



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 69.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Friday, November 17, 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0656/'06

1.

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

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

0657/'06

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Plan Implementation 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 Foreign Affairs and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Ports and Aviation 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?

0271/06

4.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that Mr. M.M. Wijesinghe, the Principal of Walasmulla model primary school in Hambantota District has been transferred to Kotagala Maha Vidyalaya Matara as the Deputy Principal with immediate effect from 16.01.2006?

(b) Will he admit that —

(i) Mr. Wijesinghe acts as the Secretary of the Katuwana branch of the Jathika Adyapana Sevaka Sangamaya, the Chairman of the Hambantota District Council and the Divisional Trade Union Officer of the Mulkirigala electorate; and

(ii) therefore, this transfer has been done purely as an act of political victimization?

(c) Is he aware that he had suffered a financial loss of about Rs. 75 lakhs in 1999 when he had been interdicted and his promotion to the Educational Administrative Service too has been suspended?

- (d) Will he take action to appoint Mr. Wijesinghe as the Principal of the H/Walasmulla model primary school with immediate effect?
- (e) If not, why?

0507/06

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware of that more than 35% of voters have lost the opportunity of casting their vote due to the reason that the identity card was made compulsory at the 2006 Local Government election?
- (b) Does he accept the fact that approximately 60% of the applications forwarded to the commissioner of Registration of Persons' Office are rejected on the grounds of various shortcomings; despite the fact that particulars relating to the persons applying for the registration have been certified by the Grama Niladhari of the area and recommended by the Divisional Secretary?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) what action he would take to provide relief to the applicants who are unable to obtain the Identity Cards, even after spending several days, having come from outstations paying for their transport; and
 - (ii) whether action would be taken to issue the Identity Cards in respect of application which are recommended by the Divisional Secretary departing from the arbitrary procedures followed in the office of the Commissioner of Registration of Persons?
- (d) If not, why?

0381/06

6.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Development of Farmer Communities,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the quantities and the varieties of fertilizer issued on the basis of Divisional Secretariat Divisions from September 01, 2005 to May 01, 2006;
 - (ii) the value of the said quantities?
- (b) If not, why?

0481/06

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools which come under the purview of Kotmale zone;
 - (ii) the names and other details of the teachers serving in the schools of the above mentioned areas;
 - (iii) the number of students studying at those schools separately; and
 - (iv) the names of the teachers and the subjects being taught by them separately.
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason for not issuing the school text books to the schools in the above mentioned areas by the government even after a lapse of seven months since the dawn of the year;
 - (ii) due to this, the students and the teachers face various inconveniences?
 - (iii) the time required for the distribution of the above text books;
- (c) Will he submit to this House, the shortcomings of the schools in the above zone through reports from zonal officers;
- (d) if not why?

0513/06

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reason that the Galaboda Estate belonging to JEDB is in a very bad condition for the past 10 years;
 - (ii) details of the labourers who had lost their earning as a result of the above state of the estate;
 - (iii) details of assistance provided to these labourers.
- (b) Will he state the actions that have been taken to restore the activities of the factory?
- (c) if not why?

0516/'06

9.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) there are more than 300 families living in Calsy Estate located eight kilometres away from Nanuoya;
- (ii) the above families of the estate workers have no facilities such as houses, roads, school, transport, electricity and dispensary;
- (iii) although an organisation called “Trust” came forward to construct houses on a loan basis, the construction works have not been completed as yet; and,
- (iv) the people in the above area were affected by natural disasters?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the steps going to be taken to provide the basic requirements of the aforesaid people;
- (ii) the reasons that the construction of houses have not been completed; and
- (iii) details of relief provided to the people of the above area?

(c) if not why?

0544/'06

10.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a competitive examination was held on 01.02.1997 at Baron Jayatilaka Maha Vidyalaya in Colombo for filling the vacancies for the post of Environment Officer, Grade V in the Central Environment Authority;
- (ii) if so, for how many vacancies it was conducted;
- (iii) how many candidates have passed the said examination;
- (iv) how many were recruited for the post of Environment Officer, Grade V out of those candidates; and

- (v) the names of those who were recruited?
- (b) Will he state the reasons if no recruitments have been made,
- (c) Will he submit to this house,
 - (i) the number of vacancies that exist the post of Environment Officer Grade V; and,
 - (ii) if vacancies exist, the date for calling for applications for the recruitments concerned, the number intended to be recruited and the date specified for such recruitments?
- (d) If not, why?

0545/06

11.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Samurdhi and Poverty Alleviation,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of bhikkus resident in the Maha Manthinda Pirivena in Matara; and
 - (ii) out of them the number of bhikkus who receive Samurdhi assistance?
- (b) Will she submit to this house the list of the bhikkus who receive Samurdhi assistance?
- (c) Will she state separately—
 - (i) out of the aforesaid list, the number of bhikkus who have disrobed;
 - (ii) the number of bhikkus entitled to the Samurdhi allowance who reside in the temple as of now; and,
 - (iii) the number of bhikkus employed in the government service?
- (d) If not, why?

0386/06

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that the Government pledged to grant 50% salary increase to the Public Servants?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the above pledge has been fulfilled?
- (c) Will he state separately,—
 - (i) the cost of salaries of all Public Servants per year;

- (ii) the expected salary increase like; and
- (iii) the number of Public Servants as at date?
- (d) Will he mention who is responsible for breach of any promise given to the Public Servants?
- (e) If not, why?

0480/06

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the total number of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) generated into Sri Lanka as at date for the last 10 years per year basis; and
 - (ii) the FDI for infrastructure development separately?
- (b) Will he state separately for the last 10 years per year basis that,—
 - (i) the FDI came in and moved out of the Stock Exchange;
 - (ii) the FDI that has come to the country in respect of the service industry?
- (c) Will he inform this House the FDI as a percentage of GDP?
- (d) If not, why?

0482/06

14.

Hon. Mussammil Mohamed,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Foreign Employment,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of foreign employment agencies which have been registered under the Ministry of Labour Relations and Foreign Employment; and
 - (ii) the dates on which they were registered, separately?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the complaints or charges of corruption, fraud or other malpractices that have been received in respect of the said agencies; and
 - (ii) the actions which have been taken regarding those complaints?
- (c) If not, why?

0484/06

15.

Hon. Mussammil Mohamed,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately in respect of each school—
 - (i) the number of schools which are termed “Muslim National Schools”;
 - (ii) the number of students studying in them;
 - (iii) the number of teachers currently attached to them; and
 - (iv) the number of teachers that should have been assigned to them?
 - (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each school —
 - (i) the subjects for which there exists a shortage of teachers; and
 - (ii) the measures which have been taken to remedy it?
 - (c) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2007) — (First allotted day) — Adjourned Debate on question — (16th, November) [1]

*2.

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.

*3.

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)

*4.

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)

*5.

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)

*6.

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)

*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 Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development and Ministry of Environment,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau for 2001 - Annual Report and Accounts - 2001 of the Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau submitted on 23.09.2003 under section 14(3) financial Act No.38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development)

*9.

The Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development and Ministry of Environment,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Development & Construction Corporation for 2004 - Annual Report and Accounts - 2004 of the State Development & Construction Corporation submitted on 14.02.2006 under section 14(3) financial Act No.38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development)

*10.

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.

*11.

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.

*12.

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)

*13.

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.”

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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.

*15.

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)

*16.

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

*17.

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

*18.

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

*19.

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

*20.

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

*21.

Prevention of Mosquito Breeding Bill - Second Reading

*22.

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

*23.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*24.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*25.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*26.

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>2006.01.01</i>	<i>2007.01.01</i>
<i>Rs.</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)

*27.

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 Rs.</i>	<i>Comparative Post and Number, Salary Code & Salary according to 6/2006</i>	<i>Proposed Allowances 2006.01.01 Rs.</i>	<i>2007.01.01 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,—

- 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.
- 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.)

*28.

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)

*29.

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

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2005 only)

Sgd. RANJITH SIYAMBALAPITIYA

Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning.

16.05.2006
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*30.

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)

*31.

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)

*32.

Governors' Pension Bill — Second Reading

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33.

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. 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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34.

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.

35.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

36.

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

37.

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

38.

Serendib Educational Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

39.

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

40.

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

41.

Our Kids Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

42.

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

43.

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

44.

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

45.

Samastha Lanka International Development Association (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration

46.

Dharmayathana Conservation Society (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration

47.

K. Jayatileke Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration

**Indicates Government Business.*

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