



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 95.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Friday, February 23, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0749/'06

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the person named D.E.A Jayantha Edirisinghe of No. 08 Inguru-oya, Nawalapitiya had been working as a labourer at the Technical Division of the Nawalapitiya Urban Council since 16.05.2005?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reason for suspending his service with effect from 30.11.2005; and,
 - (ii) the reason for appointing at the monthly meeting the typist named W.G.D. Damayanthi, who had been covering the duties in the post of typist, to the aforesaid post, which was vacant?
- (c) Will he take steps to appoint Mr. Jayantha Edirisinghe, who had completed six months in service, to the aforesaid vacancy and to confirm him in the post?
- (d) if not, why?

0751/'06

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that all graded principals were given a salary revision by a Cabinet decision in accordance with the determination of the Supreme Court in Case No.SC/362/FR/99?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the zonal education offices which have paid the revised salaries to the principals in terms of the said Cabinet decision and those which have not paid separately; and,

(2)

- (ii) the reason for the non-payment of the revised salaries by some of the zonal education offices in this manner?
- (c) If the revised salaries are to be paid in due course, will he inform the House of the dates on which they will be paid at Zonal Education Office level?
- (d) if not, why?

0762/06

3.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— 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) heavy damages were caused to the properties of both parties in the Sinhala-Muslim clashes that erupted at Dharga Town in Aluthgama in the Kalutara District on 26th January 2006; and,
 - (ii) a compensation was promised by the responsible people's representatives who visited to inspect this incident, in order to make good the damages caused?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that no party or individual has so far been paid any compensation?
- (c) Will he take steps to pay the relevant compensation speedily?
- (d) if so, when?
- (e) if not, why?

0804/06

4.

Hon. T. Maheshwaran,— 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) Mr. Somasundaram Thirugnanasambanthan, a businessman was shot dead on 24.07.2006 at Sinnalady, Karainagar, Jaffna in Navy controlled area; and,
 - (ii) his wife had identified the assailant?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the action taken by the Navy about this incident;
 - (ii) whether the assailant was arrested;

- (iii) the action taken by the Police up to now?
- (c) Is he also aware that another incident of shooting in Karainagar, an area controlled by the Navy?
- (d) Will he inform—
 - (i) actions taken by the Navy and the Police regarding this incident; and,
 - (ii) whether the person responsible for shooting was identified and arrested?
- (e) Will he submit a full Police report on this incident to this House?
- (f) if not, why?

0805/06

5.

Hon. T. Maheshwaran,— To ask the 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 people affected by the recent incident took place in Allaipity and Trincomalee;
 - (ii) whether any compensation has been paid to the affected people;
 - (iii) whether the persons responsible for the attack at Vankalai Church in Mannar have been identified and arrested by now;
 - (iv) whether any compensation or damages have been paid to the affected people in the above incident?
- (b) if not, why?

0481/06

6.

Hon. T. Maheshwaran,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools which come under the purview of Kotmale zone;
 - (ii) the names and other details of the teachers serving in the schools of the above mentioned areas;
 - (iii) the number of students studying at those schools separately; and

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

0641/06

7.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Education and to the Institutions, Statutory Boards and Corporations which come under the Ministry?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the basis on which they were appointed,
 - (ii) their qualifications;
 - (iii) the salaries and allowances paid to them and other facilities enjoyed by them as advisors; and
 - (iv) the duties that have been entrusted to them?
- (c) If not, why?

0781/06

8.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House,—
 - (i) the number of Co-ordinating Secretaries appointed for His Excellency the President;

- (ii) their names, along with the dates of appointments, salaries, positions and other benefits enjoyed by them separately; and,
- (iii) their professional qualifications and the age at the time of appointment?
- (b) If not, why?

0782/06

9.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House,—
 - (i) the number of Consultants appointed for His Excellency the President;
 - (ii) their names, along with the dates of appointments, salaries, positions and other benefits enjoyed by them separately; and,
 - (iii) their professional qualifications and the age at the time of appointment?
- (b) If not, why?

0509/06

10.

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau gets projects from various institutions?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the relevant institutions make payments for the aforesaid projects?
- (c) Will he admit that such payments are a gain to the Bureau?
- (d) Will he state,—
 - (i) the number of projects received by the aforesaid Bureau during the past ten years?
 - (ii) the income received through those projects?
- (e) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the number of staff of a company by the name of G.S.M.B. which has been established in the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau;
 - (ii) the number of projects received by the aforesaid G.S.M.B Company annually, from the date of inception;

- (iii) separately, the amount of money received from each of the aforesaid projects annually;
- (iv) whether the aforesaid institution is a loss making institution or a profit making institution; and,
- (v) the amount of money received by the G.S.M.B Company from the Treasury during the past five years?
- (f) If not, why?

0594/06

11.

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayaka,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—(2)

- (a) Will he state in this House,—
 - (i) when the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau was established;
 - (ii) under what law;
 - (iii) its function?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) the responsibilities of the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau;
 - (ii) whether the necessary officers and an institutional structure are available to fulfil that responsibility;
 - (iii) the benefits accrued to the government by that bureau?
- (c) Will he state in this House,—
 - (i) in which years the above Bureau has earned profits since its inception;
 - (ii) the profit or loss incurred in each year;
 - (iii) if profits were earned the reasons for that;
 - (iv) if any shortcomings have occurred, the reasons for that?
- (d) Will he state,—
 - (i) the reasons for the decline in the profits earned during 2004/2005;
 - (ii) whether there was a possibility to prevent the losses in that manner?
- (e) If not, why?

0633/06

12.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— 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 the agreement called “Share sale and Purchase Agreement”, which had been signed between the Indian Oil Company and the General Treasury as decided by the Cabinet Meeting of 08th June, 2006, expired on 1st July, 2006;
 - (ii) what the amendments approved were, in terms of the said Cabinet decision; and,
 - (iii) whether a new agreement which incorporates the amendments referred to above has been signed?
- (b) If so, will he table the new agreement?
- (c) If not, will he state in this House,—
 - (i) when the said agreement to be signed;
 - (ii) whether the company can act till such time as if there were no agreement; and,
 - (iii) what benefits they derive from it as opposed to the previous agreement?
- (d) Will he state separately,—
 - (i) the tax concessions which have been granted to the Indian Oil Company; and,
 - (ii) the concessions which have been granted by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka?
- (e) If not, why?

0251/06

13.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that pursuant to the obtaining of necessary reports and fulfilling the necessary requirements, the Udugama District Hospital in Galle district has been recommended to be developed as a base hospital
- (b) Will he state whether Plans have been made to develop another hospital situated close to Udugama Hospital, as a base hospital, in spite of the aforesaid recommendation?

- (c) Will he admit that when the aforesaid Udugama Hospital has been proposed to be developed as a base hospital after obtaining the approval of the Provincial Ministry and the inspection of the Line Ministry developing another hospital as a base hospital is not suitable since the aforesaid hospital has the essential facilities required for a base hospital including generators and a tuberculosis ward?
- (d) Will he take the necessary steps to develop the Udugama hospital as a base hospital by paying a special attention to this matter?
- (e) If not, why?

0742/06

14.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether action is being taken by the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine to recruit Ayurvedic doctors to Public Service; and,
 - (ii) the number of vacancies existing for indigenous doctors separately in each institution in the public service to date?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) the procedure followed in recruiting indigenous doctors; and,
 - (ii) whether recruitments to be done in accordance with the Indigenous Doctors' Service Minute and the procedure of recruitment to Public Service?
- (c) If not, why?

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	From	Rs.	—	-
Second Schedule to that Act.	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	From	Rs.	—	-
Second Schedule to that Act.	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

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

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 Monthly</u>
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.

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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. Dunes Gankanda

Hon. Johnston Fernando

Hon. P. Radhakrishnan

Hon. R. M. Dharmadasa Banda

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna

Hon. Neomal Perera,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into the resignation of Mr. Sunil Mendis and the appointment of Mr. 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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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."
