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Tuesday, January 09, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0213/06

1.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Samurdhi and Poverty Alleviation—(3)

- (a) Will she submit this House the names and addresses of the Samurdhi recipients in the Ambalantota 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?

0453/06

2.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2).

- (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 Walasmulla?

- (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?

0455/06

3.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (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 Beliatta?
- (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?

0458/06

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) when was the Hilton Hotel constructed;

- (ii) the names of the shareholders along with their percentage of shares held at the inception;
 - (iii) the names of the present shareholders;
 - (iv) the anticipated cost outlay at the beginning and the final cost;
 - (v) the amount paid by the Government against outstanding; and
 - (vi) the amount due and to whom?
- (b) Will he state the net asset value as at today of the Hilton Hotel to the owing shareholders?
- (c) If not, why?

0461/'06

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) the number of pensioners in Sri Lanka per district basis;
 - (ii) the total cost of pensions to-date per year basis for the last five years;
 - (iii) the aforesaid pensions against total revenue of the Government and against Gross Domestic Product (GDP); and
 - (iv) the envisaged cost for pensioners for the next five years per year basis?
- (b) Will he state,—
- (i) the increases given to the pensioners for the last 10 years to-date;
 - (ii) whether they were implemented; and
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (c) If not, why?

0467/'06

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Empowerment,—(2)

- (a) Is she aware that the "Daily News" newspaper had reported that Child Prostitutes are being used to lure foreigners into the country?
- (b) Will she state —
- (i) the action taken to curb this crime; and

- (ii) if not, the action taken against the “Daily News” newspaper for irresponsible reporting?
- (c) Will she submit to this House —
 - (i) the estimated number of child prostitutes involved this pathetic dilemma; and
 - (ii) the prevalent districts such prostitution take place?
- (d) If not, why?

0636/06

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order 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?

0640/06

8.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Disaster Management and Human Rights 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?

0641/06

9.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

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

0447/06

10.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of houses destroyed in the Tsunami in Habaraduwa, Galle, Hikkaduwa, Ambalangoda and Balapitiya Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Galle District;
 - (ii) out of the persons who were displaced by Tsunami the number of persons who have been provided with houses by now;
 - (iii) whether those houses have been built by the Non-Governmental Organizations or by the Government; and
 - (iv) the number of people who are still living in temporary houses in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) out of the persons who were displaced as mentioned above, the number of persons who have not been provided with houses they need; and

- (ii) the period of time which will be necessary for providing houses to the aforesaid persons?
- (c) If not, why?

0699/06

11.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Consumer Affairs and Marketing Development and Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the company named Kumagai Gumi Ltd, which is engaged in the construction of the super high way from Kurundugahahethekma to Matara under the Ministry of Highways, has employed foreign workers?
- (b) If so, will he submit to this House, separately,—
 - (i) the name of such workers and their countries of domicile;
 - (ii) their professional qualifications;
 - (iii) the salaries including all allowances paid to them monthly; and,
 - (iv) the facilities and privileges afforded to them?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether all the said foreign workers hold valid visas;
 - (ii) whether any of them are engaged in work under the said company on tourist visas; and,
 - (iii) if so, their names and the countries of domicile?
- (d) If not, why?

0633/06

12.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Railways and Transport and Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether the agreement called “Share sale and Purchase Agreement”, which had been signed between the Indian Oil Company and the General Treasury as decided by the Cabinet Meeting of 08th June, 2006, expired on 1st July, 2006;
 - (ii) what the amendments approved were, in terms of the said Cabinet decision; and,

- (iii) whether a new agreement which incorporates the amendments referred to above has been signed?
- (b) If so, will he table the new agreement?
- (c) If not, will he state in this House,—
 - (i) when the said agreement will be signed;
 - (ii) whether the company can act till such time as if there were no agreement; and,
 - (iii) what benefits they will derive from it as opposed to the previous agreement?
- (d) Will he state separately,—
 - (i) the tax concessions which have been granted to the Indian Oil Company; and,
 - (ii) the concessions which have been granted by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka?
- (e) If not, why?

0547/06

13.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self Employment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that more than three hundred thousand persons who are engaged in the brass industry have faced a very difficult situation as a result of metals such as copper and brass required by the local brass industrialists, being exported to India?
- (b) Will he take immediate action to ban the exportation of types of metals such as copper and brass which are the raw materials required by the brass industries, to India?
- (c) If not, why?

0546/06

14.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that it has been decided to establish an urban council area in the urban area of Dambulla which belongs to the Dambulla Pradeshiya Sabha area?
- (b) Will he inform this House the reason for not taking action to publish the boundaries of this urban council area by a Gazette notification, upto now?

- (c) Will he take action to issue the Gazette notification relating to the establishment of an urban council area in the urban area in Dambulla?
- (d) If not, why?

0700/06

15.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Railways and Transport and Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) Mr. S.G. Muditha Ruwan Sanjeeva residing at Nagolla, Wilgamuwa in Matale was injured in one eye while he was travelling in the bus bearing Registration No.61-8131 belonging to the Udadumbara Depot of the Sri Lanka Transport Board on 16.02.2004 and;
 - (ii) as a result, Mr. Sanjeeva had to undergo treatment, having been admitted to the General Hospital in Kandy?
- (b) Does he accept that,—
 - (i) although he was subjected to three operations on the injured eye, he has not yet recovered his vision fully; and,
 - (ii) neither the Sri Lanka Central Transport Board, nor the Udadumbara Central Transport Board Depot has paid him any compensation on account of the said injury?
- (c) Will he take action to have him paid compensation by the Transport Board for the injury caused?
- (d) 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 proceeding on Item 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 23.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 17.01.2006, the hours of sitting this day shall be 09.30 a.m. to 04.00 p.m. At 04.00 p.m., Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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 January, 2007 be approved.

*2.

Prevention of Mosquito Breeding Bill — Second Reading

*3.

Jathika Saviya Authority Bill — Second Reading

*4.

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

*5.

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

*6.

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

*7.

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

*8.

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

*9.

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

*10.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*11.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*12.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*13.

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)

*14.

The Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development and Minister of Environment,— Regulation under the National Environmental Act,— That the National Environmental (Prohibition of the use of equipment for exploration, mining and extraction of sand and gem) Regulation No. 1 of 2006 made by the Minister of Environment by virtue of powers vested in him by Subsection (2) of Section 32 of the National Environmental Act No. 47 of 1980, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1454/4 of 17.07.2006 which was presented on 30.11.2006 be approved.

*15.

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.

*16.

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.

*17.

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.”

*18.

Governors' Pension Bill — Second Reading

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19.

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 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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20.

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.

21.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

22.

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

23.

Retired Senior Police Officers' Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

24.

The General Consistory of the Dutch Reformed Church of Ceylon (Amendment) Bill — Consideration.

**Indicates Government Business.*

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