



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 93.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0727/'06

1.

Hon. Sunil Hadunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Public Recreation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) on what basis Mr. Andrew Abesingha, who took part in the swimming events in the South Asian Games representing Sri Lanka, was selected for participation in those games;
 - (ii) whether he was a Sri Lankan citizen at the time of selection;
 - (iii) whether he has taken part in the selection of swimmers;
 - (iv) what are the criteria applicable when non-resident Sri Lankans who have not taken part in the selection competitions are selected for international competitions?
- (b) If not, why?

0735/'06

2.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Supplementary Plantation Crops Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many employees are being kept in the Kantale Sugar Factory, which has been kept closed for nearly 12 years now;
 - (ii) for what purpose the aforesaid persons are being kept;
 - (iii) for what purpose a chairman has been appointed to this institution?
- (b) Will he state whether there is a move to appoint a person called Leelasena Gunasekara, who had been found guilty of various charges while in service

in the institution and who has neither educational qualifications nor professional qualifications, to the executive post concerned by removing the Security Superintendent called Samarakoon, who has worked in this institution?

- (c) Is he aware that the Heads of the institute are trying to sell the iron, condemned vehicles and many other valuable assets of the institute secretly?
- (d) Will he take action to keep the Security Superintendent Samarakoon further in the post to stop these frauds and thefts?
- (e) If not, why?

0737/06

3.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that an order has been issued by the chairman of Kaduwela Pradeshiya Sabha to the residents in 24 houses who have been residing for 4-5 years in permanent houses in a strip of land adjoining the Millennium City housing complex, Galpoththa Road, Pore in the Kaduwela Pradeshiya Sabha limits indicating that their constructions should be removed?
- (b) Does he accept that—
 - (i) electricity has been supplied to these houses by the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) those houses have been given premises numbers and have also been included in the Electoral Registers;
 - (iii) action is being taken in this undue manner to have the occupants of these houses removed as a political victimization?
- (c) Will he make arrangements to enable these occupants to continue to live in the aforesaid houses?
- (d) If not, why?

0763/06

4.

Hon. Earl Gunasekara,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

- (a) Will he disclose in this House whether the Appeal referred to the then Secretary to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication and Udarata Development by Mr. N.P. Nawaratna Banda, the Sub Post Master of Jamburewela on 13.10.2001 to be referred to the Public Service Commission?

- (b) If not, will he state in this House the reason for it?
- (c) if not, why?

0448/06

5.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the extent of the land called “Apthopwaththa” which has been taken over by the government and comes under the Divisional Secretary of Nagoda in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of allotments that have been distributed so far, from the aforesaid land;
 - (iii) the names and the addresses of those allottees and the extent of land given to them;
 - (iv) the number of allottees who have put up houses in the allotments given to them and are residing in them;
 - (v) whether the aforesaid allottees have sold or transferred the ownership of their respective allotment to others;
 - (vi) the names and the addresses of those allottees who have transferred or changed the ownership as mentioned above or those who do not come to their allotment at present?
- (b) Will he present to this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid allottees have been given plots of land again from this land or from any other place without giving lands to the members of families who live in the same house with the hope of putting up their own houses;
 - (ii) separately, the names and addresses of the recipients, if such plot of lands have been given as mentioned above?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether necessary action will be taken to give lands only to the landless by preventing the encroachment on the remaining plots of the aforesaid land that has been taken over by the government;
 - (ii) if so, the period during which it will be done?
- (d) if not, why?

0563/06

6.

Hon. T. Maheswaran,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Tamils arrested on suspicion during the past six months in Colombo and other Districts separately;
 - (ii) the names of the suspects so arrested;
 - (iii) whether they were arrested by Army, Navy, Air Force, or Police;
 - (iv) where and when they were arrested;
 - (v) whether they have been released;
 - (vi) if not where they are held?
- (b) Will he state whether—
 - (i) the Police reports have been obtained for the arrested suspects immediately thereafter;
 - (ii) a fair opportunity is given to them in accordance with the Human Rights to prove their innocence?
- (c) if not, why?

0807/06

7.

Hon. (Ven.) Alawwe Nandaloka thero,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of approved cadre for the post of Grade II Forest Ranger in the Wildlife Conservation Department, as of 01.11.2005;
 - (ii) the names of officers holding the said post on that date and the date they were appointed to the relevant grade of the post;
 - (iii) the order of seniority of the officers this grade in accordance with the list of seniority maintained by the Department?
- (b) Is he aware that an interview was conducted to promote the qualified officers of the above Grade II to Grade I in or around November 2005?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the names of officers called for the said interview;

- (ii) whether marks were awarded to those officers for the seniority in Grade II;
 - (iii) if so, the marks awarded for the seniority of each officer;
 - (iv) the total marks awarded for each such candidate by the interview board?
- (d) if not, why?

0468/06

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the names of the Political Parties which received money on account of the Tsunami disaster and the amounts received separately?
- (b) Will he state the names of the twenty biggest Non-Government Organizations that received funds on account of Tsunami disaster?
- (c) Will he also state the places where the moneys have been spent and the amount of VAT paid?
- (d) if not, why?

0756/06

9.

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

- (a) Will he state this House—
 - (i) the population in the country to-date;
 - (ii) the male, female propotion separately; and,
 - (iii) the number of family units in the country to-date?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the age break-up of the population;
 - (ii) the earning capacity break-up as individuals and family units under following categories?

<u>SL Rupees</u>		<u>SL Rupees</u>
0/-	-	1,000/-
1,000/-	-	5,000/-

(6)

5,000/- - 15,000/-

15,000/- - 50,000/-

50,000/- - above

(c) if not, why?

0706/06

10.

Hon. Anuruddha Polgampala,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he present to this House separately—

(i) the number of electricity projects which had been proposed to be implemented in year 2006 under Chinese aids;

(ii) what they are at Divisional Secretariat Division level;

(iii) out of the above mentioned projects, the proposals which were implemented in year 2006;

(iv) the timeframes in which each of the aforesaid proposals will be completed?

(b) Will he state—

(i) whether changes have been done when implementing the aforesaid proposals;

(ii) if so, what such changes are?

(c) if not, why?

0790/06

11.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that building have been constructed with the money of the President's Fund in the Sirimavo Bandaranaike Stadium in the Gampaha district which is the only stadium of international standard situated there, allegedly for the purpose of a Cultural Centre?

(b) Will he inform this House separately and in detail—

(i) the total amount of money spent on the said constructions;

(ii) the relevant estimate and the names, positions and institution of the officials who prepared it;

- (iii) the name, positions and the relevant institutions of the officials who prepared the plans of those buildings; and,
- (iv) the basis on which those plans were prepared?
- (c) Will he submit to this House, the relevant estimates and the building plans?
- (d) Will he state whether any pact or agreement was entered into with the Western Provincial Councils for the construction of those building?
- (e) if so, will he submit that agreement to this House?
- (f) Will he state the names and positions of the officials who were in charge of supervising those constructions?
- (g) if not, why?

0741/06

12.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, the names, addresses, dates of inception and the relevant industries of the business establishments (non-export projects) targeting the local market which have been registered under the Board of Investments, Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the quantity and value of the goods imported by these projects in the years of 2004, 2005 and 2006 under each compound classification code (under H.S. labelling);
 - (ii) the business establishments which have been permitted to release one fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) or more of their products to the local market from among the business establishments registered under Sri Lanka Board of Investments, targeting the export market, and;
 - (iii) which of the above establishments were permitted to pay the customs duty only for the raw materials and not for the end products are released to the market, in respect of years 2004, 2005 and 2006?
- (c) If not, why?

0739/06

13.

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a police officer attached to the Maligawila police post of the Buttala police division had assaulted Mr. R.M. Dhanapala residing at D-36, Dambegoda, Maligawila, on the night of 23.09.2006;
 - (ii) his wife Mrs. H.M. Leelawathie had lodged a complaint in this connection at the Buttala Police Station;
 - (iii) Mr. R.M. Dhanapala had received indoor treatment for 5 days at the Moneragala Base Hospital due to this assault?
- (b) Will he admit that the relevant police station has not conducted any investigation in this regard up to now?
- (c) Will he take action to conduct an impartial inquiry immediately regarding this matter?
- (d) If not, why?

0740/06

14.

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Miss T.H. Ruvini Thrimanna of Nakkala Junction, Nakkala, Moneragala sat for the competitive examination held for the post of Accounts clerk of the Uva Development Bank under index number 0200617;
 - (ii) she has obtained 127 marks in that competitive examination;
 - (iii) an appointment has been granted to a person who has obtained 104 marks at this competitive examination?
- (b) Will he admit that a grave injustice has been caused to the above named candidate who obtained 127 marks, by not granting appointment to her?
- (c) Will he take action to grant the relevant appointment to her in the future?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Privilege,(No.1),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Jeyaraj Fenandopulle, M.P., Minister of Highways and Road Development and Chief Government Whip of Parliament, on 06th February, 2007 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by two police personal by attacking his vehicle and obstructing him while he was proceeding to attend the Parliament Sitting held on 06th February, 2007, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Privilege,(No.2),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Anura Bandaranaike, on 08th February, 2007 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by threatening him with abduction and death over the telephone by anonymous persons on 06th February, 2007, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Finance (Amendment) Bill— Second reading

*2.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second reading

*3.

Debits Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second reading

*4

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.

*5

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.

*6

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.

*7

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.

*8

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)

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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)

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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)

*11.

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</u> Monthly
Total	Rs. 80,400.00

Members

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

*12.

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</u> per month
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)

*13.

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
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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)

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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
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Members

Allowance Rs. 30,000.00 Monthly

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)

*15.

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.

*16.

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.

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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.

*18.

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.

*19.

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.

*20

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.

*21

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)

*22

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)

*23.

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

*24.

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

*25.

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

*26.

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

*27.

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

*28.

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

*29.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*30.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*31.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*32.

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)

*33.

The Minister of Export Development and International Trade,— 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.

*34.

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.

*35.

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.”

*36.

Governors' Pension Bill — Second Reading.

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37.

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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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.

39.

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.

40.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

41.

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

42.

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

43.

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

44.

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

45.

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

46.

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

47.

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

48.

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

49.

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

50.

Government Services Buddhist Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

51.

Sri Lanka-Nippon Educational and Cultural Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

52.

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.”
