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Friday, January 12, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0692/'06

1.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Road Development and Deputy Minister of Public Administration,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Road 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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2.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Rural Livelihood Development and Deputy 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 Rural Livelihood 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 Samurdhi and Poverty Alleviation,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Samurdhi and Poverty Alleviation and to the Institutions, Statutory Boards and Corporations which come under the Ministry?
- (b) Will she 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?

0611/06

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether,—
 - (i) the Registrar of Colombo District Court was due to retire in 2006;
 - (ii) he was taken into custody on an allegation of bribery;
 - (iii) he was facing criminal charges in the Magistrate's Court of Anuradhapura;
 - (iv) he was completing 60 years in 2006; and,
 - (v) he has been given an extension beyond 60 years on a contract basis?
- (b) Will he state why only he has been selected for appointment on a contract basis?
- (c) If not, why?

0629/06

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the variable Cost of Living Allowance paid to the pensioners who retired from the People's Bank has been suspended?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) the reason for taking this decision, which causes a serious impact on these pensioners economically; and,
 - (ii) whose decision it was?
- (c) Will he admit that the Bank's management has shown an amount of approximately 230 million rupees which should have been paid to pensioners over a period of 10 years, as part of the profits they have earned?
- (d) As this allowance is paid to both pensioners and their widowers by the Bank of Ceylon and other state banks without any difference, will he act to pay this allowance to the People's Bank pensioners as well?
- (e) If not, why?

0784/06

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) one Chandana Priyantha, one of the candidates for the Akuressa Pradeshiya Sabha was injured and treated at Karapitiya hospital subsequent to an attack made on him, by a gang of thugs including Saman Kumara Suraweera Arachchi, a former Provincial Council Member and leader of the group of candidates of a certain political party in the early hours of 14th March 2006;
 - (ii) on the same day, a complaint had been lodged with the Akuressa Police Station about a certain group of people being attacked; and,
 - (iii) instead of inquiring into that complaint, the Akuressa Police, acting on a false complaint lodged by a gang of thugs including Saman Kumara Suraweera Arachchi, have arrested several activists of a certain political party?
- (b) Will he admit that,—
 - (i) after being attacked, an arm of a person named Chandana Priyantha has become limp and his jewellery too has been robbed; and,

- (ii) despite a complaint having been lodged with the Police unit at a Karapitiya hospital, the person named Saman Kumara was enlarged on bail instantly without even recording a statement?
- (c) Will he take steps,—
 - (i) to hold a formal inquiry into the assault on Chandana Priyantha and the robbery of his jewellery and to take legal action against the accused, Saman Kumara Suraweera Arachchi; and,
 - (ii) to pay compensation to Chandana Priyantha for the loss caused?
- (d) If not, why?

0372/06

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) an Act of Parliament by the name of “Tea Shakthi Fund” has been passed and published in the Gazette on 30-06-2000 for the members of the tea small holdings development societies;
 - (ii) the members of the tea small holdings development societies who contributed to the “Tea Shakthi Fund” have been directed to buy shares of Rs. 250/- upto Rs 100,000/-.
 - (iii) even though share certificates have been issued dividends have not been paid to them and only a payment has been made?
- (b) Will he inform this House the income generated through the selling of shares of ‘Tea Shakthi Fund’ and the amount of dividends paid to the shareholders?
- (c) Will he admit that the amount of dividends paid is not sufficient even as the interest paid by the banks?
- (d) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether he will take action to pay the value of shares back to the shareholders as there are Tea Shakthi factories, Tea Shakthi fertilizer factories and other Tea Shakthi investments since dividends have not been paid even after 6 years of the sale of shares;

- (ii) Whether he will hold an inquiry to obtain the relevant moneys from the persons responsible if a misappropriation or mismanagement of funds has taken place;
- (iii) if so, within which period?
- (e) If not, why?

0500/06

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the policy adopted by the People's Bank in granting extensions of service to its employees;
 - (ii) the policies adopted by the Bank of Ceylon, National Savings Bank, State Mortgage and Investment Bank and other State Banks in granting service extensions, separately;
 - (iii) whether there policies are consistent with the provisions of the Public Administration Circulars No. 05/2002?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the respondents, the case number and the amounts paid for the retaining of lawyers in respect of the cases filed in the Supreme Court against the People's Bank by its employees on account of service extensions not being granted to them;
 - (ii) the number of complaints filed before the Human Rights Commission in this regard, the plaintiffs, complaint numbers, the current position of them and the amounts of money paid to the lawyers who had appeared for the Bank in each of these cases?
- (c) Will he state this House, the decision made by the People's Bank on the proposal made to the effect that, in order to settle the cases filed before the Supreme Court, a decision should be made in line with the policy adopted by the other State Banks?
- (d) if not, why?

0501/06

9.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the local and foreign officers recruited to the official hierarchy of the People's Bank, outside the institutional management of the Bank, from 2000 up to date;
 - (ii) the salaries and other benefit accorded to those officers;
 - (iii) their educational and professional qualifications;
 - (iv) how many of the above said officers possess a degree and a pass in the Interim Examination of the Bankers' Institute, which are minimum educational and professional qualifications required for the institutional management of the Bank?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether the above mentioned recruitments were made according to the powers vested in the Bank in terms of the People's Bank Act, No. 29 of 1961 and the subsequent Acts as amended;
 - (ii) if not, within which power frame the relevant recruitments were made?
- (c) If not, why?

0544/06

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a competitive examination was held on 01.02.1997 at Baron Jayatilaka Maha Vidyalaya in Colombo for filling the vacancies for the post of Environment Officer, Grade V in the Central Environment Authority;
 - (ii) if so, for how many vacancies it was conducted;
 - (iii) how many candidates have passed the said examination;

- (iv) how many were recruited for the post of Environment Officer, Grade V out of those candidates; and
- (v) the names of those who were recruited?
- (b) Will he state the reasons if no recruitments have been made,
- (c) Will he submit to this house—
 - (i) the number of vacancies that exist the post of Environment Officer Grade V; and,
 - (ii) if vacancies exist, the date for calling for applications for the recruitments concerned, the number intended to be recruited and the date specified for such recruitments?
- (d) If not, why?

0545/06

11.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Samurdhi and Poverty Alleviation,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the number of bhikkus resident in the Maha Manthinda Pirivena in Matara; and
 - (ii) out of them the number of bhikkus who receive Samurdhi assistance?
- (b) Will she submit to this house the list of the bhikkus who receive Samurdhi assistance?
- (c) Will she state separately—
 - (i) out of the aforesaid list, the number of bhikkus who have disrobed;
 - (ii) the number of bhikkus entitled to the Samurdhi allowance who reside in the temple as of now; and,
 - (iii) the number of bhikkus employed in the government service?
- (d) If not, why?

0481/06

12.

Hon. T. Maheshwaran,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools which come under the purview of Kotmale zone;

- (ii) the names and other details of the teachers serving in the schools of the above mentioned areas;
 - (iii) the number of students studying at those schools separately; and
 - (iv) the names of the teachers and the subjects being taught by them separately.
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the reason for not issuing the school text books to the schools in the above mentioned areas by the government even after a lapsed of seven months since the dawn of the year 2006;
 - (ii) due to this, the students and the teachers face various inconveniences?
 - (iii) the time required for the distribution of the above text books;
- (c) Will he submit to this House, the shortcomings of the schools in the above zone through reports from zonal officers;
- (d) if not why?

0484/06

13.

Hon. Mussammil Mohamed,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he state separately in respect of each school—
- (i) the number of schools which are termed “Muslim National Schools”;
 - (ii) the number of students studying in them;
 - (iii) the number of teachers currently attached to them; and
 - (iv) the number of teachers that should have been assigned to them?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each school —
- (i) the subjects for which there exists a shortage of teachers; and
 - (ii) the measures which have been taken to remedy it?
- (c) If not, why?

0566/06

14.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately,—
- (i) the extent of land distributed among the public and various institutions during the period from January 2002 to January 2006, out of the lands belonging to the Land Reform Commission and the state owned plantation companies?

- (ii) on what basis they were distributed;
 - (iii) the beneficiaries (including the institutions) who had obtained land on various bases; and
 - (iv) their addresses and the extents of land so distributed?
- (b) If any sum of money had been charged for that purpose, will he state such prices under each of such bases?
- (c) If not, why?

0476/06

15.

Hon. Abdul Bais Kamardeen,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) the details of lands owned by Government, Government Departments or Corporations and Institutions affiliated to Corporations within the Puttalam, Kalpitiya and Mundhall Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Puttalam District separately;
 - (ii) the extent of those lands and whether they are cultivated or barren lands;
 - (iii) whether all these lands or some of them have been handed over to individuals or organizations; and
 - (iv) if so, the extent of lands so handed over and the procedures followed?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,—That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 09.30 a.m. on Tuesday 06th February, 2007.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.02/05

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Indicating the details of the projects in the Election Manifesto of Political Parties or Groups contesting elections,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that it should be made compulsory that the manifesto of Political Parties or Groups contesting

an election should indicate the anticipated date line for the implementation of their projects, the total financial outlay as well as the methodology involved, once they are returned to power, for the purpose of eliminating the lack of confidence in the minds of the citizens of Sri Lanka towards democracy.

P.03/'05

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Prevention of the President and the Prime Minister from holding Cabinet Portfolios,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that the President and the Prime Minister be prevented from holding any cabinet portfolio in order to have a very effective administration and to critically review performances of their ministers.

P.04/'05

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Registration of weapons,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that all weapons in Sri Lanka should be registered and thereafter, if anyone is found with an unlicensed weapon, he should be charged with breach of criminal law and a mandatory imprisonment of 20 years be enforced.

P.05/'05

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Banking hours,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that Banking hours should be extended from 9:00 hours till 16:00 hours in order to increase the economic activities in the country.

P.07/'05

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Closing down of all taverns in the Kotte electorate,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that legislation be made to close down all taverns in Kotte electorate because sale of liquor very freely has certainly degraded the moral values in the country.

P.08/'05

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting permission to journalists to attend all meetings held under Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE), Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and Consultative Committees,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that journalists must be permitted to attend all meetings held under the Committee on Public Enterprises, Public Accounts Committee and Consultative Committees as this will make the discussions more effective, meaningful and transparent.

P.09/'05

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting Agricultural Loans to farmers who are self employed in Agriculture,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that farmers who are self employed in

agriculture be granted Agricultural loans to a maximum of Rs. 25,000 at a reduced Interest Rate of 5%.

P.10/'05

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Implementation of an Island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc.,— Since the usage of Polythene and Plastic material has rapidly increased in the island and large scale environmental pollution is taking place due to the indiscriminate disposal of such material, that this Parliament is of the opinion that an island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc, be implemented.

P.11/'05

9.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of a Museum in the Kegalle District,— This Parliament resolves that steps be taken to establish a museum for archeological monuments and for the purpose of obtaining information regarding places which have archaeological, cultural and social values.

P.12/'05

10.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a National Policy Formulation Board to determine National Policies,— This Parliament resolves that a national policy formulation board having specific powers to function notwithstanding changes of government and consisting of politicians and professionals in this field be appointed with a view to formulating systematic national policies and plans.

P.13/'05

11.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Setting up of a unit with legal powers to solve the problems faced by the migrant employees,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that a unit with legal powers be set up to look into problems faced by migrant employees such as assaults, abduction, rape, sexual abuse, killings, financial frauds and to get them down to this country and to look into their safety.

P.14/'05

12.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Formulation of a National Programme to introduce New Inventors to the World,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to introduce the new inventors and citizens who are endowed with various skills to the world and to improve their skills and creations.

P.15/'05

13.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Tax Concession to Industrialists who utilize Indigenous Raw Materials,— That this Parliament resolves that a 02 year tax concession be granted to local industrialists who produce goods for the international market utilizing more than 75% indigenous raw materials.

P.16/'05

14.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a Presidential Commission combining the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison,— That this Parliament resolves that a Presidential Commission be appointed the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison with the objective of minimizing crimes spreading in the society, to improve criminals laws be minimizing shortcomings, to dispose of backlog of cases including land matters piled up in courts and to provide a speedy service by modernizing the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison.

P.17/'05

15.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Granting Citizenship to Estate Community,— That this Parliament resolves that the estate sector community who do not have Sri Lankan citizenship should be granted same upon their willingness.

P.18/'05

16.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Providing a free glass of milk to the pupils in primary schools in the Island,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements should be made to give a free glass of milk in the morning to all the pupils in the primary schools in the Island.

P.19/'05

17.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Refund of Employee's Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week,— That this Parliament resolves that there should be a procedure to refund Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week.

P.20/'05

18.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of Chairmen and Board of Directors in the Statutory Institutions including State Corporations, Boards and Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that only persons who have professional qualifications and experience should be selected to appoint as Chairmen and Board of Directors in Statutory Institutions including State Corporation, Boards and Authorities.

P.21/'05

19.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Re-demarcation of boundaries of Grama Niladhari Division, Divisional Secretariats, Districts and Administrative areas on a scientific basis,— That this Parliament resolves that boundaries of Grama Niladhari Divisions, Divisional Secretariats, Districts and Administrative areas should be re-demarcated on a scientific basis after conducting a survey all over the island.

P.22/'05

20.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service only on marks of Limited Competitive Examinations,— That this Parliament resolves that recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service should be decided only on marks of limited competitive examinations and that only basic qualifications should be checked at the interview.

P.23/'05

21.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Punishment to criminals and compensation to the victims,— That this Parliament resolves that laws should be made to enable the same court to impose punishment to criminals and give compensation to the victims.

P.24/'05

22.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Issuing free season tickets to students,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be introduced to issue free season tickets to students to travel in buses of the Road Passenger Transport Authorities.

P.25/'05

23.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Presidential Commission on Political victimization,— That this Parliament resolves that a fully pledge Presidential Commission should be appointed to inquire into the complaints made by people who have been affected by political victimization due to their political ideas, from past until now, and to give them relief.

P.26/'05

24.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of Sports Schools and formulating a National Sports Policy,— That this Parliament resolves that a National Sports Policy with long term objectives should be formulated and high standard Sports Schools with pavilions, play grounds, sports Instruments and sports instructors should be established basically covering all the districts.

P.27/'05

25.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of a Faculty of National Languages,— That this Parliament resolves that a Faculty of National Languages should be established in order to teach Sinhala, Tamil and English to teachers.

P.28/'06

26.

Hon. V. Puththasigamoney,— Granting Voting Rights to Migrant Workers and other Sri Lankans living abroad,— That since migrant workers of Sri Lanka constitute 12% of registered voters and 10% of the national work force and that they contribute 17% of national savings and more than 20% of foreign exchange earning and also that since UN Convention of 1990 ratified by Sri Lanka in 1996 obliges the State to implement a special system of voting for migrant workers, and the Human Rights Commission has recommended to the Labour Minister to introduce laws to grant voting rights to migrant workers, and since the denial of voting rights to them is a violation of fundamental rights, this Parliament resolves that a scheme be introduced for the migrant workers and other Sri Lankans living abroad to vote at all elections in Sri Lanka.

P.29/'06

27.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Publishing the names of defaulters of loans taken from State Banks,— That this Parliament resolves that legal provisions be introduced in Parliament to publish names of defaulters who have borrowed over Rs.100 million from state banks.

P.31/06

28.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Implementation of Private Members Motions,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that Private Members Motions moved in Parliament shall be debated within one year and, if approved by Parliament, the Cabinet of Ministers shall sanction them within six months, so that the Private Members Motions would be an effective contribution by Parliamentarians.

P.32/06

29.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Playing National Anthem in Parliament,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that National Anthem be played in Parliament before the commencement and the conclusion of Parliament Sitting in order to develop national spiritedness in the country.

P.33/'06

30.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Developing a Strong Sri Lankan Identity,— That since the requirement to state one's race and religion in government documents is an impediment and

an inhibition to develop a strong national identity' this Parliament is of the opinion that this requirement be dispensed with.

P.36/'06

31.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,- Prevention of using images of Religious leaders for commercial purposes,- That this Parliament resolves that all religions must equally be respected and that images of Lord Buddha, Jesus Christ, Lord Shiva or Prophet Mohammed should not be used on any Commercial advertisement or any other form of non religious items.

P.37/'06

32.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,- Making new laws to regulate contempt of court proceedings , - That this Parliament is of the opinion that new laws should be brought in to regulate contempt of court proceedings as to strengthen democracy and to maintain a vibrant free media ensuring equal justice to all.

P.38/'06

33.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,- Introducing of Laws relating to Public Interest Litigation,- That this Parliament resolves that Laws be introduced in Parliament for the Public Interest Litigation in respect of violation of basic Human Rights of the poor, content or conduct of Government policy, compel Municipal Authorities to perform a public duty, violation of religious rights or other basic fundamental rights, and corruption which Leads to Higher Public Debt and additional Liability to the Citizen.

P.39/'06

34.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,- Presenting a Financial Audit Report to The Election Commission by Political Parties,- That this Parliament resolves that all income and expenditure earned and incurred by recognized Political Parties must be audited and presented to the Election Commission annually.

P.35/'06

35.

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.

*36.

Prevention of Mosquito Breeding Bill — Second Reading

*37.

Jathika Saviya Authority Bill — Second Reading

*38.

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

*39.

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

*40.

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

*41.

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

*42.

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

*43.

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

*44.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*45.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*46.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*47.

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)

*48.

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.

*49.

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 which was presented on 20.10.2006 be approved.

*50.

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.

*51.

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 were presented on 05.09.2006.”

*52.

Governors' Pension Bill — Second Reading

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53.

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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54.

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.

55.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

56.

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

57.

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

58.

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

59.

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."
