



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 70.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Saturday, November 18, 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0659/'06

1.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Post and Telecommunication & Minister of Rural Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Post and Telecommunication 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 Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Power and Energy 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 Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs 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?

0517/06

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a dearth of teachers in the Tamil schools in Ratnapura District;
 - (ii) although the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council conducted interviews for the volunteer teachers serving in that area in order to absorb them in the Teachers service, no decision has been taken in this connection for the last two years;
 - (iii) and no remedial measures have been taken regarding lack of resources in the above said Tamil Schools..
- (b) Will he inform this House, the action that has been taken to remedy the dearth of teachers and lack of resources in these schools along with the action to be taken regarding the volunteer teachers serving in that area?
- (c) if not why?

0529/06

5.

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 names of the companies that have taken over the Plantations belonging to the State;

- (ii) since valuable trees are cut and sold at auctions the reasons for not paying a share of the profit to the workers;
 - (iii) details of those auctions and their values;
 - (iv) the names and the details of the roads used for transporting these trees by heavy vehicles;
 - (v) the reason for not including the details pertaining to the cutting and sale of these trees in the Annual Report published by the Estate Management each year;
 - (vi) the action to be taken with respect to roads that are damaged;
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the names and other particulars of workers who are affected because of these activities;
 - (ii) the details of profit earned/loss incurred due to this;
 - (iii) the action to be taken by the Government against these companies;
 - (iv) details of trees fell during the last ten years; and,
 - (v) the value of these trees?
- (c) if not why?

0531/06

6.

Hon. T. Maheshwaran,— To ask the Minister of Post and Telecommunication and Minister of Rural Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
- (i) the names and other details of Post Offices in Kothmale Area;
 - (ii) the details of employees working in the above Post Offices;
 - (iii) the reason for the delivery of mails to the Plantation areas not being done regularly; and,
 - (iv) the action to be taken in this regard?
- (b) Is he aware that—
- (i) despite the media reports that mails are delivered directly to the workes at their doorsteps, no constructive measures were taken to this effort to far;
 - (ii) in the case of telegram and registered letters, the addresses themselves have to go in person to receive them: and,

(iii) on account of this, they have to lose their one day salary?

(c) if not why?

0392/06

7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(1)

(a) Is he aware of that?

- (i) the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Sri Lanka has been housed in the Republican Building, since the gaining of independence in 1948;
- (ii) this ministry manages the affairs of 54 Sri Lankan embassies and consulates abroad,
- (iii) more than 50 embassies and international organizations in Sri Lanka are being co-ordinated from there;

(b) Does he admit that—

- (i) this is a building which is more than 60 years old and has an archaeological value,
- (ii) the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is the most important place in a country besides the Presidential House, the Parliament and the Independence Memorial Building?

(c) Will he take action to cancel the decision to hand over such an important building to the Presidential Secretariat for obtaining additional space?

(d) If not, why?

0559/06

8.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(1)

(a) Will he submit to this House —

- (i) the details of the Sri Lankan embassies in Foreign countries;
- (ii) as to who own the buildings which house these embassies;
- (iii) whether these offices are maintained on rent or lease basis; and
- (iv) if so, the amount paid as rent or lease?

- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the positions held by the persons employed in the foreign embassies; and
 - (ii) whether the said appointments are on secondment/temporary/contract or permanent basis?
- (c) Will he submit to this House separately the institutions in which they have served in Sri Lanka, the positions held by them, their educational qualifications, their dates of recruitment and the dates of recruitment to the foreign service?
- (d) If not, why?

0560/06

9.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House the names of all Sri Lankan Ambassadors serving in the countries with whom Sri Lanka maintains diplomatic relationships?
- (b) Will he state separately —
 - (i) the private addresses of these Ambassadors in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the positions held by them when they were in service in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) their educational qualifications, ages and their dates of recruitment to the Ambassador post?
- (c) If not, why?

0565/06

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that, on account of the tsunami disaster, various non-governmental organisations have imported vehicles in large numbers duty free or under concessionary tariff rates?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of vehicles so imported under tariff concessions by each of such non-governmental organisations?
- (c) Will he state the make of those vehicles and the tariff concession rates given to each of those vehicles?
- (d) If not, why?

0566/06

11.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately,—
 - (i) the extent of land distributed among the public and various institutions during the period from January 2002 to January 2006, out of the lands belonging to the Land Reform Commission and the state owned plantation companies?
 - (ii) on what basis they were distributed;
 - (iii) the beneficiaries (including the institutions) who had obtained land on various bases; and
 - (iv) their addresses and the extents of land so distributed?
- (b) If any sum of money had been charged for that purpose, will he state such prices under each of such bases?
- (c) If not, why?

0597/06

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of, —
 - (i) the name of the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority;
 - (ii) the names of the other Directors;
 - (iii) the educational qualifications of each of them;
 - (iv) the allowances paid to them monthly; and
 - (v) the vehicles provided to them and their registration numbers?
- (b) Will he state separately,—
 - (i) the number of consultants attached to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority in addition to the Directors;
 - (ii) the names and educational qualifications of each of them;
 - (iii) the monthly allowances paid to them;
 - (iv) the particulars of the vehicles, if vehicles have been provided to them; and
 - (v) the amount of money paid to them as travelling expenses and overtime in the month of July?
- (c) If not, why?

0598/06

13.

Hon. Gamini Lokuge,— To ask the Minister of Samurdhi and Poverty Alleviation,—(2)

- (a) Is she aware that Mr. L.P. Premadasa of No. 215/3, Samupakara Mawatha, Honnantara, Piliyandala, has a mandatory Savings Pass Book Bearing No. 0109/04/19/CSA1030 at the Samurdhi Bank?
- (b) Will she accept that at present he receives a sum of Rs. 340/- monthly as allowance?
- (c) Will she state the reasons as to why the money deposited in his Samurdhi Savings Pass Book is not paid back to him?
- (d) If not, why?

0282/06

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,—(3)

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately,—
 - (i) the number of civilians, armed personnel including Police Officers killed and injured as a result of the ongoing North and East civil disturbances as at 22 February, 2002;
 - (ii) the number of persons lost their lives from 1975 to-date per year basis; and
 - (iii) the number of persons injured or killed from April 02, 2004 to-date per year basis?
- (b) Will he inform this House the cost incurred as the capital and the recurrent expenditure separately for the Districts in the North and East from 1990 to-date on per year basis?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether the cease-fire agreement signed on the 22 February 2002 has helped to increase investments and reduce killings;
 - (ii) the facilitators and co-sponsors of the peace process;
 - (iii) whether the Government accepts the cease-fire agreement; and
 - (iv) if not, the reason for not rejecting or abrogating the cease-fire agreement?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Minister of Trade, Consumer Affairs and Marketing Development and Minister of Highways,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the Government pledged to purchase paddy at Rs. 22/- per kilo?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the above pledge has been fulfilled?
- (c) Will he state separately —
 - (i) how much money has been allocated for this purpose;
 - (ii) the Government institutions which purchase paddy at the above rate; and
 - (iii) how many kilos of paddy had been purchased by the Government to date per district basis?
- (d) Will he state why farmers agitate that thier paddy is not purchased even at Rs. 9/- per kilo?
- (e) Will he also state —
 - (i) what steps the farmers could take;
 - (ii) the number of farmers committed suicide since 17 November 2005;and
 - (iii) the total cost or loss incurred by the Government in purchasing paddy?
- (f) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2007) — (Second 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.”

*14

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>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)

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

*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 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)

*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. 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, 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.”
