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**ORDER PAPER
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FOR**

Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0624/06

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the date on which the female employees who are employed on the basis of piece rate payment in the Auditor General's Department were recruited;
 - (ii) the total number of such employees and their names separately?
- (b) Is he aware that a qualifying test has been conducted to check their qualifications as per a letter dated 12th November 2001, in order to confirm them in service in terms of the Public Administration Circular bearing No.27/2001 and dated 29th October 2001?
- (c) Will he state the reasons for confirming only 25 persons out of them and for not confirming the remaining 14 persons on the results of the aforesaid qualifying test?
- (d) Will he admit that,—
 - (i) the non-confirmation of these persons who have gained an experience after serving for a period of nearly 10 years for a low salary is an injustice;
 - (ii) undervaluation of them before the freshes who passes higher educational qualification and a high computer literacy by conducting competitive tests is an injustice
- (e) Will he take action to confirm in service the remaining 14 female employees who have been subjected to the aforesaid injustice?
- (f) If not, why?

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2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the number of applicants who have sat for the examination for the recruitment of clerks in government offices, held in 2002; and,
 - (ii) the number of persons who passed that examination?
- (b) Will he state in this House, the names, addresses and the respective marks of those who have passed, according to the priority list separately?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) the list of names of those who have been given employment as per the said list and the institutions they were recruited to;
 - (ii) will he state whether appointments would be given to all those remaining candidates who have passed the examination in 2002?
- (d) If not, why?

0627/06

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the person named H. Wilson Peiris residing at “Kusum Sevana”, Silogama, Belihuloya had been working in charge of the water purification plant at the Sabaragamuwa University?
- (b) Will he inform this House the reason for terminating his service without extending it from 28.04.2006?
- (c) Will he take action to extend his service?
- (d) If not, why?

0573/06

4.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the Polonnaruwa district too has been settled like the Anuradhapura district, for the implementation of a project by the name of “Rajarata Navodaya”?

- (b) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) if the aforesaid project is implemented, the amount of money allocated for that for 2005-2006;
 - (ii) separately, the amounts of money allocated for the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa districts when implementing this project;
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated for the Anuradhapura district as a percentage;
 - (iv) the project for which the money allocated for the Anuradhapura district for 2005 was used?
- (c) Will he present to this House separately, the amounts of money allocated for each project in the Anuradhapura district?
- (d) Does he admit that the money allocated for the development of Rajarata has not been distributed equally for the aforesaid two districts?
- (e) Will he take the necessary action to implement the aforesaid project as a balanced project?
- (f) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) whether a plot of land nearly 40 acres in extent, situated in Katupaththewa of Katupaththewa Grama Niladhari Division in Nochchiyagama Divisional Secretariat Division in Anuradhapura District, has been leased to a non-government organization or an individual;
 - (ii) if it has been leased or sold the name of the institute concerned and when it was done; and,
 - (iii) for what purpose it has been given?
- (b) Is he aware that the institute which acquired this land get water by impounding a tributary of Kala Oya?
- (c) Will he state,—
- (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to impound the tributary of Kala Oya;
 - (ii) if so, from which institution?

- (d) Does he admit that due to obtaining water in this way, farmers engaged in cultivating around the tributary in Katupaththewa area are faced with problems in obtaining water?
- (e) Will he take steps to provide speedy relief to the farmers inconvenienced due to this project?
- (f) if not why?

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6.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that quarrying was banned near the Kotmale reservoir belonging to the Mahaweli scheme during the period, I held the portfolio of Irrigation and Water Management, as it could have damaged the dam?
- (b) Will he admit that the dam could be damaged as quarrying has been resumed at present near the dam?
- (c) Will he appoint a team to investigate this matter?
- (d) if not why?

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7.

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) Mrs. Murial Enderaarachchi the Vice Principal of Sangamitta College, Galle had been entrusted with the task of covering the duty of Principal by the former Principal of that school, Mrs. Mallika Dharmalatha, upon a log entry;
 - (ii) Mrs. G.A.D. Suneetha has been appointed to cover the duties of the Principal of that school by letter No. ED/4/58/20/7/2 dated 07.04.2005 signed by Mr. L.U.W. Soysa, Senior Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of Education with the approval of the Public Service Commission;
 - (iii) when she called at the school concerned to assume duties on 29.04.2005, assignment of duties was rejected on the ground that the said letter was a false document;
 - (iv) although, the officials of the School Development Society had made complaints to the then Minister of Education, the former

President; the Secretary of Education and to the Director of National Schools, no inquiry has been conducted by the Ministry?

- (b) Will he admit the fact that Mrs. K.H. Amara Nandani who assumed duties as the Principal on 18.01.2006 too has been subjected to harrasment without being allowed to perform her duties?
- (c) Will he take prompt action to appoint a Principal to the Sangamitta Girls' College, Galle in order to create a proper educational background to ensure the duties of more than 6000 students?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Committee of Selection,— That notwithstanding the motion agreed to by Parliament on 19th December 2005, henceforth, the Committee of Selection shall consist of Mr. Speaker as Chairman and Seventeen (17) Members which shall include the Leaders of Political Parties or their nominees to be nominated by Parliament to serve during the current session.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Consultative Committees,— That notwithstanding the motions agreed to by Parliament on 01st February 2006 and 08th March 2006, henceforth, Fifty Seven (57) Consultative Committees be appointed to be designated—

- 1. Consultative Committee on Religious Affairs and Moral Upliftment
- 2. Consultative Committee on Defence, Public Security, Law and Order
- 3. Consultative Committee on Finance and Planning
- 4. Consultative Committee on Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development
- 5. Consultative Committee on Internal Administration
- 6. Consultative Committee on National Heritage
- 7. Consultative Committee on Plantation Industries
- 8. Consultative Committee on Justice and Law Reforms
- 9. Consultative Committee on Helthcare and Nutrition
- 10. Consultative Committee on Ports and Aviation
- 11. Consultative Committee on Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development
- 12. Consultative Committee on Highways and Road Development
- 13. Consultative Committee on Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services
- 14. Consultative Committee on Education

15. Consultative Committee on Public Administration and Home Affairs
16. Consultative Committee on Youth Empowerment and Socio Economic Development
17. Consultative Committee on Posts and Telecommunication
18. Consultative Committee on Urban Development and Sacred Area Development
19. Consultative Committee on Social Services and Social Welfare
20. Consultative Committee on Housing and Common Amenities.
21. Consultative Committee on Community Development and Social Inequity Eradication
22. Consultative Committee on Water Supply and Drainage
23. Consultative Committee on Science and Technology
24. Consultative Committee on Constitutional Affairs and National Integration
25. Consultative Committee on Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services
26. Consultative Committee on Plan Implementation
27. Consultative Committee on Supplementary Plantation Crops Development
28. Consultative Committee on Parliamentary Affairs
29. Consultative Committee on Export Development and International Trade
30. Consultative Committee on Power and Energy
31. Consultative Committee on Child Development and Women's Empowerment
32. Consultative Committee on Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion
33. Consultative Committee on Public Estate Management and Development
34. Consultative Committee on Land and Land Development
35. Consultative Committee on Youth Affairs
36. Consultative Committee on Mass Media and Information
37. Consultative Committee on Indigenous Medicine
38. Consultative Committee on Labour Relations and Manpower
39. Consultative Committee on Sports and Public Recreation
40. Consultative Committee on Trade, Marketing Development Co-operatives and Consumer Services
41. Consultative Committee on Disaster Management and Human Rights
42. Consultative Committee on Construction and Engineering Services
43. Consultative Committee on Special Projects
44. Consultative Committee on Tourism
45. Consultative Committee on Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare
46. Consultative Committee on Vocational and Technical Training
47. Consultative Committee on Rural Industries and Self Employment Promotion
48. Consultative Committee on Local Government and Provincial Councils
49. Consultative Committee on Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
50. Consultative Committee on Livestock Development
51. Consultative Committee on Foreign Affairs
52. Consultative Committee on Cultural Affairs
53. Consultative Committee on Higher Education

- 54. Consultative Committee on Irrigation and Water Management
- 55. Consultative Committee on Industrial Development
- 56. Consultative Committee on Transport
- 57. Consultative Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

That each Committee do consist of not less than five Members and not more than thirty- one Members to consider and report upon such matters as are referred to it in terms of Standing Order 109.

That three Members be the quorum of each Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Jathika Saviya Authority Bill — Second Reading

*2.

Finance (Amendment) Bill— Second reading

*3.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second reading

*4.

Debits Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second reading

*5

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 5 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No.12 of 2006, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1478/7 of 01st January, 2007 which was presented on 08.02.2007, be approved.

*6

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Debits Tax Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under sub-paragraph (v) of paragraph (b) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 13 of the Debits Tax Act, No.16 of 2002, relating to Debits Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1478/10 of 02nd January, 2007 which was presented on 08.02.2007, be approved.

*7

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Turnover Tax Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 7 of the Turnover Tax Act, No.69 of 1981, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution relating to Turnover Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1478/8 of 01st January, 2007 which was presented on 08.02.2007, be approved.

*8

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Finance Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2 of the Finance Act, No.11 of 2002, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution relating to Port and Airport Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1478/3 of 01st January 2007, which was presented on 08.02.2007, be approved.

*9

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act, (No.1),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.39 of 2005, and specified in the order No.08 hereto, be approved.

ORDER

Appropriation Act, No.39 of 2005

Order No.08 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.39 of 2005, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 80902 “Expenses in connection with the seized and Forfeited Goods Advance Account “Department of Sri Lanka Customs of the second schedule to that Act.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	-
		To	Rs.	—	-
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	1,500,000
		To	Rs.	—	1,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	3,000,000
		To	Rs.	—	5,000,000
(iv)	Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	-
		To	Rs.	—	-

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2006 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSHA

Minister of Finance and Planning.

18.12.2006

Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*10

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act, (No.2) — That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.39 of 2005 and specified in the order No.07 hereto, be approved.

ORDER

Appropriation Act. No.39 of 2005

Order No.07 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.39 of 2005, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 11702 “Raid Advance Account” Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption of the second schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	2,000,000
	To	Rs.	—	2,500,000
(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	-
	To	Rs.	—	-
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	-
	To	Rs.	—	-
(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	-
	To	Rs.	—	-

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2006 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSHA

Minister of Finance and Planning.

26.12.2006

Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*11

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act, (No.3),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.39 of 2005 and specified in the order No.16 hereto, be approved.

ORDER**Appropriation Act. No.39 of 2005****Order No.16 under Section 8**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.39 of 2005, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 75202 “Stores (Explosive Items) Advance Account — Sri Lanka Navy”, Ministry of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order of the second schedule to that Act.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	200,000,000
		To	Rs.	—	204,500,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	-
		To	Rs.	—	-
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	-
		To	Rs.	—	-
(iv)	Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	-
		To	Rs.	—	-

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2006 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSHA

Minister of Finance and Planning.

12.01.2007

Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*12.

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	Rs. 80,400.00

Members

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

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)

*13.

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	Rs. 79,400.00

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)

*14.

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</u> per month
Total	Rs. 79,400.00

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)

*15

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act,— That this Parliament determines that the Salaries and Allowances of the Chairman and Members of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka established under the Section 8 of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No.21 of 1996, be as follows with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Salary	Rs. 65,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> Monthly
Total	Rs. 79,400.00

Members

Allowance	Rs. 30,000.00 Monthly
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This Parliament further resolves that 50% of the enhanced salary (excluding the Allowances) be paid with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full salary with the balance 50% with from

01.01.2007 and such Salaries and Allowances as were determined by this Resolution be substituted for the salaries and allowances previously determined by Parliament.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*16.

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 and Planning 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.

*17.

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.

*18

The Minister of Plantation Industries,— Regulation under the Tea Small Holding Development Law,—That the Regulation made by the Minister of Plantation Industries under Section 22 read with Section 15 of the Tea Small Holding Development Law, No.35 of 1975, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1473/28 of 01st December 2006 which was presented on 08.02.2007 be approved.

*19.

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.

*20.

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 17th July, 2006 which was presented on 30.11.2006, be approved.

*21

The Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,— Rule under the Births and Deaths Registration Act,—That the Rule made by the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs under Section 69 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act (Chapter 110) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1471/28 of 17th November 2006 which was presented on 09.02.2007 be approved.

*22

The Minister of Healthcare & Nutrition,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital-2004,—The Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital together with the Auditor General's observations prepared

for the year ended 31.12.2004 and presented on 18.06.2006 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No.49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Healthcare and Nutrition)

*23

The Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,— Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation-2005,—That the Annual Report, Balance Sheet, Final Accounts and Auditor General's Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the year 2005 presented on 27.09.2006 as per Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development)

*24.

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

*25.

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

*26.

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

*27.

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

*28.

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

*29.

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

*30.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*31.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*32.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*33.

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 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)

*34.

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.

*35.

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.

*36.

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.”

*37.

Governors' Pension Bill — Second Reading.

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38.

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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39.

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 Niward Cabral to hold the position of the Governor of the Central Bank.
 - (c) whether the appointment of an individual such as Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral will seriously affect the creditability of the Central Bank and have disastrous effects on the country's economy.
- (6) (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
- (7) That the Committee shall have the power to :
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Commission may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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40.

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.

41.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

42.

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

43.

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

44.

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

45.

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

46.

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

47.

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

48.

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

49.

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

50.

Institute for Research and Development (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

51.

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.”
