



No. 81.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Friday, December 01, 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0686/06

1.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Parliamentary 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 Plantation Industries and Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Development,—(1)

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

0627/06

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the person named H. Wilson Peiris residing at “Kusum Sevana”, Silogama, Belihuloya had been working in charge of the water purification plant at the Sabaragamuwa University?
- (b) Will he inform this House the reason for terminating his service without extending it from 28.04.2006?
- (c) Will he take action to extend his service?
- (d) If not, why?

0744/06

4.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Mr. W.S. Gunawardane was holding the post of Divisional Secretary at the Hingurakgoda Divisional Secretariat since 2001?
- (b) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether Mr. W.S. Gunawardane was subjected to interdiction or transfer while in the service;
 - (ii) if so, the date of the interdiction or transfer and the present place of employment?
- (c) Will he inform this House the reason for Mr. Gunawardane’s interdiction or transfer?
- (d) If not, why?

0728/06

5.

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether the Ceylon Port Services Ltd. has been privatized;
 - (ii) if so, when it was done;

- (iii) since it has been published in the Gazette Extraordinary of 08.12.2005 that it continues to remain under the Ministry of Ports and Aviation, whether it is so even now; and,
- (iv) if Ceylon Port Services Limited has been privatised, whether it was done according to the accepted practice?
- (b) If so, will he state whether,—
 - (i) bonus share payable to employees or money equivalent to such shares have been paid to the employees of this company; and,
 - (ii) employees have been sent on voluntary retirement with due compensations paid?
- (c) Will he submit to this House clear and true information regarding the present and future position of the said institution and its employees?
- (d) If not, why?

0603/06

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 Akkaraipattu Divisional Secretariat area—
 - (i) the name and the date of commencement of the project;
 - (ii) the total estimated cost at the time 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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7.

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 Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat area—
 - (i) the name and the date of commencement of the project;
 - (ii) the total estimated cost at the time 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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8.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Regional Development and Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Polonnaruwa district too has been settled like the Anuradhapura district, for the implementation of a project by the name of “Rajarata Navodaya”?
- (b) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) if the aforesaid project is implemented, the amount of money allocated for that for 2005-2006;
 - (ii) separately, the amounts of money allocated for the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa districts when implementing this project;
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated for the Anuradhapura district as a percentage;

- (iv) the project for which the money allocated for the Anuradhapura district for 2005 was used?
 - (c) Will he present to this House separately, the amounts of money allocated for each project in the Anuradhapura district?
 - (d) Does he admit that the money allocated for the development of Rajarata has not been distributed equally for the aforesaid two districts?
 - (e) Will he take the necessary action to implement the aforesaid project as a balanced project?
 - (d) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2007) — (Thirteenth Allotted day) — Committee. (Progress 30th November)

*2.

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)

*3.

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.

*4.

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)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.

*8.

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.

*9.

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)

*10.

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

*11.

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

*12.

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

*13.

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

*14.

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

*15.

Prevention of Mosquito Breeding Bill - Second Reading

*16.

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

*17.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*18.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*19.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*20.

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)

*21.

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 SIYAMBALAPITTIYA

Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning.

16.05.2006
Colombo 01.

(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 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.

*24.

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.

*25.

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.”

*26.

Governors’ Pension Bill — Second Reading

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27.

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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28.

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.

29.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

30.

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

31.

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

32.

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

33.

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.”
