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**ORDER PAPER
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FOR**

Friday, February 09, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0394/'06

1.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operative and Consumer Services,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. G.M.T. Aponso of Ihalagalla, Menikdiwela, who has served for a period of about 23 years as a shop Manager of the Yatinuwara Kandu Palatha Multi Purpose Co-operative Society Limited, has been deprived of his service since 03-04-2006?
- (b) Does he admit that this officer has been transferred to several Multi Purpose Co-operative shops since January 2003?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason on which the aforesaid transfers have been given to the aforesaid officer;
 - (ii) the reason for depriving this officer of his service;
 - (iii) if Mr. Aponso is reinstated in service, when that will be?
- (d) If not, why?

0561/'06

2.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House the total annual allocation for the supply of drugs to the Government Hospitals since 2004 to 2006?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total amount of money allocated for hospital under the Provincial Councils in each of the aforesaid years;

- (ii) the total allocation for the hospital which come under the Central Government?
- (c) Will he submit separately the allocations made for hospital administered by the Provincial Councils and the Central Government?
- (d) If not, why?

0702/06

3.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. Y.S. Kahingala, a Grade one principal who has been performing duties as the principal of G/P. de S. Kularathna Maha Vidyalaya has been demoted to the post of Deputy Principal with effect from 8th August 2006?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for his demotion from principal to Deputy Principal;
 - (ii) if a less qualified teacher without a Principal's grade has been appointed to the post of principal after demoting Mr. Kahingala, the reasons for that?
- (c) Will he take steps to rectify the injustice caused to Mr. Kahingala by this appointment?
- (d) If not, why?

0220/06

4.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,—To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(5)

- (a) Will he submit to this House the names and addresses of the Samurdhi recipients in the Katuwana 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 he 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?

0221/06

5.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,—To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order—(5)

(a) Will he submit to this House the names and addresses of the Samurdhi recipients in the Angunakolapelessa 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 he 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?

0728/06

6.

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,—To ask the Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House,—

(i) whether the Ceylon Port Services Ltd. has been privatized;

(ii) if so, when it was done;

(iii) since it has been published in the Gazette Extraordinary of 08.12.2005 that it continues to remain under the Ministry of Ports and Aviation, whether it is so even now; and,

(iv) if Ceylon Port Services Limited has been privatized, whether it was done according to the accepted practice?

- (b) If so, will he state whether,—
 - (i) bonus share payable to employees or money equivalent to such shares have been paid to the employees of this company; and,
 - (ii) employees have been sent on voluntary retirement with due compensations paid?
- (c) Will he submit to this House clear and true information regarding the present and future position of the said institution and its employees?
- (d) If not, why?

0488/06

7.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—(5)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the ownership of the land, on which the Hilton Hotel was located in terms of the special Grants Allocations Register No. 673 of 26.07.1999 under the Land Ordinance, is vested with the government at present?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the amount of money paid by the Hilton Hotel to the Government in lieu of its possession;
 - (ii) if no such payment has been made, the steps taken in that regard;
 - (iii) whether the chief assessor assessed this land at Rs. 4018 million in August 2005; and
 - (iv) if not, what his assessed value is?
- (c) Will he state in this House —
 - (i) whether the Government intends conferring the ownership of this land to the Hotel Developers (Lanka) Ltd. on the 99 years lease basis;
 - (ii) on what basis it is; and
 - (iii) the assessed value that will be levied in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

0745/06

8.

Hon. Sunil Handunetti,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform separately, in this House, the officials who have been recruited to the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) of the Central Bank along with their ages?

- (b) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) whether applications were called when they were recruited;
 - (ii) if not, what the recruitment procedure was;
 - (iii) whether they have fulfilled the required qualifications for the relevant profession;
 - (iv) whether the relevant recruitments were made properly;
 - (v) separately, what their salaries are; and,
 - (vi) as to who had approved the above recruitments?
- (c) If not, why?
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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 inParliament 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.

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.

*35.

Jathika Saviya Authority Bill — Second Reading

*36.

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

*37.

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

*38.

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

*39.

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

*40.

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

*41.

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

*42.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*43.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*44.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*45.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Determination under the Commission to investigate Bribery or Corruption Act,— That this Parliament hereby determines under Section 2(7) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No.19 of 1994, that the salary and allowances payable to the Chairman and the Members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption shall be as follows with effect from 01.01.2006.

Chairman (Full time)

Salary	Rs. 66,000.00 (Monthly)
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00 (Monthly)</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 80,400.00</u>

Members

Salary	Rs. 65,000.00 (Monthly)
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 12,000.00 (Monthly)</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 77,000.00</u>

The Parliament further resolves that 50% of the increased salary (excluding allowances) should be paid with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full salary inclusive of the balance 50% with effect from 01.01.2007 and that the salaries and allowances to be determined by Parliament by this resolution should be substituted for the salaries and allowances determined by resolutions previously passed in Parliament in respect of Chairman and Members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*46.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the constitution (No.1),— It is determined by this Parliament that the remuneration and the Allowances of the Chairman and the Members of the Public Service Commission established under Article 54 (1) of the Constitution shall be as set out below with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Remuneration	Rs. 65,000.00 (per month)
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00 (per month)</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

Members

Remuneration	Rs. 30,000.00 (per month)
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It is further determined by this Parliament that while 50% of the increased remuneration (excluding allowances) of the Chairman and Members of the Public Service Commission shall be payable with effect from 01.01.2006 and the balance with effect from 01.01.2007. The remuneration and the allowances previously determined and adopted by Parliament as payable to the said Chairman and Members of the Commission shall be substituted by the remuneration and allowances determined by this resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*47.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Constitution (No.2),— It is determined by this Parliament that the allowances of the Chairman and Members of the National Police Commission established under Article 155a (1) of the Constitution shall be as set out below with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Allowance	Rs. 65,000.00 (per month)
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00 (per month)</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

Members

Allowance	Rs. 30,000.00 (per month)
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It is further determined by this Parliament that while 50% of the increased allowances (excluding fuel allowances) in respect of the Chairman and Members of the National Police Commission shall be payable with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full amount from 01.01.2007. The allowances previously determined and adopted by Parliament as payable to the Chairman and the Members of the said Commission shall be substituted by allowances determined by this resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*48.

The Minister of Posts and Telecommunications,— Rules under the Post Office Ordinance,— That the Rule made by the Minister of Post and Telecommunications, with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance, under the provisions of the Post Office Ordinance (Chapter 190) to revise the International Postal Rates with effect from 01st October, 2006 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1464/24 of 29th September, 2006, which was presented on 10.01.2007, be approved.

*49.

The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—Order under the National Environmental Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Environment by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 23W of the National Environmental Act, No.47 of 1980, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1466/5 of 10th October.2006 which was presented on 09.01.2007, be approved.

*50.

The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,— 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.

*51

The Minister of Plantation Industries,—Regulations under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law,— That the Regulations made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board under Section 25 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No.14 of 1975 and approved by the Minister of Plantation Industries and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1466/4 of 9th October 2006 which were presented on 09.01.2007, be approved.

*52.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— 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)

*53.

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.

*54.

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.

*55.

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.”

*56.

Governors' Pension Bill — Second Reading.

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57.

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.

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58.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. P. Dayaratne

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera

Hon. W. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Lakshman Seneviratne

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda

Hon. Johnston Fernando

Hon. P. Radhakrishnan

Hon. R. M. Dharmadasa Banda

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna

Hon. Neomal Perera,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into the resignation of Mr. Sunil Mendis and the appointment of Mr. Ajit Niward Cabral as the Governor of the Central Bank,—

- (1) Whereas the Central Bank is one of the most important financial institutions of a country responsible for managing its economy.
- (2) Whereas the Governor of the Central Bank Mr. Sunil Mendis abruptly resigned under mysterious circumstances and
- (3) Whereas it is reported that Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral, who
 - (a) was a Member of the Western Provincial Council.
 - (b) formerly contested Colombo District Parliamentary Elections and,
 - (c) was a one time political organizer.
- (4) And whereas several reports in newspapers indicate that he has been involved in unsavory financial transactions more particularly Pyramid Schemes.
- (5) This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into:
 - (a.) the circumstances under which Mr. Sunil Mendis resigned
 - (b.) the suitability of Mr. Ajith Niwad Cabral to hold the position of the Governor of the Central Bank.
 - (c) whether the appointment of an individual such as Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral will seriously affect the creditability of the Central Bank and have disastrous effects on the country's economy.
- (6)
 - (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
- (7) That the Committee shall have the power to :
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Commission may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;

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

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59.

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.

60.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

61.

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

62.

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

63.

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

64.

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

65.

Sri Vidyawasa Social Service Association Limited (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

66.

Bambalapitiya Flats Buddhist Society (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

67.

Madampe Thanivella Maha Devale Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

68.

Pharmaceutical Society of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

69.

Rambukwella Sri Wipassi Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

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