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No. 100.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
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FOR**

Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0609/06

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the names of the Judges of the Superior Courts who had gone abroad during the last 05 years;
 - (ii) the costs involved;
 - (iii) the costs were born by whom;
 - (iv) the criteria for the selection for such trips in respect of all judges (Superior Courts and minor judiciary)
- (b) Will he state whether there is a disciplinary code or a code of ethics for the Judges (Superior courts and minor Judiciary)?
- (c) If not, why?

0700/06

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) Mr. S.G. Muditha Ruwan Sanjeeva residing at Nagolla, Wilgamuwa in Matale was injured in one eye while he was travelling in the bus bearing Registration No.61-8131 belonging to the Udadumbara Depot of the Sri Lanka Transport Board on 16.02.2004 and;
 - (ii) as a result, Mr. Sanjeeva had to undergo treatment, having been admitted to the General Hospital in Kandy?

- (b) Will he admit that,—
- (i) although he was subjected to three operations on the injured eye, he has not yet recovered his vision fully; and,
 - (ii) neither the Sri Lanka Central Transport Board, nor the Udadumbara Central Transport Board Depot has paid him any compensation on account of the said injury?
- (c) Will he take action to pay him compensation by the Transport Board for the injury caused?
- (d) If not, why?

0566/06

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately,—
- (i) the extent of land distributed among the public and various institutions during the period from January 2002 to January 2006, out of the lands belonging to the Land Reform Commission and the state owned plantation companies?
 - (ii) on what basis they were distributed;
 - (iii) the beneficiaries (including the institutions) who had obtained land on various bases; and
 - (iv) their addresses and the extents of land so distributed?
- (b) If any sum of money had been charged for that purpose, will he state such prices under each of such bases?
- (c) If not, why?

0577/06

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that,—
- (i) Mr. A. Yogarajah, office peon attached to National School, Paddiruppu in Batticaloe District was promoted to Class II with effect from 01.05.1994 by the letter No. Gen. 8/2/04/4/1 and dated 13.11.1996 of the Secretary, to the Ministry of Education North East Provincial Council;
 - (ii) several requests made by him to get his promotion to Class I was unduly delayed;

- (iii) he was absorbed to the Central Government as Paddiruppu Central College was made to a National School;
- (iv) his contemporaries are still working in the Provincial Council and were promoted after 10 years of service from their date of promotion to Class II?
- (b) Will he take suitable action to grant his promotion to Class I without further delay, as he is frustrated in his service?
- (c) If not, why?

0220/06

5.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,—To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(6)

- (a) Will he submit to this House the names and addresses of the Samurdhi recipients in the Katuwana 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?

0221/06

6.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,—To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order—(6)

- (a) Will he submit to this House the names and addresses of the Samurdhi recipients in the Angunakolapelessa 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?

0448/06

7.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the extent of the land called “Apthopwaththa” which has been taken over by the government and comes under the Divisional Secretary of Nagoda in Galle;
- (ii) the number of allotments that have been distributed so far, from the aforesaid land;
- (iii) the names and the addresses of those allottees and the extent of land given to them;
- (iv) the number of allottees who have put up houses in the allotments given to them and are residing in them;
- (v) whether the aforesaid allottees have sold or transferred the ownership of their respective allotment to others;
- (vi) the names and the addresses of those allottees who have transferred or changed the ownership as mentioned above or those who do not come to their allotment at present?

(b) Will he present to this House—

- (i) whether the aforesaid allottees have been given plots of land again from this land or from any other place without giving lands to the members of families who live in the same house with the hope of putting up their own houses;
- (ii) separately, the names and addresses of the recipients, if such plot of lands have been given as mentioned above?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether necessary action will be taken to give lands only to the landless by preventing the encroachment on the remaining plots of the aforesaid land that has been taken over by the government;
- (ii) if so, the period during which it will be done?

(d) if not, why?

0838/06

8.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that by the Public Administration Circular No.6/2006 II, dated 10.11.2006 the salary of Grade I of the Audit Inspectors' Service has been reduced from Rs. 22,585/- to Rs. 19,010/- and salary of Grade II from Rs.19,010/- to Rs. 15,785/-?
- (b) If so, will he take action to place them again on the salary step that has already been approved?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the combined allowance of Rs.500/- paid so far has been reduced to Rs.400/- by the said circular,
 - (ii) if so, will he take action to pay the combined allowance paid earlier, once again?
- (d) Will he accept that—
 - (i) although there were three Grades in Segment 2 of the Audit Inspectors' Service, by the aforesaid circular, the M.N-5 Salary Scale has been approved for Grade I and II and Grade III has been suppressed;
 - (ii) Grades I, II and III have been included again by an amended Circular;
 - (iii) an anomaly has been created once again by the reference in the letter of the Secretary, Public Administration, No. B/5/1/20 dated 20.10.2006, to the effect that it was owing to a printing mistake that three Grades are mentioned as I, II and III?
- (e) Will he take action to rectify this anomaly?
- (f) if not, why?

0839/06

9.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that although steps have been taken to relocate the people in Medirigiriya area who get displaced from 12 Grama Niladhari Divisions owing to the proposed Moragahakanda Reservoir Project, they still express a willingness to settle in the Laggala Constituency itself?
- (b) Therefore will he look into it and take the necessary action?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to stop the extending of licences issued to families engaged in excavating minerals in areas around ten kilometers from the dam proposed to be built under the aforesaid project; and,
 - (ii) if not, whether licences are issued continuously for mineral excavating purpose in the areas that will be submerged by the project;
- (d) Will he take action to extend licenses for the excavations concerned considering the foreign exchange that it brings to the country?
- (e) if not, why?

0717/06

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

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

0740/06

11.

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,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Miss T.H. Ruvini Thrimanna of Nakkala Junction, Nakkala, Moneragala sat for the competitive examination held for the post of Accounts clerk of the Uva Development Bank under index number 0200617;
 - (ii) she has obtained 127 marks in that competitive examination;
 - (iii) an appointment has been granted to a person who has obtained 104 marks at this competitive examination?
- (b) Will he admit that a grave injustice has been caused to the above named candidate who obtained 127 marks, by not granting appointment to her?
- (c) Will he take action to grant the relevant appointment to her in the future?
- (d) If not, why?

0770/06

12.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—(2)

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

0741/06

13.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, the names, addresses, dates of inception and the relevant industries of the business establishments (non-export projects) targeting the local market which have been registered under the Board of Investments, Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the quantity and value of the goods imported by these projects in the years of 2004, 2005 and 2006 under each compound classification code (under H.S. labelling);
 - (ii) the business establishments which have been permitted to release one fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) or more of their products to the local market from among the business establishments registered under Sri Lanka Board of Investments, targeting the export market, and;
 - (iii) which of the above establishments were permitted to pay the customs duty only for the raw materials and not for the end products are released to the market, in respect of years 2004, 2005 and 2006?
- (c) If not, why?

0787/06

14.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—(2)

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

0788/06

15.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—(2)

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

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Constitutional Affairs and National Integration,— National Institute of Language Education and Training,— Bill to provide for the Establishment of the National Institute of Language Education and Training; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto..

Notice of Motions

2.

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 12.30 p.m. and 01.00 p.m. to 06.30 p.m. At 06.30 p.m., Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

3.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:-

“Bill to incorporate the Kottawa Sri Punyabiwardana Viharasthana Performance Society”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.

*2.

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.

*3.

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.

*4.

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.

*5.

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.

*6.

The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—Order under the National Heritage Wilderness Areas Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Lands and Land Development under subsection (1) of section 2 of the National Heritage Wilderness Areas Act, No.3 of 1988 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 528/14 of 21st October, 1988 which was presented on 08.03.2007 be approved.

*7.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.

*8.

Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.

*9.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

Salary	Rs. 65,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 12,000.00</u> Monthly
Total	Rs. 77,000.00
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The Parliament further resolves that 50% of the increased salary (excluding allowances) should be paid with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full salary inclusive of the balance 50% with effect from 01.01.2007 and that the salaries and allowances to be determined by Parliament by this resolution should be substituted for the salaries and allowances determined by resolutions previously passed in Parliament in respect of Chairman and Members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*10.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

*11.

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

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

*12.

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)

*13.

Governors' Pension Bill,—Second Reading.

*14.

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)

*15.

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)

*16.

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)

*18.

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)

*19.

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

*20.

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

*21.

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

*22.

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

*23.

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

*24.

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

*25.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*26.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*27.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*28.

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)

*29.

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.

*30.

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.

*31.

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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32.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. P. Dayaratne

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera

Hon. W. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Lakshman Seneviratne

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda

Hon. Johnston Fernando

Hon. P. Radhakrishnan

Hon. R. M. Dharmadasa Banda

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna

Hon. Neomal Perera,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into the resignation of Mr. Sunil Mendis and the appointment of Mr. Ajit Niward Cabral as the Governor of the Central Bank,—

- (1) Whereas the Central Bank is one of the most important financial institutions of a country responsible for managing its economy.
- (2) Whereas the Governor of the Central Bank Mr. Sunil Mendis abruptly resigned under mysterious circumstances and
- (3) Whereas it is reported that Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral, who
 - (a) was a Member of the Western Provincial Council.
 - (b) formerly contested Colombo District Parliamentary Elections and,
 - (c) was a one time political organizer.
- (4) And whereas several reports in newspapers indicate that he has been involved in unsavory financial transactions more particularly Pyramid Schemes.
- (5) This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into:
 - (a.) the circumstances under which Mr. Sunil Mendis resigned
 - (b.) the suitability of Mr. Ajith 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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33.

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.

34.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

35.

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

36.

The Muslim Foundation for Culture and Development (incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

* *Indicates Government Business*

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