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Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0214/06

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 Sooriyawewa 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?

0215/06

2.

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 Tangalle 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?

0643/06

3.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development and Minister of Environment,—(2)

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

0644/06

4.

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 Finance and Planning 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?

0667/'06

5.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Social Services and Social Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Social Services and Social Welfare 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?

0609/'06

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the names of the Judges of the Superior Courts who had gone abroad during the last 05 years;
 - (ii) the costs involved;
 - (iii) the costs were born by whom;
 - (iv) the criteria for the selection for such trips in respect of all judges (Superior Courts and minor judiciary)
- (b) Will he state whether there is a disciplinary code or a code of ethics for the Judges (Superior courts and minor Judiciary)?
- (c) If not, why?

0610/'06

7.

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

- (a) Will he table the accounts of the Judicial Reforms Fund, financed by the World Bank?

- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) the authority who is responsible for management of the fund;
 - (ii) the names of the members of such authority; and,
 - (iii) whether the fund has been audited by the Auditor-General?
- (c) If not, why?

0701/06

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) Mr. K.A. Sunny has been residing in the plot of land bearing No.1364 belonging to the “Somi Rest Watta” Housing Scheme in Udugama South in Udugama in the Galle district since 1980 and that he is the legal owner of that land;
 - (ii) a government Surveyor had surveyed the said plot of land on 05.08.2006 stating that the land had been vested in the Nagoda Pradesheeya Sabha by the Housing Authority;
 - (iii) Mr. Sunny had lodged a complaint with the Udugama police after some valuable trees had been cut after the said survey; and,
 - (iv) no officer from the Nagoda Pradesheeya Sabha or the Housing Authority has come to inquire into that complaint?
- (b) Will he take necessary action to look into the felling of trees on the land occupied by Mr. Sunny and the destruction caused and to pay him compensation?
- (c) If not, why?

0781/06

9.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House,—
 - (i) the number of Co-ordinating secretaries appointed for His Excellency the President;
 - (ii) their names, along with the dates of appointments, salaries, positions and other benefits enjoyed by them separately; and,
 - (iii) their professional qualifications and the age at the time of appointment?
- (b) If not, why?

0782/06

10.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House,—
 - (i) the number of Consultants appointed for His Excellency the President;
 - (ii) their names, along with the dates of appointments, salaries, positions and other benefits enjoyed by them separately; and,
 - (iii) their professional qualifications and the age at the time of appointment?
- (b) If not, why?

0577/06

11.

Hon. T. Kanagasabai,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) Mr. A. Yogarajah, office peon attached to National School, Paddiruppu in Batticaloe District was promoted to Class II with effect from 01.05.1994 by the letter No. Gen. 8/2/04/4/1 and dated 13.11.1996 of the Secretary, to the Ministry of Education North East Provincial Council;
 - (ii) several requests made by him to get his promotion to Class I was unduly delayed;
 - (iii) he was absorbed to the Central Government as Paddiruppu Central College was made to a National School;
 - (iv) his contemporaries are still working in the Provincial Council and were promoted after 10 years of service from their date of promotion to Class II?
- (b) Will he take suitable action to grant his promotion to Class I without further delay, as he is frustrated in his service?
- (c) If not, why?

0251/06

12.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that pursuant to the obtaining of necessary reports and fulfilling the necessary requirements, the Udugama District Hospital in Galle district has been recommended to be developed as a base hospital

- (b) Will he state whether Plans have been made to develop another hospital situated close to Udugama Hospital, as a base hospital, inspite of the aforesaid recommendation?
- (c) Does he admit that when the aforesaid Udugama Hospital has been proposed to be developed as a base hospital after obtaining the approval of the Provincial Ministry and the inspection of the Line Ministry developing another hospital as a base hospital is not suitable since the aforesaid hospital has the essential facilities required for a base hospital including generators and a tuberculosis ward?
- (d) Will he take the necessary steps to develop the Udugama hospital as a base hospital by paying a special attention to this matter?
- (e) If not, why?

0708/06

13.

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

- (a) Will he state in this House whether a decision has been taken to shift the Intellectual Property Office presently housed in the Samagam Medura on D.R. Wijewardena Mawatha, Colombo 10, to the Sathosa premises at Vauxhall street?
- (b) Will he submit in this House,—
 - (i) separately, the monthly rent paid for the office at the Samagam Medura and the monthly rent due to be paid for the near premises; and,
 - (ii) the cost expected to be incurred for the refurbishment or modernisation of the 3rd floor of the building in order to house the office in the said new premises?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) the reasons for the change of this location; and,
 - (ii) whether he has come to know of any objection by the employees in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

0720/06

14.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Deputy Minister of Science and Technology,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that steps have been taken to assign a 50 acre plot of land from Mahayaya Estate in the Katugampola Electorate to a Philippine Company for banana cultivation after uprooting seed producing coconut?

- (b) Will he state the said company's name, how the relevant agreement was entered into and the date the agreement was signed?
- (c) Will he state in this House how the country will benefit out of it and current progress?
- (d) Does he admit that this project was a failure?
- (e) If so, will he take steps to invalidate this agreement?
- (f) If not, why?

0722/06

15.

Hon. Neomal Perera,— To ask the Minister of Co-operative and Co-operative Development and Deputy Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, out of the Co-operative societies of Puttlam, Navagaththegama, Karuwalagaswewa, Arachchikattuwa, Chilaw, Madampe, Nattandiya, Wennappuwa, Dankotuwa and Kalpitiya in the Puttlam district, which have earned profits and incurred losses in 2005?
 - (b) Will he present to this House a list of annual profits and losses from 2001 to 2004, separately, of all the Co-operative societies in the district?
 - (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether the Board of Directors elected in 2005 for the Karuwalagaswewa Co-operative society was dismissed before its term expired;
 - (ii) if so, for what reasons;
 - (iii) separately, the amounts of money spent monthly on the allowances and other facilities provided to the chairman of societies that are being run at a loss;
 - (iv) the total amount of money spent on the Chairman of each society in 2005 separately;
 - (v) whether the annual audit inspections of the societies in the district have been overdue; and,
 - (vi) if so, what those societies are?
 - (d) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether the purchases by the Co-operative Societies of the district are done outside the tender procedure; and,
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for that?
 - (e) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

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

P.35/'06

1.

Hon. Mano Wijeyeratne,—Select Committee of Parliament to look into the alarming increase in traffic accidents,—This House resolves that a select committee be appointed to investigate the adequacy of the road network to meet the increasing number of vehicles, whether there is a total disregard of road rules by the users of the road inclusive of motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and others and whether there is a failure on the part of the Police to effectively enforce the rules of the road and punish offenders.

2. (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.
- (c) The Committee shall report to Parliament within six months of its first sitting or such extended period as Parliament may grant.
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 Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ; and

- (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

*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 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.

P.6/'04

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.

Green Movement of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

25.

Sri Saranankara Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

**Indicates Government Business.*

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