



No. 94.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, February 22, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0768/'06

1.

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

- (a) Will he state in this House separately and on monthly basis, the amount of assessment, Taxes received by the Moratuwa Municipal Council from June 2006 upto date?
- (b) Is he aware that the Municipal Councillor Mr. Nishantha Ferdinando in a letter dated 12.09.2006 has intimated to the Commissioner of Local Government that a fraud had taken place with regard to the assessment taxes paid by the people and requested for an investigation in that regard?
- (c) Will he state in this House the findings of the relevant investigation?
- (d) if not, why?

0769/'06

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the motion titled “The Council should act in accordance with the Establishments Code” referred to the Order Paper of the Council by Mr. Nishantha Ferdinando, Member of the Moratuwa Municipal Council on 29th June 2006 was defeated by majority vote?
- (b) Accordingly, will he inform this House whether the Establishments Code of the Government of Sri Lanka and the Public Administration Circulars are not applicable to the Moratuwa Municipal Council?
- (c) Will he state in this House the names of the ruling party Municipal Councillors who opposed this motion?
- (d) if not, why?

0770/06

3.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to hand over a 5 acre land situated in close proximity to the Members of Paliament Housing Complex, Madiwela, to a private company;
 - (ii) if not, whether action is being taken for such a hand over?
- (b) Will he present to this House—
 - (i) the price of a perch when the land is being handed over in this manner;
 - (ii) the difference between the said price and the market price of a perch;
 - (iii) whether the legal permission has been granted for this transaction;
 - (iv) if so, what it is?
- (c) Will he state the loss incurred by the government of this transaction?
- (d) if not, why?

0628/06

4.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a decision has been taken to shift the District Cultural Centre at Matale to another place?
- (b) Does he admit that—
 - (i) the aforesaid Cultural Centre is housed in a building with a historical value which has been conserved in such a manner that its ancient characteristics are protected;
 - (ii) this is a place which is of educational value to the students who study Architecture in the Universities?
- (c) Will he take action to have this centre where nearly 370 students follow courses housed in the same building further since an amount exceeding rupees six million has already been spent on this building from the Cultural Fund and an amount of Rs. 8 million has been approved for the construction of the theatre?
- (d) if not, why?

0747/06

5.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that the Diripiyasa Project which commenced in the year 2002 has continued successfully up to now?
- (b) Will she state—
 - (i) the reason for deciding to close this project from 2007 onwards; and,
 - (ii) whether it would not be more expedient to rectify the shortcomings of the current project, if any, and continue with it rather than to starting a new one?
- (c) Does she accept that the discontinuing of projects by way of political victimization, which still happens, causes an injustice to a large number of persons?
- (d) Will she state whether funds have been allocated in the Budget for the year 2007 to continue the aforesaid project?
- (e) if not, why?

0748/06

6.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that appropriate remedies have not yet been adopted for the injustice caused to graduate teachers due to the implementation of the Teachers Service Minutes with changes introduced from time to time?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reason for not issuing the Circular which he had promised to implement together with Circular No.2005/4 eliminating the anomalies of the salaries of graduate teachers and was to be issued in accordance with the Cabinet Paper No:2005/ED/E/52 dated 19.07.2005, which was prepared by him and approved by the Cabinet on 28.07.2005?
- (c) Will he take steps to issue the said Circular prepared as per Cabinet paper No.2005/ED/E/52 as service injustices and losses have been caused to graduate teachers over the years, especially in the year 2000, due to non-implementation of it?
- (d) if not, why?

0707/06

7.

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the number of power distribution projects implemented in Kegalle district during the period from year 2000 to year 2005;
 - (ii) their names at Divisional Secretariat Division level?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) what the proposals are, which have not been implemented, even though money had been allocated for them from year 2000 to year 2006?
 - (ii) the reasons for implementation of the aforesaid proposals?
- (c) Will he inform this House the date on which the implementation of the aforesaid proposals will be completed?
- (d) if not, why?

0717/06

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the profits of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the last 12 years;
 - (ii) the number of confirmed and unconfirmed staff separately at the end of the each year for the last 12 years;
 - (iii) the dates on and the amounts by which the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and Lanka Indian Oil Company have increased or reduced the prices of petrol, diesel and kerosene oil for the last six years; and,
 - (iv) the average crude oil price for the last 12 years?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Government in 2004 said that they would not increase the prices despite any increase of world oil prices;

- (ii) by not keeping abreast with world prices, the Government has brought additional burdens on people who do not use petrol, diesel, kerosene oil and have helped the rich?
- (c) if not, why?

0785/06

9.

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the house of Mr. W.V. Dayananda residing near the 22nd Mile Post, Gonaganara division of the Buttala Divisional Secretariat Division was destroyed by wild elephants in June 2005;
 - (ii) he has forwarded an application to the Wildlife Conservation Department pertaining to the obtaining of compensation for the losses suffered?
- (b) Will he admit that compensation has not been granted to the above named person even though a period of over one year has elapsed?
- (c) Will he take steps to grant the relevant compensation immediately?
- (d) if not, why?

0754/06

10.

Hon. Wijitha Herath,— 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 the amount of money charged by each Aircraft that arrives at the Bandaranaike International Airport for various minor maintenance activities carried out, until the time of their departure?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, on annual basis, the amount of money so charged from the year 2000 upto date; and,
 - (ii) to which institution, the monies so charged are credited?
- (c) if not, why?

0787/06

11.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the proceeds received out of the liquidation of the Udugampola Textile Co-operative in the Gampaha District; and,
 - (ii) the basis on which Rs. 8.3 million out of that amount was deposited in an account of a non state bank?
- (b) Will he submit in detail, the list of liquidated items and the relevant prices?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) as to what action is being taken at present regarding the lands that belonged to the said Textile Co-operative Society;
 - (ii) as to what action would be taken regarding the aforesaid irregular financial transaction?
- (d) if not, why?

0788/06

12.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House on what basis the sum of Rs. 1.5 million received by the Co-operative Department has been deposited in an account in a private financial institution, according to the final decisions of the Deputy Commissioner of Co-operatives of the Gampaha District, in violation of the proper procedure?
- (b) Will he state what procedures have to be followed in depositing money belonging to the Co-operative Department in private financial institutions in this way?
- (c) Will he inform this House what action will be taken regarding the above mentioned irregular financial transaction?
- (d) if not, why?

0743/06

13.

Hon. (Ven.) Alawwe Nandaloka Thero,— 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 of the number of liquor licences that have been issued to taverns, restaurants, tourist hotels, sports clubs, foreign liquor shops and reception halls in the Biyagama Divisional Secretariat Division in the Gampaha District for the year 2006?
- (b) Will he state separately in respect of each such licence—
 - (i) the name and the address of the licensee;
 - (ii) the place for which permission has been granted to run the business;
 - (iii) the date of issue of the licence?
- (c) if not, why?

0801/06

14.

Hon. (Ven.) Alawwe Nandaloka Thero,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of undergraduates who have been registered for the academic year 2006, in each University in Sri Lanka, including the private Universities?
- (b) Will he state separately, the numbers of undergraduates studying the subjects Sinhala, Tamil, Pali and Sanskrit in each University, in the academic year 2006?
- (c) if not, why?

0578/06

15.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that an inquiry has been requested for into the manner in which the heirs have been selected in respect of the permit and/or certificate of award issued in the name of a deceased named Pathirennhelage Loku Punchi Banda, by letter dated 05.03.2004 under the Land Development Ordinance sent to the Land Commissioner by Attorney-at-law, Mrs. D.H.R. Perera on behalf of Senanayaka Mudiyanseelage Nandawathie of Boraluwewa, Danwila?
- (b) Will he accept that—
 - (i) facts have been cited in that letter to the effect that the rights of the deceased Loku Punchi Banda under the said Permit and / or certificate of award be conferred upon Pathirennhelage Somarathna;

- (ii) without considering such facts, the permit and / or the certificate of award had been prepared in a manner that a portion of the land in question is transferred to one Premawathie?
 - (c) Will he state the reasons for not conducting an inquiry into this matter despite the fact that a request has been made to the Commissioner of Lands to that effect?
 - (d) If not, why?
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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)

*10

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
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Members

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

*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.

*17

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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38.

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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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.”
