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**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Monday, November 27, 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0677/06

1.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Relief Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Disaster Relief Services 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 Livestock and Infrastructure Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Livestock and Infrastructure 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. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the Supreme Court has given a ruling that there has been a massive fraud in the construction of the Hilton Hotel and who should be held responsible for such fraud?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) the names of the officers who were served with charge sheet following investigations conducted by the Presidential Commission in 1995;
 - (ii) the positions held by such officers at that time;
 - (iii) whether an investigation was commenced by the Criminal Investigation Department in March 2004 as instructed by the Attorney-General after the term of the Presidential Commission was over; and
 - (iv) if so, its progress?
- (c) Will he state in this House,—
 - (i) whether a new plan with correct measurements has been drawn by the UDA having accepted that the plans of the Hilton Hotel are irregular and fraudulent; and
 - (ii) if any fraud has been committed, the steps taken by the government regarding it?
- (d) If not, why?

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4.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Samurdhi and Poverty Alleviation—(4)

- (a) Will she submit to this House the names and addresses of the Samurdhi recipients in the Walasmulla Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, the number of members in each family unit, their monthly income before the receipt of Samurdhi allowance, the value of

the Samurdhi allowance and the date on which they received the said allowance for the first time, separately in detail?

- (b) Will she state—
- (i) the number of families empowered in the years 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005 under the empowerment of Samurdhi recipients;
 - (ii) the name and address, Grama Niladhari Division, the year of empowerment, the name of the Samurdhi Officer of the relevant Division and any other important information regarding each Samurdhi recipient so empowered; and
 - (iii) the subjects under which they have been empowered?
- (c) If not, why?

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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 Angunakolapelessa?
- (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?

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6.

Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the details of the electrification projects that are being implemented in each electorate of the Kegalle District through the Chinese aid scheme;

- (ii) the total estimated amount of money for the said projects; and
- (iii) the total number of families benefitted from the said projects?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the details of the projects that the work has been started at present under the Chinese funded electrification scheme;
 - (ii) the projects of which work has not been started and as to when their construction would Commence?
- (c) If not, why?

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7.

Hon. R.M. Gamini Ratnayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of electrification projects that are being implemented in each electorate of the Kegalle District under the grants extended by the A.D.B. and SEEDA;
 - (ii) what those projects are;
 - (iii) the number of electricity projects that have been completed and vested with the people; and
 - (iv) what they are?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, the copies of the original plans and the amended plans, if the original plans of these projects have been amended?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of families that were to be benefitted from the original plans; and
 - (ii) the number of families that will be benefitted from the amended plans?
- (d) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Railways and Transport and Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the total sales of petrol, diesel, kerosene oil, furnace oil, aviation fuel and others for the last 05 years to date;

- (ii) the tax imposed on all imports and the impact on the cost price per litre;
 - (iii) the profit per litre from petrol, diesel, kerosene oil, furnace oil and aviation fuel; and
 - (iv) the total profit for the last 05 years to-date?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) the subsidy that the Government reimbursed to CPC;
 - (ii) whether the Government had paid it;
 - (iii) if not the date the Government is going to pay it; and
 - (iv) the total liability, debt of CPC to-date?
- (c) 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 the proceedings on Items 7 and 8 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 23..

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2007) — (Ninth Allotted day) — Committee. (Progress 25th November)

*2.

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.

*3.

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)

*4.

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.”

*5.

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.

*6.

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)

*7.

Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.1),— That the resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties which was presented on 25.11.2006 be approved.”

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1465/13 of 05th October, 2006)
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.2),— That the resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties which was presented on 25.11.2006 be approved.”

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1468/3 of 25th October, 2006)
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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

*10.

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

*11.

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

*12.

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

*13.

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

*14.

Prevention of Mosquito Breeding Bill - Second Reading

*15.

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

*16.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*17.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*18.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*19.

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)

*20.

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)

*21.

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)

*22.

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)

*23.

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.

*24.

Governors' Pension Bill — Second Reading

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25.

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 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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26.

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.

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 - (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.

27.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

28.

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

29.

Buddhist Cultural Centre of Nedimala, Dehiwala (Incorporation 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.”
