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No. 98.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
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FOR**

Thursday, March 08, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0710/06

1.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Secretary of the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources is a Pensioner who draws a pension at present?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the basis on which the Secretary concerned is working in the Ministry;
 - (ii) his birthday and the age at present;
 - (iii) the period during which his extension of service will be operative; and,
 - (iv) on what basis that would be?
- (c) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) the number of foreign tours undertaken by the said Secretary since the day on which the Minister assumed duties;
 - (ii) such dates and the countries;
 - (iii) the reason for granting opportunity for those foreign tours and the benefits acquired to the Ministry out of such visits;
 - (iv) the expenses on his foreign tours in detail?
- (d) Will he inform this House;
 - (i) whether, it was out of state funds that money was spent on his New Zealand tour;
 - (ii) whether, expenses have been requested for out of Asian Development Fund for this tour?
 - (iii) whether, the Minister has approved the expenditure of funds for that;
 - (iv) if so, how much?
- (e) If not, why?

0736/06

2.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. Janadasa Peris, Mr. Newton Gunarathne and Mr. Thirugnana Sunderam served as the former relief news editor, former relief announcer and the relief announcer of the Tamil service, respectively, in the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation;
 - (ii) they enjoy the benefit of a government pension?
- (b) Will he inform this House the basis on which they, who had served in the Broadcasting Corporation, had become entitled to the privilege of receiving a government pension in the aforesaid manner?
- (c) Will he state separately the amounts of gratuity, arrears and other payments they have obtained at the time of retirement from the Broadcasting Corporation?
- (d) If not, why?

0830/06

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mrs. Wijayamuni Sugunawathie De Silva of No.60, Model Village, Maduruketiya, Kumbukkana, Moneragala has been residing in a land belonging to the Land Reforms Commission for 19 years?
- (b) Will he admit that she has paid the surveying fees and the stamp fees a number of years ago to purchase the said land for the assessed value from the Lands Reforms Authority?
- (c) Will he take steps to resolve this issue which has been in existence for several years and hand over the relevant deed to her promptly?
- (d) If not, why?

0764/06

4.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately and in detail, the Development plan proposed for each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Moneragala District for the years 2005 and 2006, under the Uva Wellassa Development project?

- (b) Will he submit to this House a report of the projects for which estimates have been prepared under the said programme?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) out of the projects, those which were completed in 2005 at the relevant Divisional Secretariat Divisional level; and,
 - (ii) the projects that have been started in the year 2006 at Divisional Secretariat Division level?
- (d) Will he submit to this House a comprehensive report on the projects that have not been completed out of those earmarked for the year 2006?
- (e) Will he state separately the projects, work on which has not been started, out of those earmarked for the years 2005 and 2006?
- (f) If not, why?

0765/06

5.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Mr. Amarakoon Dissanayake Wimalasena has served as a permanent teacher in the school for the deaf and blind at Kumbukkana, Moneragala;
 - (ii) the date Mr. Dissanayake was appointed as a permanent teacher and his period of service;
 - (iii) whether he has served as a voluntary teacher in the school for the deaf and blind at Kumbukkana;
 - (iv) if so, since when and for how long?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) when Mr. Dissanayake was interdicted;
 - (ii) the reason for the interdiction;
 - (iii) whether a preliminary disciplinary inquiry was held in this regard;
 - (iv) if so, by whom;
 - (v) the date and the place of the preliminary disciplinary inquiry?
- (c) Will he submit the report of the preliminary disciplinary inquiry to this House?

- (d) Will he state whether his interdiction was executed in terms of the rules and regulations of the establishments code, teachers' minutes, laws and rules of assisted schools or other rules and regulations?
- (e) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action would be taken to reinstate Mr. Dissanayake, if his interdiction was found to be a case of illegal and malicious political victimisation?
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (f) If not, why?

0755/06

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the extent of the lands that have been distributed under the distribution of lands to the middle class people from the lands which belong to the Land Refrom Commission and the government in the Galle district?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the names and the addresses of the owners of the aforesaid lands and the number of acres that have been given to them at Divisional Secretariat Division level;
 - (ii) the basis on which the aforesaid lands have been given and the relevant conditions;
 - (iii) whether the government has charged any money for the lands given to the middle class people;
 - (iv) if any money has been charged, the amount of it?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the lands given to the middle class people have been transferred to other persons by them;
 - (ii) the names of transferors and transferees of the aforesaid lands and the names of the relevant lands; and,
 - (iii) out of the distributed lands, the lands that have not brought under Cultivation and their extents?
- (d) Will he take action to take over the lands that have not been brought under cultivation and are covered with jungle and keep them as reserves of distribute such lands among the landless, if they are barren lands?
- (e) If not, why?

0783/06

7.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he state this House the names of the private Estate Companies, that had been belonged to the government and were managed by the government were transferred?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the extents in hectares of the Estate lands that have been so transferred;
 - (ii) the lease period for which each land has been transferred and the dates on which such lease agreements lapse;
 - (iii) the basis on which taxes are levied on the cultivations in the leased out lands; and,
 - (iv) the basis on which taxes are levied on the tea factories, Estate Bungalows and workers' quarters?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the procedure followed when a portion of lands leased out to plantation companies in this manner is taken over for a purpose of the government?
- (d) If not, why?

0773/06

8.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the construction of a maternity ward and an operation theatre was included in the Action Plan for 2004 of the Uva Provincial Council in regard to upgrading of the Bibile District Hospital in to a Base Hospital?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the institutions that have agreed to provide funds in that respect;
 - (ii) the estimated cost;
 - (iii) the periods over which such amounts are expected to be utilized;
 - (iv) the expenditure incurred on these constructions so far?
- (c) Will he accept that there have been irregularities in the process of preparing the initial estimates relating to these constructions and also in the tender procedure followed?
- (d) If so, will he state what action has been taken by now against it?
- (e) If not, why?

0774/06

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a massive irregularity has occurred in the construction of the Cultural Hall of the Sri Kadireshan Kovil in Amunuwatta by the Passara Divisional Secretariat?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the nature of the said irregularity and the names of the officers involved; and,
 - (ii) the action that will be taken concerning those officers?
- (c) Will he state the present condition of the Cultural Hall, which is in a partially constructed state for the last five years from 2001-2005?
- (d) If not, why?

0521/06

10.

Hon. Abdul Haleem,— To ask the Minister of Highways, and Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the name of the institution that is in charge of the construction work of the Katugastota new bridge on Kandy-Jaffna A-9 road;
 - (ii) the name of the institution that provides assistance or money for the completion of the construction work;
 - (iii) the extent of the lands that have been taken over for the construction work and the names of the owners of those lands;
 - (iv) whether any compensation will be paid to the aforesaid owners or they will be given alternative lands or places?
- (b) If not, why?

0831/06

11.

Hon. Abdul Haleem,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that roofing sheets have been given under Indian line of credit to be distributed among poor families in the Harispattuwa, Poojapitiya and Akurana Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Kandy District?
- (b) Will she inform this House—

- (i) the number of roofing sheets so distributed;
- (ii) the institutions which took action to distribute them among the poor; and,
- (iii) the qualifications of those who were given those roofing sheets;
- (c) Will she state separately at Grama Niladhari Divisions Level, the list of names of the heads of the households and the number of roofing sheets given to them; and,
- (d) Will she state how the support of Grama Niladhari's was obtained in this project;
- (e) Will she inform this House whether roofing sheets were given to those selected jointly after investigation by Technical Officers of the National Housing Development Authority and the Grama Niladharis during the previous regime?
- (f) If not, why?

0789/06

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether approval was obtained from the relevant institutions which possess the trusteeship of the Sirimawo Bandaranaike stadium in Gampaha when building were erected there?
- (b) If so, will he submit to this House the documents pertaining to the obtaining of the relevant approval?
- (c) If approval was not obtained, will he state the reasons for that?
- (d) Will he inform this House the name, designation and the institution of the chief officer who was in-charge of this project and provided the relevant instructions?
- (e) Is he aware that—
 - (i) as a result of this construction and the relevant plans, severe damage has been caused to this stadium; and,
 - (ii) the Sports Authorities do not recommend this stadium for the conduct of a National or provincial level sports festival?
- (f) Will he take steps to conduct a full-scale inquiry into this irregular construction with the monies of the President's Fund and without transparency as to the utilization of such monies?
- (g) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Inland Revenue (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Inland Revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006.

2.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Economic Service Charge (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Economic Service Charge Act.

3.

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 AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Finance (Amendment) Bill— Second reading

*2.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second reading

*3.

Debits Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second reading

*4.

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

*5.

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

*6.

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

*7

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

*8.

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

ORDER

Appropriation Act. No.39 of 2005

Order No.08 under Section 8

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

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	—
		To	Rs.	—	—
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	1,500,000
		To	Rs.	—	1,000,000

(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	3,000,000
	To	Rs.	—	5,000,000
(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	—
	To	Rs.	—	—

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2006 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSHA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

18.12.2006
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*9.

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

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	From	Rs.	—	200,000,000
Second Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs.	—	204,500,000

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

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2006 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSHA

Minister of Finance and Planning.

12.01.2007

Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*11.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

*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	<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)

*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	<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)

*14.

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
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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 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.

*16.

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.

*17

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.

*18

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.

*19

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.

*20

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)

*21.

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)

*22.

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)

*23

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)

*24.

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)

*25.

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

*26.

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

*27.

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

*28.

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

*29.

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

*30.

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

*31.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*32.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*33.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*34.

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)

*35.

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.

*36.

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.

*37.

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.”

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38.

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. 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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40.

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.

41.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

42.

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

43.

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

44.

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

45.

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

46.

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

47.

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

48.

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

49.

Pharmaceutical Society of Sri Lanka (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.

53.

Leo and Josephine De Almeida Memorial Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1] Motion made and Question proposed “That the Bill be now read a Second time.”
