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**ORDER PAPER
OF
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FOR**

Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0610/06

1.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Justice and Law Reforms,—(2)

- (a) Will he table the accounts of the Judicial Reforms Fund, financed by the World Bank?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) the authority who is responsible for management of the fund;
 - (ii) the names of the members of such authority; and,
 - (iii) whether the fund has been audited by the Auditor-General?
- (c) If not, why?

0701/06

2.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— 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) Mr. K.A. Sunny has been residing in the plot of land bearing No.1364 belonging to the “Somi Rest Watta” Housing Scheme in Udugama South in Udugama in the Galle district since 1980 and that he is the legal owner of that land;
 - (ii) a government Surveyor had surveyed the said plot of land on 05.08.2006 stating that the land had been vested in the Nagoda Pradesheeya Sabha by the Housing Authority;
 - (iii) Mr. Sunny had lodged a complaint with the Udugama police after some valuable trees had been cut after the said survey; and,
 - (iv) no officer from the Nagoda Pradesheeya Sabha or the Housing Authority has come to inquire into that complaint?

- (b) Will he take necessary action to look into the felling of trees on the land occupied by Mr. Sunny and the destruction caused and to pay him compensation?
- (c) If not, why?

0715/06

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the casual employees recruited for service in the Lanka Mineral Sands Company, Pulmudai, during the period from 1984 to 2004, have not been confirmed so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House for what reason the 30 employees who have served in the casual service for over a year and are now in excess, have not been confirmed in this manner?
- (c) Will he state, —
 - (i) whether he will take action to confirm these employees?
 - (ii) if so, from which date?
- (d) If not, why?

0743/06

4.

Hon. (Ven.) Alawwe Nandaloka Thero, — 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 number of liquor licences that have been issued to taverns, restaurants, tourist hotels, sports clubs, foreign liquor shops and reception halls in the Biyagama Divisional Secretariat Division in the Gampaha District for the year 2006?
- (b) Will he state separately in respect of each such licence —
 - (i) the name and the address of the licensee;
 - (ii) the place for which permission has been granted to run the business;
 - (iii) the date of issue of the licence?
- (c) if not, why?

0801/06

5.

Hon. (Ven.) Alawwe Nandaloka Thero,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of undergraduates who have been registered for the academic year 2006, in each University in Sri Lanka, including the private Universities?
- (b) Will he state separately, the numbers of undergraduates studying the subjects Sinhala, Tamil, Pali and Sanskrit in each University, in the academic year 2006?
- (c) if not, why?

0578/06

6.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that an inquiry has been requested for into the manner in which the heirs have been selected in respect of the permit and/or certificate of award issued in the name of a deceased named Pathirennhelage Loku Punchi Banda, by letter dated 05.03.2004 under the Land Development Ordinance sent to the Land Commissioner by Attorney-at-law, Mrs. D.H.R. Perera on behalf of Senanayaka Mudiyansele Nandawathie of Boraluwewa, Danwila?
- (b) Will he accept that—
 - (i) facts have been cited in that letter to the effect that the rights of the deceased Loku Punchi Banda under the said Permit and / or certificate of award be conferred upon Pathirennhelage Somarathna;
 - (ii) without considering such facts, the permit and / or the certificate of award had been prepared in a manner that a portion of the land in question is transferred to one Premawathie?
- (c) Will he state the reasons for not conducting an inquiry into this matter despite the fact that a request has been made to the Commissioner of Lands to that effect?
- (d) If not, why?

0251/06

7.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that pursuant to the obtaining of necessary reports and fulfilling the necessary requirements, the Udugama District Hospital in Galle district has been recommended to be developed as a base hospital

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

0811/06

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately from 2000 to 2006—
 - (i) the number of garment factories that had been in operation; and,
 - (ii) their total workforce at the begining?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of factories which are in operation now and their total strength of workforce as at to-date; and,
 - (ii) the action plans taken to reopen the factories that had been closed down?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total volume of apparel and value of earnings in SLR and US Dollars from exports from Sri Lanka for the period of 2000 to 2006;
 - (ii) the number of textile fabric companies in Sri Lanka and their production capacity; and,
 - (iii) the texture that is woven and knitted?
- (d) If not, why?

0813/06

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he state on per year basis for the last twenty years—
 - (i) the total foreign investment in the country;

- (ii) the total foreign investments that have been invested in capital market;
 - (iii) the foreign savings component in the country; and,
 - (iv) aforesaid values as a percentatge of Gross Demestic Product (GDP) of that year?
- (b) If not, why?

0841/07

10.

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunaratna,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) arrears of salary, salary increments, other allowances and interim allowances have been paid to those who had lost employment in the National Savings Bank, when they were reinstated;
 - (ii) that procedure has been suspended since 1994?
- (b) Will he accept that—
- (i) it is not fair for the same state institution to treat its employees in two ways;
 - (ii) the meaning of the term “reinstatement” is the “correction” of a “wrong” administrative action;
 - (iii) therefore, all the rights denied to them must be restored;
 - (iv) the employer has no legal power whatsoever to omit or delay it?
- (c) Is he aware that—
- (i) the reinstated employees have been presented with valuable awards titled “Reinstatement” for continuous service without break” and “Golden award for admirable service in the National Savings Bank for twenty five years”;
 - (ii) although, the period of service has been confirmed, they have been deprived of the other rights?
- (d) Will he take speedy action to grant all the rights to the reinstated persons similar to those enjoyed by others?
- (e) If not, why?

0842/07

11.

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunaratna,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) employees of the National Housing Development Authority had obtained lands and houses jointly for their unmarried children as well, violating Section 09 of the National Housing Development Authority Act, No.17 of 1979;
 - (ii) according to the Internal Audit Report No.01—Ä -01-02-03 of 21.01.2002 of the Housing Authority, these officers have caused a loss to the Authority amounting to Rs.23,699,000.00 (Twenty three million six hundred and ninety nine thousand)?
 - (iii) no action has so far been taken to recover that amount?
- (b) Will she accept that there has been a practice followed by those mentioned above to sell the lands and houses belonging to the Authority, to their relations and outsiders and subsequently to purchase such property themselves?
- (c) Will she submit to this House, the value of these lands, the selling price, the dates of selling, and the names and designations of the employees who have bought them?
- (d) If this has been a dual privilege offered only to the employees of the Housing Authority, will she look into the similar requests made by the employees of the Authority who have retired from service of the Authority, left the service and are still in service, and to grant that privilege to them as well?
- (e) If not, why?

0843/07

12.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether anyone has been appointed to the post of Registrar of Marriages, Births and Deaths in the Nanu Oya Division of Nuwara Eliya District, which has fallen vacant after the female officer who was holding that position retired in 2004?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if another person has been appointed, on what basis has that appointment been effected;
 - (ii) what procedure was followed in making the recruitment;

- (iii) whether the person appointed has been convicted by a court of law, and,
- (iv) whether the said person had completed the educational qualifications required for the post?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether Mrs. M.D. Rathnawathie, who temporary covered the duties of the aforesaid post, was subjected to an interview; and,
 - (ii) if so, the reasons why she did not qualify for the post concerned?
- (d) If not, why?

0844/07

13.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, the number of coconut seedlings produced and issued by the Coconut Seedlings Unit of the Makandura, Mahayaya Estate, managed by the Coconut Research Board from 1991-1997?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the list of names of the persons to whom these seedlings were issued in relation to the above years?
- (c) Will he admit that eleven lakhs of coconut seedlings were issued during the period 1991-1997?
- (d) Is he aware of the fact that the coconut seedlings produced at this Seedlings Unit from 1997-2006 have been categorised as infertile and distribution suspended?
- (e) Will he admit that—
 - (i) even the 11 lakhs of Coconut Seedlings distributed from 1991-1997 were infertile;
 - (ii) had 64 Seedlings been planted per acre, a total of 17,000 acres would have been cultivated with coconut by now; and,
 - (iii) a coconut tree can produce yield upto 55 years?
- (f) if so, will he state as to who should be held responsible for the damage caused to the economy owing to the distribution of infertile coconut seedlings?
- (g) Will he take necessary steps to compensate the cultivators whose cultivations were damaged or distribute seedlings suitable for recultivation?
- (h) If not, why?

0862/07

14.

Hon. Johnston Fenando,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) who the officers are who evaluated the answer scripts of the competitive examination held on 12/02/2005 and 13/02/2005 to recruit persons to the post of Post Office Investigation Inspector / Postal Accounts Inspector of Segment 'B' of Grade III Segment 'A' in the Combined Postal Service;
 - (ii) whether they are officers attached to the Department of Posts; and,
 - (iii) if so, the names of those officers who evaluated the said answer scripts and the positions held by them in the Department of Posts?
- (b) Will he admit that the answer scripts of an examination of this type should be evaluated by examiners approved by the Commissioner of Examinations?
- (c) Will he state in this House as to why the Services of such officers were not obtained to evaluate the above answer scripts?
- (d) If not, why?

0863/07

15.

Hon. Johnston Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) a request has been made by candidates and the Sri Lanka Posts and Telecommunication Employees Union to rescutinize the answer scripts of the examination held on 12.02.2005 and 13.02.2005 to recruit persons for the posts of Post Office Investigation Inspector / Postal Accounts Inspector of Segment 'B' of Grade III in Segment 'A' in the Combined postal Service;
 - (ii) the Post Master General has been informed in writing that steps are being taken by the Commissioner General of Examinations to appoint a board to rescutinize the answer scripts;
 - (iii) a sum of Rs 90/- has been charged as fee for rescutinizing a single answer script?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, the above said letter of the Commissioner General of Examinations?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number and names of candidate who have been accepted as having passed the examination despite the opposition of candidates and trade unions regarding the scrutinization of answer scripts;

- (ii) whether the answer scripts of the said examination would be rescruutinized under the Commissioner General of Examinations;
- (d) will he take steps to do justice to officials who have been subjected to injustice,
- (e) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

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 05.30 p.m. At 05.30 p.m., Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

2.

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:-

“Bill to incorporate the Pahiyangala Conservation and Development Foundation”

3.

Ven. Akmeemana Dayaratana Thero,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:-

“Bill to incorporate the Sihala Sarana Pin Ketaya”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.

*2.

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.

*3.

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.

*4.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.

*5.

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

*6.

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)

*7.

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)

*8.

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)

*9.

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)

*10.

Governors' Pension Bill,—Second Reading.

*11.

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)

*12.

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)

*13.

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)

*15.

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)

*16.

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

*17.

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

*18.

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

*19.

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

*20.

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

*21.

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

*22.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*23.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*24.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*25.

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)

*26.

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.

*27.

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.

*28.

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.”

29.

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 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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30.

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.

31.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

32.

Abolition of the Temporary Amalgamation of the Northern and Eastern Provinces (Special

Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

33.

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.”
