



No. 75.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Friday, November 24, 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0673/06

1.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development,—(1)

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

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2.

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

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

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3.

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

- (a) Will he admit the fact that the presence of at least a monk at an archaeological site helps protecting such an archaeological site?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that it is unethical for officers and workers attached to the Department of Archaeology to threaten the monk, violating his rights?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he considers the archaeological items at these sacred places associated with living Buddhism, merely as heaps of old goods; and,
 - (ii) if not so, the course of action he is going to take to prevent such incidents?
- (d) If not, why?

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4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that even though the ancient Buddhist sacred sites are named as antiquities, their ownership is a national right of the Buddhists?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that the officers of the Department of Archaeology should perform their duties on an academic basis to preserve these sites, rather than trying to snatch away the rights of the monks residing in Buddhist places?
- (c) If so, will he state in this House, the Course of action intended to be taken to protect these monks from these threats?
- (d) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardane ,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House a full report on the current progress of the safe drinking water project, inclusive of road map plan data of roads where pipelines have already been laid, which was inaugurated on the 27th of August 2002 covering the Ja-Ela Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which all stages of this water project are expected to be completed;
 - (ii) the number of households in the Ja-Ela electorate for which drinking water is intended to be supplied under the said water project;
 - (iii) the number of households in the Ja-Ela electorate for which water connection has already been provided under this water project?
- (c) If not, why?

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6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that A.W.A. Ranaweera, a permanent resident of Weeralanda Mahaweli village in the Veheragala Division of Mahaweli Zone 'C' has been in possession of Commercial land No.2 situated in this village for about 15 years?
- (b) Will he inform this House, for what reason this person has been ordered to be evicted from this land with effect from 03.09.2006?
- (c) Will he state in this House, whether this married person with two children will be allowed to continue the possession of this land?
- (d) If not, why?

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7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. Y.S. Kahingala, a Grade one principal who has been performing duties as the principal of G/P. de S. Kularathna Maha Vidyalaya has been demoted to the post of Deputy Principal with effect from August 8th?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the reasons for his demotion from principal to Deputy Principal;
 - (ii) if a less qualified teacher without a Principal's grade has been appointed to the post of principal after demoting Mr. Kahingala, the reasons for that?
- (c) Will he take steps to rectify the injustice caused to Mr. Kahingala by this appointment?
- (d) If not, why?

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8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the estate workers' children do not have any nutritious food other than the "Thriposha" balls, at a time when their income is making a heavy impact on thier life;
 - (ii) as a result of this, the efficiency of these students is decreased; and
 - (iii) no nutritional measures are being taken at a time when price escalation and high cost of living are making a serious impact on the life of these workers who are daily paid?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the action taken in respect of nutrition;
 - (ii) assistance granted to the students been affected on account of this;
 - (iii) details of Estate Creche;
 - (iv) names and other details of the children in these centres; and
 - (v) the details of food provided to them?
- (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Wijedasa Rajapakshe,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill :—

“Bill to incorporate the Premadasa Hegoda Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2007) — (Seventh Allotted day) — Committee. (Progress 23rd November)

*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 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)

*27.

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	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)

*28.

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)

*29.

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution,— 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)

*30.

Governors’ Pension Bill — Second Reading

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31.

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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32.

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.

33.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

34.

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

**Indicates Government Business.*

NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on “Appropriation Bill (2007) — See separate Paper (Supplement to the Orders of the Day).

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