



[ Sixth Parliament - Second Session ]

No. 76.]

**ORDER PAPER  
OF  
PARLIAMENT  
FOR**

**Saturday, November 25, 2006 at 9.30 a.m.**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

0675/'06

1.

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

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

0676/'06

2.

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

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

0505/06

3.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development and Minister of Environment,—(2)

- (a) Will he state this House separately—
  - (i) the number of vehicles made available to the Minister of Environment, the Deputy Minister of Environment and their Security Divisions and personal staff;
  - (ii) out of those vehicles, the number of those that have been obtained on rent or on contract basis;
  - (iii) the names, ages and the dates of recruitment to service of the drivers assigned to those vehicles;
  - (iv) if they are attached from the public service, the institutions from which they have been so attached;
  - (v) whether drivers have been newly recruited on contract basis;
- (b) If not, why?

0703/06

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the Gonagalathenna tank situated in Vendaruwa Korala in the Kandy district is in a state of ruin;
  - (ii) farmers in that area are unable to cultivate due to lack of permanent irrigation, as the tank is in ruins?
- (b) Does he admit that an initial research has been conducted by the Director of Irrigation's Office in Kundasale to reconstruct this tank and a report has been submitted to the Director of Irrigation?

- (c) Will he take steps to reconstruct this ruined tank and provide water for cultivation to the farmers in that area?
- (d) If so, when?
- (e) If not, why?

0450/06

5.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the Grama Niladhari Divisions with their respective Divisional Secretariat Divisions, which come under the jurisdiction of the Consumer Services Centre of the Ceylon Electricity Board of Kataragama in the Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he state separately the number of transformers stationed in the area of this Consumer Services Centre as at June 01, 2006 and where they are stationed?
- (c) Will he state in this House separately,—
  - (i) the number of consumers who have obtained connections from each such transformer for purposes such as religious, domestic, commercial etc.;
  - (ii) the number of transformers in the entire area covered with three phase electricity lines; and
  - (iii) will he state, with reference to the electrical transformer concerned, the areas identified by the Ceylon Electricity Board as those which do not get the proper voltage in the above Consumer Services centre area?
- (d) If not, why?

451/06

6.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the Grama Niladhari Divisions with their respective Divisional Secretariat Divisions, which come under the jurisdiction of the Consumer Services Centre of the Ceylon Electricity Board of Hambantota?
- (b) Will he state separately the number of transformers stationed in the area of this Consumer Services Centre as at June 01, 2006 and where they are stationed?

- (c) Will he state in this House separately,—
- (i) the number of consumers who have obtained connections from each such transformer for purposes such as religious, domestic, commercial etc.;
  - (ii) the number of transformers in the entire area covered with three phase electricity lines; and
  - (iii) will he state, with reference to the electrical transformer concerned, the areas identified by the Ceylon Electricity Board as those which do not get the proper voltage in the above Consumer Services centre area?
- (d) If not, why?

0523/06

7.

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 line rooms occupied by the estate workers in the Panvilla Rakyawa estate workers in Wathugama area, are in very bad condition and on the verge of collapse;
  - (ii) the estate administration or the trade unions have not come forward to renovate the above line rooms;
  - (iii) these line rooms are in a dilapidated condition for the last 20 years;
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the steps to be taken to renovate these line rooms;
  - (ii) the time it will take to renovate them; and
  - (iii) though N.G.O.s issued roofing sheets for the above line rooms, the reason for not given them to the workers?
- (c) The action he is going to take against the trade union, and the estate administration for not empathizing with this situation?
- (d) If not, why?

0446/06

8.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the extent of land that is left for distribution out of the land called Apthopwaththa in Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle after a portion of the aforesaid land has been distributed among the landless people; and

- (ii) whether the extent of the available land has been surveyed and settled?
  - (b) Will he state —
    - (i) the extent of land which has been brought under cultivation in an unauthorized manner by the owners of adjoining lands after the aforesaid land was taken over by the government;
    - (ii) their names, addresses and the extents of lands acquired by them in an unauthorized manner;
    - (iii) whether the Grama Seva Niladharis who were in-charge of this area during the period concerned have reported this situation to the Divisional Secretariat of Nagoda;
    - (iv) the relevant dates, if it has been reported;
    - (v) whether the necessary action has been taken with regard to this matter; and
    - (vi) if not so, whether legal action has been taken against the relevant officials?
  - (c) Will he state the period of time that will be necessary to survey the extent of lands that have been acquired in an unauthorized manner as mentioned above and vest the remaining land with the Divisional Secretary after giving a certain amount of land to the landless people depending on the extents of the land distributed?
  - (d) If not, why?
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#### **NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY**

\*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2007) — (Eighth Allotted day) — Committee. (Progress 24<sup>th</sup> November)

\*2.

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 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 which were presented on 18.01.2006 be approved.

\*3.

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.

\*4.

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)

\*5.

Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— Adjourned Debate on Question (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2006 which was presented on 05.09.2006.”

\*6.

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.

\*7.

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)

\*8.

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

\*9.

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

\*10.

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

\*11.

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

\*12.

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

\*13.

Prevention of Mosquito Breeding Bill - Second Reading

\*14.

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

\*15.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

\*16.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

\*17.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

\*18.

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)

\*19.

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.

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

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| (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 SIYAMBALAPITTIYA

Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning.

16.05.2006  
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*20.

Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— Adjourned Debate on question (24<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2006)

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*21.

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)

\*22.

Governors’ Pension Bill — Second Reading

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23.

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 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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24.

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.

25.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

26.

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

*\*Indicates Government Business.*

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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).

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

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