



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 96.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, March 06, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0216/'06

1.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— (3)

- (a) Will he submit to this House the names and addresses of the Samurdhi recipients in the Beliatta Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, the number of members in each family unit, their monthly income before the receipt of Samurdhi allowance, the value of the Samurdhi allowance and the date on which they received the said allowance for the first time, separately in detail?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families empowered in the years 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005 under the empowerment of Samurdhi recipients;
 - (ii) the name and address, Grama Niladhari Division, the year of empowerment, the name of the Samurdhi Officer of the relevant Division and any other important information regarding each Samurdhi recipient so empowered; and
 - (iii) the subjects under which they have been empowered?
- (c) If not, why?

0217/'06

2.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— (3)

- (a) Will he submit to this House the names and addresses of the Samurdhi recipients in the Weeraketiya Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, the number of members in each family unit, their monthly income before the receipt of Samurdhi allowance, the value of the Samurdhi allowance and the date on which they received the said allowance for the first time, separately in detail?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of families empowered in the years 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 under the empowerment of Samurdhi recipients;
 - (ii) the name and address, Grama Niladhari Division, the year of empowerment, the name of the Samurdhi Officer of the relevant Division and any other important information regarding each Samurdhi recipient so empowered; and
 - (iii) the subjects under which they have been empowered?
- (c) If not, why?

0218/06

3.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order— (3)

- (a) Will he submit to this House the names and addresses of the Samurdhi recipients in the Okawela Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, the number of members in each unit, their monthly income before the receipt of Samurdhi allowance, the value of the Samurdhi allowance and the date on which they received the said allowance for the first time, separately in detail?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of families empowered in the years 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 under the empowerment of Samurdhi recipients;
 - (ii) the name and address, Grama Niladhari Division, the year of empowerment, the name of the Samurdhi Officer of the relevant Division and any other important information regarding each Samurdhi recipient so empowered; and
 - (iii) the subjects under which they have been empowered?
- (c) If not, why?

0424/06

4.

Hon. L. G. Wasantha Piyatissa,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) the number of official quarters meant for public servants, on district basis;

- (ii) if politicians who are not public servants, are in occupation of such quarters, their number;
- (iii) who they are?
- (b) Will he take necessary action to have them ejected from such quarters immediately and to make them available to public servants who are qualified to receive them?
- (c) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) these quarters have been made available to some politicians in the Ampara District and to their friends;
 - (ii) cases have been filed against the public servants to eject them from quarters where they have been residing for 5 years, without taking steps to eject the above mentioned people?
- (d) If not, why?

0548/06

5.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that apart from the Anuradhapura Hospital in the North Central Province, the only hospital that is situated away from Anuradhapura is the Medawachchiya hospital which is on the Jaffna-Mannar main road?
- (b) Will he take action to develop the Medawachchiya Hospital in order to ease the congestion of patients at the Anuradhapura Hospital?
- (c) Will he expedite the development activities in the Madawachchiya hospital so as to enable prompt treatment to the soldiers who sustain injuries in the operational areas and to the other residents in the area since the distance from locations such as Jaffna, Mannar, Trincomalee, Horowpathana, Padavi, Sripura colony, Vavuniya, Kebithigollewa, Pulmudai etc. to Medewachchiya is shorter than the distance to the Anuradhapura Hospital?
- (d) If not, why?

0630/06

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a function was held recently to lay the foundation stone for the Construction of the new building Complex of the Urban Development Authority?

- (b) Will he submit to this House with details, the total cost incurred to organize this function?
- (c) Will he state as to which institution spent such monies?
- (d) If not, why?

0559/06

7.

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

- (a) Will he submit this House —
 - (i) the details of the Sri Lankan embassies in Foreign countries;
 - (ii) as to who own the buildings which house these embassies;
 - (iii) whether these offices are maintained on rent or lease basis; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount paid as rent or lease?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the positions held by the persons employed in the foreign embassies; and
 - (ii) whether the said appointments are on secondment/temporary/contract or permanent basis?
- (c) Will he submit this House separately the institutions in which they have served in Sri Lanka, the positions held by them, their educational qualifications, their dates of recruitment and the dates of recruitment to the foreign service?
- (d) If not, why?

0575/06

8.

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 inform this House—
 - (i) whether the legislation for protection of Money laundering has been made;
 - (ii) if so, when; and,
 - (iii) the progress made thereon to date?

- (b) Will he disclose this House—
 - (i) the Acts brought before Parliament after the Finance Act. No. 38 of 1971 relating to Finance and Monetary Matters;
 - (ii) the names of such legislations and when they had been brought in;
 - (iii) the efficacy of such laws in operation;
 - (iv) the role that the Financial Intelligence Unit has performed; and,
 - (v) the place where it operates from and to whom it reports?
- (c) If not, why?

0719/06

9.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— 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) whether the present Government has received the funds which were approved by the President of the United States of America after naming the period 2002 - 2003 as Millennium Year, when the present Leader of the Opposition of this country was the Prime Minister; and
 - (ii) if so, what that amount was?
- (b) Will he state separately, the projects in which the said funds are being spent and the details of the expenditures?
- (c) Will he admit that, with the peace process of the previous regime, a sum of 450 billion rupees was approved at the Tokyo Aid Group Meeting for Sixty Two (62) projects?
- (d) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the said sum was invested in projects by the present Government, which came to power by dissolving the Government in power in 2003; and,
 - (ii) if so, the projects in which the said monies were so allocated and the amounts invested in each project separately?
- (e) If not, why?

0517/06

10.

Hon. T. Maheshwaran,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a dearth of teachers in the Tamil schools in Ratnapura District;
 - (ii) although the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council conducted interviews for the volunteer teachers serving in that area in order to absorb them in the Teachers service, no decision has been taken in this connection for the last two years;
 - (iii) and no remedial measures have been taken regarding lack of resources in the above said Tamil Schools.
- (b) Will he inform this House, the action that has been taken to remedy the dearth of teachers and lack of resources in these schools along with the action to be taken regarding the volunteer teachers serving in that area?
- (c) if not why?

0529/06

11.

Hon. T. Maheshwaran,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) the names and other details of the companies that have taken over the Plantations belonging to the State;
 - (ii) since valuable trees are cut and sold at auctions the reasons for not paying a share of the profit to the workers;
 - (iii) details of those auctions and their values;
 - (iv) the names and the details of the roads used for transporting these trees by heavy vehicles;
 - (v) the reason for not including the details pertaining to the cutting and sale of these trees in the Annual Report published by the Estate Management each year;
 - (vi) the action to be taken with respect to roads that are damaged?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names and other particulars of workers who are affected because of these activities;
 - (ii) the details of profit earned/loss incurred due to this;

- (iii) the action to be taken by the Government against these companies;
 - (iv) details of trees fell during the last ten years; and,
 - (v) the value of these trees?
- (c) if not why?

0778/'06

12.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Education— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mr. Gammanpila Imiyage Don Gunadasa is a Grade II officer of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service (as amended in 1985), from 18.06.1973;
 - (ii) he presented himself for interview at the Political Victimization Relief Committee under registration number 1091 on 22.05.1995, regarding political victimization that took place after 1977?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) Mr. Gunadasa has been appointed to a post of Grade III principal with effect from 21.04.1982 in accordance with Cabinet decisions of 18.12.1996 and 31.07.1997;
 - (ii) it is wrongful to appoint a Grade II officer of the Sri Lanka Education Administration Service to a post of Grade III principal, when the Political Victimization Relief Committee has recommended that it was appropriate to promote Mr. Gunadasa to Grade I of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to place Mr. Gunadasa on the due salary scale of Grade I of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service and to pay him arrears?
- (d) If not, why?

0724/'06

13.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— 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 vehicles obtained on rent by the People's Bank;

- (ii) the amounts paid on such rent?
- (b) Will he state separately, the divisions or names of the officers with their designations in respect of whom such vehicles have been obtained on rent?
- (c) If not, why?

0585/06

14.

Hon. (Ven.) Ellawala Medhananda Thero,— To ask Minister of National Heritage,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that four positions in the Department of Archaeology, viz. Director-Exploration and Documentation, Director-Excavation and Museums, Director-Epigraphy and Numismatics, and Director-Properties and Maintenance remain vacant?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House—
 - (i) the dates on which each of these posts have fallen vacant;
 - (ii) whether the approval of the Public Service Commission has been given to fill the said vacancies; and,
 - (iii) if so, when the vacancies for these posts will be filled?
- (c) If not, why?

0712/06

15.

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— 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, in which year the amount of 200 million rupees allocated from the Asian Development Bank for the reconstruction of the bridges and roads in the Southern Province that were destroyed by the huge floods in 2003, was given to the Southern Province Rural Economic Promotion Project?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for the reconstruction work of the demolished bridge over the GinGanga due to the flood and the date of such allocation;

- (ii) the firm, to which the task of preparing estimates for the construction of 3 feet wide concrete bridges in the first phase was entrusted;
 - (iii) for how many bridges it was;
 - (iv) when the preparation of estimates was completed?
 - (c) Will he inform this House when the estimates were prepared mentioning the bridges as those that could accommodate a three-wheeler, instead of 3-feet wide bridge?
 - (d) Does he accept that six (06) concrete bridges have already been selected for construction in the first round rather than bridges destroyed in the above mentioned floods and auction is being taken in that respect?
 - (e) Will he take action to erect the relevant bridges only at the sites recommended by the Asian Development Bank?
 - (f) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Mahaweli Cultural Foundation Trust”

2.

Hon. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Association of former members of the staff of Parliament of Sri Lanka”

3.

Hon. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the National Construction Association of Sri Lanka”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Posts and Telecommunications,— Rule 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.

*2.

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.

*3.

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.

*4.

Finance (Amendment) Bill— Second reading

*5.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second reading

*6.

Debits Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second reading

*7.

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.

*8.

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.

*9.

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.

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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.

*11.

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)

*12.

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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

Members

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

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

*15.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

Members

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

*16.

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)

*17.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

Members

Allowance Rs. 30,000.00 Monthly

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)

*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 Social Services and Social Welfare,— Regulations under the Protection of the Rights of Persons with disabilities Act,—That the “Disabled Persons (Accessibility) Regulations No.01 of 2006” made by the Minister of Social Services 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 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1467/15 of 17th October 2006, which was presented on 22.02.2007, be approved.

*22

The Minister of Export Development and International Trade,— Order under the 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. 1477/16 of 29th December 2006, which was presented on 22.02.2007, be approved.

*23

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)

*24.

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)

*25.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources ,—Annual Report of the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation - 2003,—That the Annual Report of the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation - 2003 presented on 08.08.2006 under the Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporations 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 Infrastructure Development and Fisheries Housing)

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—Annual Report of the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation - 2004,—That the Annual Report of the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation - 2004 presented on 17.10.2006 under the Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporations 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 Infrastructure Development and Fisheries Housing)

*27.

The Minister of Science and Technology,— Annual Report of the National Engineering Research and Development Centre of Sri Lanka - 2003,— That the Annual Report of the National Engineering Research and Development Center of Sri Lanka with the observations of the Auditor General for the year 1st January 2003 to 31st December 2003 presented on 25.08.2006 under the Section 40(3) of Science and Technology Development Act, No.11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Science and Technology)

*28.

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

*29.

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

*30.

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

*31.

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

*32.

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

*33.

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

*34.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*35.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*36.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*37.

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)

*38.

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.

*39.

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.

*40.

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.”

*41.

Governors’ Pension Bill — Second Reading.

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42.

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. Ajith 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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44.

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.

45.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

46.

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

47.

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

48.

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

49.

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

50.

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

51.

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

52.

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

53.

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

54.

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

55.

Government Services Buddhist Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

56.

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

57.

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.”
