



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 79.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0681/'06

1.

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

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

0623/06

3.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the date on which the programme for granting proposed pensions to media personnel will be implemented?
- (b) Does he admit that former professional journalists who are over 55 years of age, will not be benefited in any way by the proposed pension scheme?
- (c) Will he take steps to revise the proposed pension scheme in order to cause justice to a large number of elderly journalists who had engaged in professional journalism for three to four decades and are now retired?
- (b) If not, why?

0624/06

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the date on which the female employees who are employed on the basis of piece rate payment in the Auditor General's Department were recruited;
 - (ii) the total number of such employees and their names separately?
- (b) Is he aware that a qualifying test has been conducted to check their qualifications as per a letter dated 12th November 2001, in order to confirm them in service in terms of the Public Administration Circular bearing No.27/2001 and dated 29th October 2001?
- (c) Will he state the reasons for confirming only 25 persons out of them and for not confirming the remaining 14 persons on the results of the aforesaid qualifying test?
- (d) Will he admit that,—
 - (i) the non-confirmation of these persons who have gained an experience after serving for a period of nearly 10 years for a low salary is an injustice;

- (ii) undervaluation of them before the freshes who passes higher educational qualification and a high computer literacy by conducting competitive tests is an injustice
- (e) Will he take action to confirm in service the remaining 14 female employees who have been subjected to the aforesaid injustice?
- (f) If not, why?

0599/06

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) there are several building projects in Ampara District commenced earlier by various Ministries and Government Departments over a period of time; and
 - (ii) such projects remain incomplete due to non allocation of funds?
- (b) Will he inform this House the following details of each incomplete project existing in Navithanveli Deivisional Secretariat area—
 - (i) the name and the date of commencement of the project;
 - (ii) the total estimated cost at the time of commencement;
 - (iii) amount spent up to-date;
 - (iv) amount required to complete; and,
 - (v) the date that the last financial allocation made?
- (c) Will he instruct the relevant Ministries to allocate funds to complete these projects before commencing any new project in this area?
- (d) If not, why?

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6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) there are several building projects in Ampara District commenced earlier by various Ministries and Government Departments over a period of time; and

- (ii) such projects remain incomplete due to non allocation of funds?
- (b) Will he inform this House the following details of each incomplete project existing in Nintavur Deivisional Secretariat area—
 - (i) the name and the date of commencement of the project;
 - (ii) the total estimated cost at the time of commencement;
 - (iii) amount spent up to-date;
 - (iv) amount required to complete; and,
 - (v) the date that the last financial allocation made?
- (c) Will he instruct the relevant Ministries to allocate funds to complete these projects before commencing any new project in this area?
- (d) If not, why?

0745/06

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform separately, in this House, the officials who have been recruited to the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) of the Central Bank along with their ages?
- (b) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether applications were called when they were recruited;
 - (ii) if not, what the recruitment procedure was;
 - (iii) whether they have fulfilled the required qualifications for the relevant profession;
 - (iv) whether the relevant recruitments were made properly;
 - (v) separately, what their salaries are; and,
 - (vi) as to who had approved the above recruitments?
- (c) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. Abdul Bais Kamardeen,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Will he state whether,—

- (i) lands belonging to Puttlam Urban Council have been utilized for any development activities by the said Urban Council during the past four years;
- (ii) proper procedures were followed in utilizing lands?
- (iii) proper procedures were followed in the said development activities as well?

(b) 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 9 and 10 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 23.

2.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill :—

“Bill to incorporate the Samoda Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2007) — (Eleventh Allotted day) — Committee. (Progress 28th November)

*2.

The Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,— Regulations under National Gem and Jewellery Authorities Act,— Regulation made by the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion under Section 53 of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority Act, No.50 of 1993 read with paragraph (k) of Section 14 of the aforesaid Act and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1436/21 of 17th March 2006 which was presented on 17.11.2006 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 be approved.

*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.

Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,— Order made under Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),— That the order made

by the President under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No.12 of 2006, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1465/19 of 05th October, 2006 which was presented on 28.11.2006 be approved.

*10.

Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,— Order made under Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),— That the order made by the President under Section 5 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No.12 of 2006, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1465/20 of 05th October, 2006 which was presented on 28.11.2006 be approved.

*11.

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)

*12.

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

*13.

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

*14.

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

*15.

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

*16.

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

*17.

Prevention of Mosquito Breeding Bill - Second Reading

*18.

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

*19.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*20.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*21.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*22.

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)

*23.

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	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
(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

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(Cabinet approval signified)

*24.

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)

*25.

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.

*26.

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.

*27.

Governors' Pension Bill — Second Reading

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28.

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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29.

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.

30.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

31.

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

32.

Lanka Children's and Youth Theatre Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

33.

Mental Development and Research Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

34.

Sri Sarananda Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration

**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."
