



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 104.]

**ORDER PAPER
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FOR**

Tuesday, April 03, 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,—(2)

- (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 Mass Media and Information,—(2)

- (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?

0751/06

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that all graded principals were given a salary revision by a Cabinet decision in accordance with the determination of the Supreme Court in Case No.SC/362/FR/99?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the zonal education offices in the Kandy District which have paid the revised salaries to the principals in terms of the said Cabinet decision and those which have not paid separately; and,
 - (ii) the reason for the non-payment of the revised salaries by some of the zonal education offices in this manner?
- (c) If the revised salaries are to be paid in due course, will he inform the House of the dates on which they will be paid at Zonal Education Office level?
- (d) if not, why?

0641/06

4.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Education and to the Institutions, Statutory Boards and Corporations which come under the Ministry?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the basis on which they were appointed,
 - (ii) their qualifications;
 - (iii) the salaries and allowances paid to them and other facilities enjoyed by them as advisors; and
 - (iv) the duties that have been entrusted to them?
- (c) If not, why?

0781/06

5.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House,—
 - (i) the number of Co-ordinating Secretaries appointed for His Excellency the President;
 - (ii) their names, along with the dates of appointments, salaries, positions and other benefits enjoyed by them separately; and,
 - (iii) their professional qualifications and the age at the time of appointment?
- (b) If not, why?

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6.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House,—
 - (i) the number of Consultants appointed for His Excellency the President;
 - (ii) their names, along with the dates of appointments, salaries, positions and other benefits enjoyed by them separately; and,
 - (iii) their professional qualifications and the age at the time of appointment?
- (b) If not, why?

0803/06

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of staff members working at the Lake House;
 - (ii) the names of the Chairman for the last 20 years;
 - (iii) the profit for the last 20 years to-date on per year basis;
 - (iv) whether there are any losses as a result of the excess labour problem;
 - (v) the number of people working at Visual Display Terminal (VDT) Centre in Computer Division;
- (b) Will he admit that Miss. Jeevani Anuradha Wijesuriy of VDT Centre has been transferred to Lake House Branch at Anuradhapura?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid transfer was done by the Directors and the General Manager;
 - (ii) whether it was done against the wishes of the staff member;
 - (iii) the reason for this transfer;
 - (iv) if it was a political interference, the name of the person;
 - (v) the action that has been taken against him?
- (d) If not, why?

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8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether the agreement called “Share sale and Purchase Agreement”, which had been signed between the Indian Oil Company and the General Treasury as decided by the Cabinet Meeting of 08th June, 2006, expired on 1st July, 2006;
 - (ii) what the amendments approved were, in terms of the said Cabinet decision; and,
 - (iii) whether a new agreement which incorporates the amendments referred to above has been signed?

- (b) If so, will he table the new agreement?
- (c) If not, will he state in this House,—
 - (i) when the said agreement to be signed;
 - (ii) whether the company can act till such time as if there were no agreement; and,
 - (iii) what benefits they derive from it as opposed to the previous agreement?
- (d) Will he state separately,—
 - (i) the tax concessions which have been granted to the Indian Oil Company; and,
 - (ii) the concessions which have been granted by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka?
- (e) If not, why?

0778/06

9.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

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

0794/06

10.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of Northern Province when issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval will be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

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11.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of North Central Province when issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now

along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?

- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval will be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

0869/07

12.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the largest iron-ore deposit in Sri Lanka has been discovered at Kukurampola village, Pelwaththa, in the Buttala Divisional Secretariat Division in Moneragala district; and,
 - (ii) Mr. Athula Senarathna, a geologist of the University of Peradeniya has carried out an exploration of that iron-ore deposit?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the full report of the said exploration?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) in which year and on which date permission was granted for the preliminary explorations of this iron-ore deposit; and,
 - (ii) the name of the official of the Geological Survey and Mining Bureau, who granted that permission; and,

- (iii) whether an institution called “Uva Magnanite” has done excavation activities under the exploration licence issued as referred to?
- (d) Will he submit to this House with the relevant documents, in which year and on which date permission was requested by the said Uva Magnanite Institution for preliminary exploration?
- (e) If not, why?

0983/07

13.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the land where the iron-ore deposit is situated in Kukurampola village, Pelwaththa, in the Buttala Divisional Secretariat Division in the Moneragala district belongs to the Department of Forests?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House—
 - (i) under which laws and Acts permission has been granted to explore the said deposit; and,
 - (ii) whether an environmental study report has been submitted by now, by Uva Magnanite Institute for the relevant industry?
- (c) Will he submit this House a report on the objections submitted when objections were called for?
- (d) Will he admit that according to the said study report, it is a project of an industry that removes iron-ore deposit out of the country as raw material?
- (e) Will he state whether the said Institute has submitted an environmental study report again?
- (f) Will he admit that the said report is very much similar to the former report and that no change has been made in the basic principle on the removal of iron-ore as raw material?
- (g) Will he inform this House of the Steps that will be taken in this context?
- (h) If not, why?

0853/07

14.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware the tank bund of the Nabiriththana Kadawara Weva in the Pannala Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District is damaged;

- (ii) the number of farmer families displaced as a result of this damage;
- (iii) whether the paddy fields belonging to this tank could be used for cultivation; and,
- (iv) whether relief has been provided to the displaced farmers?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action would be taken to reconstruct the above tank bund;
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (c) If not, why?

0860/07

15.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Group Estate located in Nelly Group 1049 of Dolosbage of the Ganga Ihala Korale of the Nawalapitiya Electorate in the Kandy District has been distributed under village expansion?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of acres received by each person of that estate;
 - (ii) how many acres have been allocated for public utility purposes in blocking out of land;
 - (iii) whether the land so allocated is being used for public utility purposes at present;
 - (iv) whether this land has been illegally occupied by unauthorized squatters or cultivators?
- (c) If so, will he take action to evict those illegal occupants?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament of Electoral Reforms,— That in terms of Standing Order No.96, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on 4th April 2006 to further consider reforms to the current system of Parliamentary, Provincial Councils 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, a further extension of time till 31st July, 2007 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by the Parliament on 5th December, 2006.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

National Institute of Language Education and Training Bill— Second Reading

*2.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*3.

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)

*4.

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)

*5.

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)

*6.

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

Salary	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)

*7.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act,— 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.14 hereto, be approved.

ORDER

Appropriation Act. No.39 of 2005

Order No.14 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: 85103 “Maintenance of Agricultural Farms and Seed Sales Department of Agriculture” 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.	—	321,000,000
		To	Rs.	—	206,000,000
(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.

31.01.2007

Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*8.

The Minister of Healthcare and 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)

*9.

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)

*10.

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)

*12.

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)

*13.

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

*14.

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

*15.

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

*16.

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

*17.

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

*18.

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

*19.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*20.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*21.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*22.

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)

*23.

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.

*24.

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.

*25.

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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26.

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 Niwad Cabral to hold the position of the Governor of the Central Bank.
 - (c) whether the appointment of an individual such as Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral will seriously affect the creditability of the Central Bank and have disastrous effects on the country's economy.
- (6)
 - (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
- (7) That the Committee shall have the power to :
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Commission may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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27.

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.

28.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

29.

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

30.

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

31.

The Dhaarul Uloom Al-Meezaniyyah Arabic College, Kurugoda, Akurana (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

32.

Muditha Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration

* *Indicates Government Business*

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