there?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) if so, the number of such employees;
 - (ii) their salary scales;
 - (iii) the number of official vehicles given and other perks enjoyed by those respective officers; and
 - (iv) the annual expenditure incurred on it?
- (d) If not, why?

0466/06

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Textile Industry Development and Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state this House —
 - (i) the date on which the Salusala Limited was established;
 - (ii) the number of Staff-members working there?

- (b) Will he inform this House per year basis the turnover of the Salusala Limited for the last 05 years?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of outlets and manufacturing points of Salusala as at 1st June 2004;
 - (ii) the reason for closing Salusala units now;
 - (iii) the action taken regarding the additional idling staff; and
 - (iv) whether the staff are entitled to any compensation;
 - (v) the total debt of the Institution as at date; and
 - (vi) the net asset value of this Institution?
- (d) If not, why?

0422/06

11.

Hon. L. G. Wasantha Piyatissa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he state in this House the number of teachers recruited to the permanent teaching service out of those who were serving as volunteer teachers from 1994 to 01.08.2005 at the respective Provincial level?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) the criteria on which recruitments were done;
 - (ii) the names of the Education Officers concerned who are responsible for giving appointments since appointments have been given to those who were not qualified while those who were qualified have not been given appointments;
 - (iii) whether disciplinary action will be taken against them?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to give permanent appointments to those who are qualified and yet have not been given appointments so far?
- (d) If not, why?

0423/06

12.

Hon. L. G. Wasantha Piyatissa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he state separately the number of volunteer teachers who teach Tamil in Sinhala schools and the number of volunteer teachers who teach Sinhala in Tamil schools, in the North-East Province?

- (b) Will he take action to give permanent appointments to those teachers?
- (c) If not, why?

0522/'06

13.

Hon. T. Maheswaran,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that,
 - (i) the children of plantation workers have been facing many difficulties in coming to school in time due to the change made in the starting time of the school;
 - (ii) the schools in the Nuwara Eliya district have been declared as difficult area schools by the Government;
 - (iii) the students have to walk nearly 4,5 km from their plantation houses to reach the main road from where they have to get a bus to go to schools in the urban areas;
 - (iv) there for these students are not in a position to report to the urban schools in time?
- (b) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) the steps going to take to redress the grievances of students in these remote areas;
 - (ii) whether the school bus service are regular in the above areas;
 - (iii) the number of school buses being deployed in those areas;
 - (iv) the times of the school bus service and the destinations.
- (c) will he submit to this house;
 - (i) the reasons for the students of these areas to seek admission to the urban schools
 - (ii) the reason that the facilities available in the urban schools could be provided to these schools as well?
- (d) if not why?

0526/'06

14.

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

- (a) Is he aware that,
 - (i) arrangement were made by a private institution to provide electricity facilities to the estate workers of 8 out of 11 divisions of Kalabokka

estate in Panvillla Wathugama areas through a bank loan assistance system; and

- (ii) estate management recovered monthly instalments from the monthly salaries of the workers;
 - (iii) although the interest rate was 1% when the first instalment was recovered three years ago, presently 2% is charged; and
 - (iv) it is difficult for the workers to pay the instalments with their meagre salary?
- (b) Will he inform this house—
- (i) the reasons for increasing the interest rate;
 - (ii) the names and other details of the said bank;
 - (iii) the names and the addresses of the people who obtained the loan;
 - (iv) the private institution along with the names of the workers who obtained electrical items;
 - (v) the action going to be taken to remedy the situation.
- (c) if not why?

0441/06

15.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) students who scored over 69 cut-off marks were enrolled to the Law College in January, 2006;
 - (ii) eleven (11) students who had scored below 69 cut-off marks have been enrolled in March, 2006?
- (b) Will he admit that an injustice has been caused to Miss Chamanthi Devika Wijayasekara of 89/2, Pieries Mawatha, Kalubowila, Dehiwala by enrolling students who had scored 9 marks less than her whereas she had scored 67 marks?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to rectify this injustice and grant an opportunity to Miss Chamanthi Devika Wijayasekara to get admission to the Law College?
- (d) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— (No.1),— That the proceedings on Item 1 of Public Business appearing on the Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 23.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— (No.2),— That for the purpose of the proceedings of the Appropriation Bill (2007), Standing Order 70 shall operate with the substitution of the word "Fifteen" for the word "Twenty-six".

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— (No.3),— That Friday 17th, Saturday 18th, Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd November, 2006 be Allotted Days for the consideration of the Appropriation Bill - (2007).

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sitting of the Parliament,— (No.1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 70(2) the hours of sitting on Allotted Days for the consideration of the Appropriation Bill (2007) from 17th to 22nd November, 2006 shall be 09.30 a.m. to 12.30p.m and 01.00p.m. to 06.30p.m. At 06.00p.m. paragraphs (5) and (6) of Standing Order 7 shall operate.

5.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sitting of the Parliament,— (No.2),— 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 09.30 a.m. to 04.30 p.m. At 04.30 p.m Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

6.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sitting of the Parliament,— (No.3),— That this Parliament at its rising this day to adjourn until 04.00 p.m. on Thursday 16th November, 2006.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,— Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance,— That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959, Law No. 6 of 1978, and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from 02nd November, 2006 be approved.

*2.

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.

*3.

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.

*4.

Appropriation Bill — Second Reading

*5.

The Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,— Order under Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1462/27 of 15th September 2006 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which was presented on 20.10.2006 be approved.

*6.

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.

*7.

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.

*8.

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.

*9.

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.”

*10.

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)

*11.

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)

*12.

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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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)

*15

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources under Section 61 read with Section 28 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1454/33 of 21st July 2006 which were presented on 17.10.2006 be approved.

*16.

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)

*17.

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

*18.

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

*19.

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

*20.

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

*21.

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

*22.

Prevention of Mosquito Breeding Bill - Second Reading

*23.

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

*24.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*25.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*26.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*27.

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)

*28.

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.)

*29.

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)

*30.

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)

*31.

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)

*32.

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)

*33.

Governors' Pension Bill — Second Reading

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34.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. P. Dayaratne

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera

Hon. W. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Lakshman Seneviratne

Hon. Duneshe 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, a 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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35.

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.

36.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

37.

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

38.

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

39.

Serendib Educational Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

40.

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

41.

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

42.

Our Kids Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

43.

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

44.

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

45.

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

46.

Samastha Lanka International Development Association (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration

**Indicates Government Business.*

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