



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 82.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, December 05, 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0651/'06

1.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Justice and Law Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Justice and Law Reforms 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 Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils and to the Institutions, Statutory Boards and Corporations 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. 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 Sainthamaruthu 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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4.

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 Kalmunai 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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5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that,
 - (i) arrangement were made by a private institution to provide electricity facilities to the estate workers of 8 out of 11 divisions of Kalabokka estate in Panvilla Wathugama areas through a bank loan assistance system; and
 - (ii) estate management recovered monthly instalments from the monthly salaries of the workers;
 - (iii) although the interest rate was 1% when the first instalment was recovered three years ago, presently 2% is charged; and
 - (iv) it is difficult for the workers to pay the instalments with their meagre salary?
- (b) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) the reasons for increasing the interest rate;
 - (ii) the names and other details of the said bank;
 - (iii) the names and the addresses of the people who obtained the loan;
 - (iv) the private institution along with the names of the workers who obtained electrical items;
 - (v) the action going to be taken to remedy the situation.
- (c) if not why?

0723/06

6.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether a plot of land nearly 40 acres in extent, situated in Katupaththewa of Katupaththewa Grama Niladhari Division in Nochchiyagama Divisional Secretariat Division in Anuradhapura District, has been leased to a non-government organization or an individual;
 - (ii) if it has been leased or sold the name of the institute concerned and when it was done; and,
 - (iii) for what purpose it has been given?
- (b) Is he aware that the institute which acquired this land get water by impounding a tributary of Kala Oya?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to impound the tributary of Kala Oya;
 - (ii) if so, from which institution?
- (d) Does he admit that due to obtaining water in this way, farmers engaged in cultivating around the tributary in Katupaththewa area are faced with problems in obtaining water?
- (e) Will he take steps to provide speedy relief to the farmers inconvenienced due to this project?
- (f) if not why?

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7.

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) Mrs. Murial Enderaarachchi the Vice Principal of Sangamitta College, Galle had been entrusted with the task of covering the duty of Principal by the former Principal of that school, Mrs. Mallika Dharmalatha, upon a log entry;
 - (ii) Mrs. G.A.D. Suneetha has been appointed to cover the duties of the Principal of that school by letter No. ED/4/58/20/7/2 dated 07.04.2005 signed by Mr. L.U.W. Soysa, Senior Assistant Secretary

of the Ministry of Education with the approval of the Public Service Commission;

- (iii) when she called at the school concerned to assume duties on 29.04.2005, assignment of duties was rejected on the ground that the said letter was a false document;
- (iv) although, the officials of the School Development Society had made complaints to the then Minister of Education, the former President; the Secretary of Education and to the Director of National Schools, no inquiry has been conducted by the Ministry?
- (b) Does he accept the fact that Mrs. K.H. Amara Nandani who assumed duties as the Principal on 18.01.2006 too has been subjected to harrassment without being allowed to perform her duties?
- (c) Will he take prompt action to appoint a Principal to the Sangamitta Girl's College, Galle in order to create a proper educational background to ensure the duties of more than 6000 students?
- (d) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development and Environment,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that quarrying was banned near the Kotmale reservoir belonging to the Mahaweli scheme during the period I held the portfolio of Irrigation and Water Management, as it could have damaged the dam?
- (b) Will he admit that the dam could be damaged as quarrying has been resumed at present near the dam?
- (c) Will he appoint a team to investigate this matter?
- (d) if not why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Re-settlement,— Jathika Saviya Authority,— Bill to provide for the establishment of an Authority to be called the Jathika Saviya Authority: to vest the Authority with the power to formulate a National Policy and Plan, implement, monitor and co-ordinate the re-settlement of the internally displaced persons and refugees; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament (No.1),— That the proceedings on Item 2 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 23.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament (No.2),— That notwithstanding the motion agreed to by Parliament on 21st November, 2006, the proceeding on Item 02 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) of Standing Order 70.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee on Electoral Reforms,—That in terms of Standing Order No. 96, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on 4th April, 2006 to further consider reforms to the current system of Parliamentary, Provincial Councils and Local Authority Elections and other matters consider connected herewith 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 observation and recommendations on the amendments necessary to the said laws, further extension of the time till 30th April 2007 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by Parliament on 8th August, 2006.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2007) — (Fourteenth Allotted day) — Committee. (Progress 01st December)

*2.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,— Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance,— That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959, Law No. 6 of 1978, and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from 02nd December, 2006 be approved.

*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 SIYAMBALAPITIYA

Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning.

16.05.2006

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(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 :—

- pay a sum of Rs. 46,400/- to the Hon. Prime Ministers with effect from 01.12.2004;
- 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;
- 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. 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. Ajit 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.

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.

Sarana Buddhist Relief Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

32.

Al-Haj Abdul Jawad Alim Valiyullah Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

33.

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

34.

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

35.

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.”
