



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 71.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Monday, November 20, 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0662/06

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 Railways and Transport 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?

0663/06

2.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine and Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs,—(1)

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

0664/06

3.

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 Rural Economic Development 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?

0476/06

4.

Hon. Abdul Bais Kamardeen,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the details of lands owned by Government, Government Departments or Corporations and Institutions affiliated to Corporations within the Puttalam, Kalpitiya and Mundhall Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Puttalam District separately;
 - (ii) the extent of those lands and whether they are cultivated or barren lands;
 - (iii) whether all these lands or some of them have been handed over to individuals or organizations; and
 - (iv) if so, the extent of lands so handed over and the procedures followed?
- (b) If not, why?

0477/06

5.

Hon. Abdul Bais Kamardeen,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether one or more lands belonging to the Government or Government Departments, Corporations and associated Institutions in the Puttalam, Kalpitiya and Munthal Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Puttalam District were encroached by private individuals;

- (ii) if so, names of such lands separately;
 - (iii) the extent and locations of those lands;
 - (iv) the actions taken against such encroachments; and
 - (v) the present situation in relation to this matter?
- (b) If not, why?

0533/06

6.

Hon. T. Maheshwaran,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
- (i) the details of doctors, nurses and other workers employed in the Thalawakele estate hospital;
 - (ii) the reason for the lack of facilities in this hospital;
 - (iii) the full details of the Company administering this hospital;
 - (iv) the reason that the estate administration had not taken any action to appoint a permanent doctor for the last one year;
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the details of the shortcomings in the aforesaid hospital;
 - (ii) the time it will take to remedy;
 - (iii) the action to be taken with regard to this situation; and,
 - (iv) the action to be taken against the Company that is administering the said estate hospital?
- (c) if not why?

0534/06

7.

Hon. T. Maheshwaran,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
- (i) the details of doctors, nurses and other workers attached to the Hospital in Haldumulla;
 - (ii) the reason for not repairing leakages in the drainage pipe from the toilet;
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the action going to be taken against the workers, who do not handle this problem properly;

- (ii) the action going to be taken to prevent such health hazards in the hospitals which are responsible for maintaining health;
 - (iii) the action going to be taken to remedy the shortage of doctors in this hospital,
 - (iv) the reason that the acting doctors are not appointed for the doctors transferred or for the doctors on leave; and,
 - (v) the action going to be taken to remedy the situation?
- (c) if not why?

0535/06

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the brewing of illicit liquor is on the increase in Kalamathanai estate in the Nawalapitiya police division;
 - (ii) the heads of the poor families of the area spend a major portion of their earning on it;
 - (iii) this causes immense sufferings to other members of the family;
 - (iv) many people have requested to put an end to it?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the reason that the authorities concerned have not paid attention to this;
 - (ii) details of people who have been arrested for brewing illicit liquor;
 - (iii) the reason that the police have not taken any action to control the production of illicit liquor and the action to be taken in this regard,
- (c) if not why?

0393/06

9.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Cultural and National Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the plot of land on Singharaja Mawatha, Kandy, where building No.72, which houses the Kandyan Arts Society founded in 1882 is situated, is a government property?
- (b) Will he take the necessary steps—
- (i) to assign this government property to the Kandyan Arts Society;

- (ii) to reform with modern amenities, the Kandyan Cultural Centre which was built with the labour of the relevant society's membership and has been protected for about 120 years;
 - (iii) to ammend the initial constitution of 1882 of the Kandyan Arts Society which was ammended in 1980, to suit the present day;
 - (iv) to exempt the society from income tax; and,
 - (v) not to incorporate this as an institution sponsored by the state?
- (c) If not, why?

0472/06

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware of that?
- (i) D.M. Tikiri Banda who was a polling agent at Devagiriya polling station in Wilgamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division at the Provincial Council Election held on 30-03-2006, has been assaulted by a group of persons, while he was returning home after completing his work at the polling station on that day?
 - (ii) a complaint regarding this matter has been lodged at the Wilgamuwa police post on the same day?
- (b) Does he admit that—
- (i) a group of 25 persons including I.G. Ashoka, K.D. Ajith Kumara, U.G. Ranbanda, and U.G. Kapilarathna, who are the suspects in this case have not been arrested and are at large,
 - (ii) the Wilgamuwa police station has not taken any steps regarding this matter?
- (c) Will he state whether,
- (i) legal action will be taken after taking the aforesaid suspects in to custody immediately; and
 - (ii) justice will be done to D.M Tikiri Banda by giving him a compensation?
- (d) If not, why?

0506/06

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware of that a certain member of Parliament in the Kalutara District and a group of his supporters have constructed a new road causing damages amounting to over Rs. 50,000/= by cutting down coconut trees and Mahogany trees and demolishing the parapet wall that had been built for the protection of the land called Morathuduwa Watta belonging to Mr. G. Thantrige of 705A, Moratuduwa, Mawala South in the Kalutara Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Does he accept that;
 - (i) a complaint has been lodged at the Wadduwa Police Station regarding this act, on 28-03-2006?
 - (ii) this MP, together with his followers have walked through this land in a boisterous manner regardless of the order given by the Police who were conducting an investigation at the site on 30-03-2006?
- (c) Will he state ,
 - (i) whether he would take action to stop this illegal and immoral attempt to construct a new road in this land which is a gift to the daughter of the owner, to build a house;
 - (ii) whether he would take action for the recovery of the loss incurred by the owner of the land due to this forcible and illegal act caused by this trespass?
- (d) If not, why?

0538/06

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that homeguards have been recruited from border villages in the Puttlam District and deployed for the protection of their respective villages?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the recruiting of the said homeguards has been done on the wish of the politicians in the area?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the villages which have been identified as border villages in the Puttlam District;

- (ii) whether the homguards who had not reported for duty owing to their being transferred to places outside their villages with the commencement of the ceasefire having been in service after being trained, have been reinstated when homeguards were recruited again for the protection of these villages;
 - (iii) if it has not been able to re-instate them, the reason for it;
 - (iv) the number of Homeguards recruited anew in the Puttlam District;
 - (v) if those who had left the service on account of transfers, having been in service in the past following training, have been recruited, what their number is;
 - (vi) whether the Homeguards who had been transferred out of their villages have been deployed again in their own areas of residence; and
 - (vii) if not so, the reason for that?
- (d) If not, why?

0542/06

13.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the total extent of lands within Colombo District which belong to the Lands Reform Commission?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the extent of the lands which have been given under 99 year lease, the dates on which they were leased out; the names of the lessees and the purpose of such leasing; and
 - (ii) the extent of the lands which have been leased out under 30-year lease, the dates on which they were leased out, the names of the lessees and the purpose of such leasing?
- (c) Will he state in this House separately—
 - (i) whether lands have been offered to various persons or institutions in any other manner other than the 99 or 30 year lease during the period he functioned as the Minister in charge; and
 - (ii) if so, the dates on which such leaseholds were granted, the names of the lessees concerned, the extents of the lands concerned and the purpose of such leasing separately?
- (d) Will he inform the house of—
 - (i) the extent of lands situated within the Colombo District which do not belong to the Lands Reforms Commission but belong to the Ministry concerned; and

- (ii) the extent of lands leased out in any manner?
- (e) Will he state separately, the extents of lands which were given out on leaseholds or on any other terms, the names of the recipients, the dates on which they were given and the purpose of such leasing?
- (f) If not, why?

0454/06

14.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the results of the interview held in November in year 2005 for the recruitment of persons to class III of the Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service on seniority and merit, have been issued?
- (b) If so, will he present to this House, the aforesaid results sheet with all the details?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the time frame within which the promotions are granted on the aforesaid results;
 - (ii) whether he can give an assurance that the promotions are granted only to the suitable persons;
 - (iii) if the aforesaid results sheet has not been issued, the date on which the results of the aforesaid interview will be issued?
- (d) If not, why?

0567/06

15.

Hon. Mahinda Ratnathilake,— To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) permits have been issued to Members of Parliament to import a tax-free vehicle;
 - (ii) the Members of Parliament have imported vehicles free of tax, making use of that permit;
 - (iii) the aforesaid Members of Parliament obtained credit facilities through State Banks for such importation of vehicles?
 - (b) Will he submit to this House the amount of credit obtained by each of the MPs and the monthly instalment to be paid?
 - (d) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2007) — (Third 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</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.)

*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.

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(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. 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 Niwad 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

**Indicates Government Business.*

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