



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 97.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
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FOR**

Wednesday, March 07, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0731/06

1.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a complaint has been received from a person named D.M. Ratnapala of Aluthwala, Diyathalawa on 31.08.2006, to the effect that an official of the Haputale Divisional Secretariat office in the Badulla District is engaged in a racket of purchasing trees from the innocent people in the area at very low prices and selling them to timber racketeers in Akkarapattu, Ampara and Samanthurai areas at very exorbitant prices?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the relevant Divisional Secretary and a few other officials assist this racket, and,
 - (ii) the other officials at the office object to it?
- (c) Will he arrange to hold a formal inquiry into this and a course of disciplinary action against the officers who engage in illegal activities?
- (d) If not, why?

0732/06

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) due to the Tsunami disaster, that struck the Island on 26.12.2004, the house bearing the Chief Occupant Number 224 belonging to Mr. Amaradasa Malaweera of Tangalle Road, Dikwella was inundated in

water and all the household items were destroyed and the house was damaged; and,

- (ii) so far he has not received any assistance?
- (b) Will he take steps to look into the injustice caused to him and provide some assistance to this person, who at present resides in a temporary house?
- (c) If not, why?

0733/06

3.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Construction of the Kukuleganga Hydro Electricity scheme, which was commenced on 26.12.1998 was declared open by the then Prime Minister on 19.09.2003; and,
 - (ii) the then Ministry of Power and Energy had taken a decision to pay a compensation of rupees five hundred thousand each to those who lost their houses and property as a result of their lands being inundated with waters of this reservoir?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the areas affected as a result of being submerged in this reservoir;
 - (ii) the total amount of money, that has been decided to be paid as compensation in respect of the said areas by the Ministry of Power and Energy, at Grama Niladhari Division level;
 - (iii) the Grama Niladhari Divisions, in which the process of payment of compensation has been completed at present; and,
 - (iv) the reason as to why compensation has not been paid in the rest of the Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he will take necessary action to pay the balance compensation immediately; and,
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (d) If not, why?

0615/06

4.

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardane, — To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are about five medium sized tanks in the Ja-Ela electorate including Peralanda wewa, Ihalagama wewa, Walpola wewa, and Tewatta Kanu wewa;
 - (ii) all these tanks are now filled and their banks caved in; and,
 - (iii) the reservations around these tanks have been encroached upon by unauthorized settlers?
- (b) Will he give necessary instructions to the relevant officers to carry out a proper survey jointly with the Department of Irrigation and the Department of Survey in order to identify the exact extent of these tanks?
- (c) Will he submit to this House a formal plan developed for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of these tanks?
- (d) Will he take steps to allocate necessary finances for the said project?
- (e) If not, why?

0616/06

5.

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardane, — To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a foreign private company commenced activities to construct a garbage treatment plant on the Ekala-Gampaha road in the Ja-Ela electorate;
 - (ii) the construction activities of the said garbage treatment plant have come to a complete standstill?
- (b) Will he take necessary steps to resume the construction activities of the said garbage treatment plant on a priority basis?
- (c) If not, why?

0533/06

6.

Hon. T. Maheshwaran,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) the details of doctors, nurses and other workers employed in the Thalawakele estate hospital;
 - (ii) the reason for the lack of facilities in this hospital;
 - (iii) the full details of the Company administering this hospital;
 - (iv) the reason that the estate administration had not taken any action to appoint a permanent doctor for the last year;
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the details of the shortcomings in the aforesaid hospital;
 - (ii) the time it will take to remedy;
 - (iii) the action to be taken with regard to this situation; and,
 - (iv) the action to be taken against the Company that is administering the said estate hospital?
- (c) if not why?

0534/06

7.

Hon. T. Maheshwaran,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) the details of doctors, nurses and other workers attached to the Hospital in Haldummulla;
 - (ii) the reason for not repairing leakages in the drainage pipe from the toilet;
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the action going to be taken against the workers, who do not handle this problem properly;
 - (ii) the action going to be taken to prevent such health hazards in the hospitals which are responsible for maintaining health;
 - (iii) the action going to be taken to remedy the shortage of doctors in this hospital,
 - (iv) the reason that the acting doctors are not appointed for the doctors transferred or for the doctors on leave; and,
 - (v) the action going to be taken to remedy this situation?
- (c) if not why?

0631/06

8.

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 separately—
 - (i) the amount of petrol, diesel and Kerosene that was imported by the Indian Oil Company in each year from July 2003 to July 2006;
 - (ii) its financial value;
 - (iii) the types of taxes that have to be paid to the government by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and the Indian Oil Company when importing Petrol, diesel and Kerosene;
 - (iv) the total amount of duties that has to be paid to the customs annually by the Indian Oil Company from July 2003 to July 2006 for importing petroleum?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether this amount has duly been paid to the customs in respect of each relevant year;
 - (ii) if so paid, the amount that was paid each year and in the event of any arrears, the amount of arrears annually;
 - (iii) the amount of duties that is paid by the Indian Oil Company in importing oil as a percentage of the income of the Sri Lanka Customs Department?
- (c) If not, why?

0542/06

9.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— 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 of the total extent of lands within Colombo District which belong to the Lands Reform Commission?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the extent of the lands which have been given under 99 year lease, the dates on which they were leased out; the names of the lessees and the purpose of such leasing; and
 - (ii) the extent of the lands which have been leased out under 30-year lease, the dates on which they were leased out, the names of the lessees and the purpose of such leasing?
- (c) Will he state in this House separately—
 - (i) whether lands have been offered to various persons or institutions in any other manner other than the 99 or 30 year lease during the period functioned as the previous Minister in charge; and

- (ii) if so, the dates on which such leaseholds were granted, the names of the lessees concerned, the extents of the lands concerned and the purpose of such leasing separately?
- (d) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) the extent of lands situated within the Colombo District which do not belong to the Lands Reforms Commission but belong to the Ministry concerned; and
 - (ii) the extent of lands leased out in any manner?
- (e) Will he state separately, the extents of lands which were given out on leaseholds or on any other terms, the names of the recipients, the dates on which they were given and the purpose of such leasing?
- (f) If not, why?

0454/06

10.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the results of the interview held in November in year 2005 for the recruitment of persons to class III of the Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service on seniority and merit, have been issued?
- (b) If so, will he submit to this House, the aforesaid results sheet with all the details?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the time frame within which the promotions are granted on the aforesaid results;
 - (ii) whether he can give an assurance that the promotions are granted only to the suitable persons;
 - (iii) if the aforesaid results sheet has not been issued, the date on which the results of the aforesaid interview will be issued?
- (d) If not, why?

0567/06

11.

Hon. Mahinda Ratnathilake,—To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) permits have been issued to Members of Parliament to import a tax-free vehicle;

- (ii) the Members of Parliament have imported vehicles free of tax, making use of that permit;
- (iii) the aforesaid Members of Parliament obtained credit facilities through State Banks for such importation of vehicles?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the amount of credit obtained by each of the MPP and the monthly instalment to be paid?
- (c) If not, why?

0568/06

12.

Hon. Mahinda Ratnathilake,— To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he submit to this House, the list of Members of Parliament who have obtained permits to import a vehicle not more than Thirty Five Thousand US Dollars in value on duty free basis?
- (b) Will he state the make of the vehicles that have been imported by Members of Parliament who have so obtained the permits?
- (c) If not, why?

0753/06

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that two steps (platforms) which the Sri Lankan Air company had got made through the Orange Company at a cost of several lakhs of rupees for the mechanical and maintenance services of Airbuses have been sold for scrap iron without being used as they were not compatible with the Airbuses?
- (b) Will he present to this House a detailed report on this matter?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the details regarding the fuel draining cart which was purchased for draining oil from aircrafts being in an unservicable condition?
- (d) Will he state the course of action that he is going to follow with regard to irregular purchases of this nature done in a fraudulent manner?
- (e) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—Governors' Pension,—Bill to provide for the establishment of a Pension Scheme for Governors and provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Business of the Parliament,—That the proceedings on Item 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 23.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament,—That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 17.01.2006, the hours of sitting this day shall be 09.30 a.m. to 04.30 p.m. At 04.30 p.m., Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance,—That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959, Law No. 6 of 1978, and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from 02nd March 2007, be approved.

*2.

Finance (Amendment) Bill— Second reading

*3.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second reading

*4.

Debits Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second reading

*5.

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

*6.

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

*7.

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

*8

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

*9.

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

ORDER

Appropriation Act. No.39 of 2005

Order No.08 under Section 8

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

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

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2006 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSHA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

18.12.2006
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*10.

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

ORDER

Appropriation Act. No.39 of 2005

Order No.07 under Section 8

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

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

(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	-
		To	Rs.	—	-
(iv)	Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	-
		To	Rs.	—	-

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2006 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSHA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

26.12.2006
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*11.

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

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

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

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

(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities

specified in Column V of the	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)

*12.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

*13.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the constitution (No.1),— It

is determined by this Parliament that the remuneration and the Allowances of the Chairman and the Members of the Public Service Commission established under Article 54 (1) of the Constitution shall be as set out below with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

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

*14.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Constitution (No.2),— It is determined by this Parliament that the allowances of the Chairman and Members of the National Police Commission established under Article 155a (1) of the Constitution shall be as set out below with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

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

Members

Allowance	Rs. 30,000.00 per month
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It is further determined by this Parliament that while 50% of the increased allowances (excluding fuel allowances) in respect of the Chairman and Members of the National Police Commission shall be payable with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full amount from 01.01.2007. The allowances previously determined and adopted by Parliament as payable to the Chairman and the Members of the said Commission shall be substituted by allowances determined by this resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*15.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

Members

Allowance	Rs. 30,000.00 Monthly
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This Parliament further resolves that 50% of the enhanced salary (excluding the Allowances) be paid with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full salary with the balance 50% with from 01.01.2007 and such Salaries and Allowances as were determined by this Resolution be substituted for the salaries and allowances previously determined by Parliament.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*16.

The Minister of 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.

*17.

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.

*18

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.

*19

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.

*20

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.

*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.

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)

*24

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)

*25.

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)

*26.

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

*27.

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

*28.

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

*29.

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

*30.

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

*31.

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

*32.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*33.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*34.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*35.

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)

*36.

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.

*37.

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.

*38.

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.”

*39.

Governors' Pension Bill — Second Reading.

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40.

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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41.

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. 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 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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42.

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.

43.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

44.

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

45.

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

46.

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

47.

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

48.

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

49.

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

50.

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

51.

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

52.

Government Services Buddhist Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

53.

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

54.

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."
