



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

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**ORDER PAPER
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FOR**

Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0670/06

1.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Urban Development and Water Supply 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 Regional Development and Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Regional Development 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. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Re-settlement,—(1)

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

0715/06

4.

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 the casual employees recruited for service in the Lanka Mineral Sands Company, Pulmudai, during the period from 1984 to 2004, have not been confirmed so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House for what reason the 30 employees who have served in the casual service for over a year and are now in excess, have not been confirmed in this manner?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether he will take action to confirm these employees?
 - (ii) if so, from which date?
- (d) If not, why?

0556/06

5.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately —
 - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the Chief Minister of the Western Province, his security service and the personal staff;
 - (ii) of those vehicles, the number that has been obtained on contract and rent basis;
 - (iii) the names and ages of the drivers of those vehicles and their dates of recruitment;
 - (iv) the institutions from which they have been attached, if they have been so attached; and
 - (v) whether drivers have been newly recruited on contract basis?
- (b) If not, why?

0714/06

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the number of Casinos and Ruvino Centres which generate large amounts of tax revenue to the government;
 - (ii) separately, the tax revenue received from them annually;
 - (iii) separately, the number of those which have paid taxes and those which have not paid taxes out of them?
- (b) Is he aware that the centres and owners which do not pay taxes enjoy political patronage?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether necessary steps have been taken to recover such tax?
 - (ii) the number of centres and owners against whom legal action has been initiated for not paying tax?
- (d) Will he submit to this House separately, the names and addresses of the centres and their owners who default the payment of tax?
- (e) If not, why?

0425/06

7.

Hon. L.G. Wasantha Piyatissa,—To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—(2)

- (a) Will he submit this House separately and on district basis, the number of houses completely and partially destroyed in the entire country as a result of Tsunami?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the extent of land allocated for the construction of new houses on district basis;
 - (ii) the number of houses that have been completed on the said lands; and
 - (iii) the number of plans that have been finalized for the construction of the said houses?
- (c) If not, why?

0509/06

8.

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development and Minister of Environment,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau gets projects from various institutions?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the relevant institutions make payments for the aforesaid projects?
- (c) Does he admit that such payments are a gain to the Bureau?
- (d) Will he state,—
 - (i) the number of projects received by the aforesaid Bureau during the past ten years?
 - (ii) the income received through those projects?
- (e) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the number of staff of a company by the name of G.S.M.B. which has been established in the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau;
 - (ii) the number of projects received by the aforesaid G.S.M.B Company annually, from the date of inception;

- (iii) separately, the amount of money received from each of the aforesaid projects annually;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid institution is a loss making institution or a profit making institution; and,
 - (v) the amount of money received by the G.S.M.B Company from the Treasury during the past five years?
- (f) If not, why?

0594/06

9.

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development and Minister of Environment,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House,—
 - (i) when the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau was established;
 - (ii) under what law;
 - (iii) its function?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) the responsibilities of the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau;
 - (ii) whether the necessary officers and an institutional structure are available to fulfil that responsibility;
 - (iii) the benefits accrued to the government by that bureau?
- (c) Will he state in this House,—
 - (i) in which years the above Bureau has earned profits since its inception;
 - (ii) the profit or loss incurred in each year;
 - (iii) if profits were earned the reasons for that;
 - (iv) if any shortcomings have occurred, the reasons for that?
- (d) Will he state,—
 - (i) the reasons for the decline in the profits earned during 2004/2005;
 - (ii) whether there was a possibility to prevent the losses in that manner?
- (e) If not, why?

0742/06

10.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine and Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether action is being taken by the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine to recruit Ayurvedic doctors to Public Service; and,
 - (ii) the number of vacancies existing for indigenous doctors separately in each institution in the public service to date?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) the procedure followed in recruiting indigenous doctors; and,
 - (ii) whether recruitments will be done in accordance with the Indigenous Doctors' Service Minute and the procedure of recruitment to Public Service?
- (c) If not, why?

0746/06

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether a project has been launched by the Department of Social Services in the Padaviya Divisional Secretariat Division for the construction of drinking and agricultural wells?
 - (ii) if so, the provision allocated for a well for drinking water?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately,—
 - (i) the names and addresses of the recipients of lands which were selected for the construction of agricultural wells; and,
 - (ii) the amount of money paid to those recipients of land so far?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) the amount of provision approved for an agricultural well; and,

- (ii) the names of the local or foreign institutions who provided the necessary financial provisions for this purpose?
- (d) If not, why?

0725/06

12.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries and Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that 13 rubber estates which were under Bogawanthalawa Plantation Company have been transferred to another party?
- (b) If so, will he submit to this House, the details of the said transfer?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether the said transfer has been effected in accordance with the statutes and institutional and Cabinet decisions governing the transfer of a property belonging to the Bogawanthalawa Plantation Company?
 - (ii) what steps will be taken if any relevant legal or government regulations have been infringed?
- (d) If not, why?

0718/06

13.

Hon. Neomal Perera,— To ask the Minister of Samurdhi and Poverty Alleviation,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House, separately,—
 - (i) the number of families who have received Samurdhi assistance in each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Puttlam District as at 1st of October 2005;
 - (ii) the amount of Samurdhi benefit they received per each Grama Niladhari division?
- (b) Will she state in this House, separately,—
 - (i) the number of families who receive Samurdhi benefits according to the recently increased allowances in each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Puttlam District up to now?
 - (ii) the amount of Samurdhi benefit received by them in respect of each Grama Niladhari Division?

- (c) Will she state,—
- (i) whether the new Samurdhi beneficiaries have been identified in accordance with the said increased benefits;
 - (ii) whether they have been given the Samurdhi benefits?
- (d) If not, why?

0593/06

14.

Hon. (Ven.) Ellawala Medhananda Thero,—To ask the Minister of Cultural and National Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
- (i) 99% of the things that have been named as antiquities in this country are connected to Buddhist monasteries;
 - (ii) the Buddhist monks who protect them by residing at those places are subjected to various forms of harassment by the Department of Archaeology;
 - (iii) harassing the Buddhist monks residing at temples of archaeological value is a plundering of their heritage?
- (b) Does he admit that it is possible to act without inconveniencing them?
- (c) Will he state,—
- (i) whether he will take action to prevent such harassment;
 - (ii) the courses of action that will be followed with regard to this matter?
- (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 the proceedings on Item 1 to 3 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 23.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,—Orders under Excise Ordinance,— That the Orders made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), regarding to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1465/14 of 05th October .2006 which were presented on 09.01.2007 be approved.

(Excise Notification Numbers 889, 890 and 891)

*2.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,— Regulations under the Finance Act,— That the “Finance (Tele-drama Film and Commercial Levy) Regulations, No.3 of 2006” made by the President under Section 8 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2006 read with Section 6 of the aforesaid Act and with paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1465/21 of 05th October .2006 which were presented on 09.01.2007 be approved.

*3.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,— Order under Excise Ordinance (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No.13 of 1989, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1471/23 of 16th November .2006 which was presented on 09.01.2007 be approved.

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4.

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.

*5.

Prevention of Mosquito Breeding Bill — Second Reading

*6.

Jathika Saviya Authority Bill — Second Reading

*7.

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

*8.

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

*9.

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

*10.

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

*11.

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

*12.

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

*13.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*14.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*15.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*16.

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)

*17.

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.

*18.

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.

*19.

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.

*20.

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.”

*21.

Governors' Pension Bill — Second Reading

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22.

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 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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23.

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.

24.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

25.

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

26.

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

27.

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

28.

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."
