



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 72.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0665/'06

1.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self-employment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Rural Industries and Self-employment Promotion and to the Institutions, Statutory Boards and Corporations which come under the Ministry?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the basis on which they were appointed,
 - (ii) their qualifications;
 - (iii) the salaries and allowances paid to them and other facilities enjoyed by them as advisors; and
 - (iv) the duties that have been entrusted to them?
- (c) If not, why?

0666/'06

2.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Science and Technology,—(1)

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

0649/06

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Fisheries Housing and to the Institutions, Statutory Boards and Corporations 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?

0536/06

4.

Hon. T. Maheshwaran,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the reason for the Electricity Board being very prompt in collecting electricity charges, although it was unable to rectify the shortcomings in relation to the power supply in Pusalawa town and in the Pusalawa areas;
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the details of the customer service centres in those areas;
 - (ii) the details of workers attached to those centres;
 - (iii) the telephone numbers and the addresses of the centres to inform the problem in power supply,
- (c) Will he state the disciplinary action taken on negligent workers and the action taken to ensure a proper supply of electricity.
- (d) if not why?

0537/06

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Police are collecting details of Tamil people living in Matale and Pussellawa areas;

- (ii) Ceylon Workers Congress had brought this to the notice of the IGP;
 - (iii) these details are entered in forms which are in Sinhala language;
 - (iv) Police collect a fee for these forms;
 - (v) some people who are literate in Sinhala language charge a fee to fill these form
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the action are being taken against the police who charge fee.;
 - (ii) the reason that actions were not taken eventhough CWC had brought this to the notice of the IGP;
 - (iii) the reason that these forms which are meant only for Tamil people are printed only in Sinhala language,
 - (iv) the action will be taken to remedy this situation?
- (c) if not why?

0527/06

6.

Hon. T. Maheswaran,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) over 100 students study in classes from Grade I to Grade V at the Moragolla Tamil Maha Vidyalaya at Hali-Ela, Badulla;
 - (ii) the above school building collapsed due to an earth-slide that took place in this area about an year ago; and
 - (iii) as a result, the students and teachers are faced with various hardships without a permanent building for the last one year?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the reason for not providing a permanent building for the last one year; and
 - (ii) how long will it take to provide the above school with a permanent building?
- (c) If not, why?

0394/06

7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Co-operative Development and Deputy Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. G.M.T. Aponso of Ihalagalla, Menikdiwela, who has served for a period of about 23 years as a shop Manager of the Yatinuwara

Kandu Palatha Multi Purpose Co-operative Society Limited, has been deprived of his service since 03-04-2006?

- (b) Does he admit that this officer has been transferred to several Multi Purpose Co-operative shops since January 2003?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason on which the aforesaid transfers have been given to the aforesaid officer;
 - (ii) the reason for depriving this officer of his service;
 - (iii) if Mr. Aponso is reinstated in service, when that will be?
- (d) If not, why?

0539/06

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a group of persons including a person by the name of Nishantha Jayawardhana have attempted to kill Mr. Kelum Janaka Manawaduge, a Member of Beliaththa Pradeshiya Sabha, by shooting at him and also caused damages to his vehicle by attacking it on 05th April 2004 and 30th March 2006;
 - (ii) a complaint has been lodged at Beliaththa police station regarding this matter;
 - (iii) since the same group of persons including Nishantha Jayawardhana have attempted to kill him by shooting and caused damages to his vehicles again on 30/06/2006, and a complaint has been lodged again at Beliaththa police station regarding it?
- (b) Does he admit that—
 - (i) since none of these complaints have been investigated into and legal action has not been taken accordingly, the suspects move about freely;
 - (ii) justice has not been meted out to Mr. Kelum Manawadu
- (c) Will he state whether—
 - (i) suspects will be arrested and legal action will be taken against them; and,
 - (ii) justice will be meted out to Mr. Kelum Manawadu and action will be taken to make good the loss cause to him by the damages caused to his vehicle?
- (d) If not, why?

0540/06

9.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will she present to this house a list of names of persons who received roofing sheets that had been given to Yatinuwara electorate for distribution among low income earning families, under the Indian Credit Line?
- (b) Does she admit that— names of 7 persons including that Mr. A.M. Muthubanda who had been selected among ten suitable persons from whom applications were called for the selection of recipients of roofing sheets in Malgammanna Grama Niladhari Division, have been removed?
- (c) Will she state—
 - (i) the reasons for removing the names of those 7 persons;
 - (ii) the names of the 7 persons whose names were included in place of the 7 persons who were removed;
 - (iii) their eligibility to receive roofing sheets; and,
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to give roofing sheets to the 7 persons including Mr. A.M. Muthubanda, who were subjected to injustice?
- (d) If not, why?

0568/06

10.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House, the list of Members of Parliament who have obtained permits to import a vehicle not more than Thirty Five Thousand US Dollars in value on duty free basis?
- (b) Will he state the make of the vehicles that have been imported by Members of Parliament who have so obtained the permits?
- (c) If not, why?

0580/06

11.

Hon. (Ven) Alawwe Nandaloka Thero,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of retired public service officers appointed to posts of Ministry Secretaries;

- (ii) the reason why retired officers have been selected for appointment to posts of Secretaries of Ministries?
- (b) Does he accept the fact that, since the qualified senior officers in the Sri Lanka Administrative Service and in the paralleled services have not been appointed to posts of Ministry Secretaries which have been filled with retired officers, a grave injustice has been caused to the former?
- (c) Will he state whether a policy decision would be made by the government to appoint qualified senior officers only who are in service at present, when officials are appointed to posts of Ministry Secretaries in future?
- (d) If not, why?

0586/06

12.

Hon. (Ven) Ellawala Medhananda Thero,— To ask the Minister of Cultural and National Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the post of Deputy Director-General of Archaeology has fallen vacant?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) since when, the said post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) whether the approval of the Public Service Commission has been given to fill the said vacancy; and,
 - (iii) if so, when the vacancy of this post will be filled?
- (c) If not, why?

0587/06

13.

Hon. (Ven) Ellawala Medhananda Thero,— To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Mrs. Nanda Wickramasinghe, who had been working as Director-Chemical Conservation of the Department of Archaeology has left her position?
- (b) will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which she left the said position;
 - (ii) whether applications have been called to fill the said vacancy,
 - (iii) if so on which date;
 - (iv) of the recruitment procedure which has been followed in filling that position?
- (c) If not, why?

0614/06

14.

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardane,— To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware of the the existence of the Centuries old Dandugama Dedimunda Devalaya in the Ja-Ela electorate?
- (b) will he state in this House whether a plan will be developed by the relevant Ministry to renovate and develop this Devala?
- (c) will he submit to this House a plan so prepared and developed?
- (d) will he take steps to make available the required financial facilities for such development Project through the relevant Ministry?
- (e) will he take action to conserve this age old Devala?
- (f) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th, Saturday 25th, Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th November 2006 and Friday 01st, Tuesday 05th, and Wednesday 06th December 2006 be Allotted days for the consideration of the Appropriation Bill - 2007.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sitting of the Parliament,— That not withstanding the provisions of Standing Order 70(2) the hours of sitting on Allotted Days for the consideration of the Appropriation Bill “2007” from 23rd November to 6th December, 2006 shall be 09.30 a.m. to 05.30p.m. At 5.00 p.m. paragraphs (5) and (6) of Standing Order 7 shall operate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2007) — (Fourth 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 Minister 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 Minister 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.

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. Dunes 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.

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

**Indicates Government Business.*

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