



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 105.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, April 04, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0760/'06

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Samurdhi Bank is incorporated;
 - (ii) whether it has been approved by the Central Bank to operate as a commercial or a registered bank; and,
 - (iii) the number of branches they have and the locations separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the Directors and the Chairman along with their salaries separately;
 - (ii) the number of shareholders;
 - (iii) the capital and the saving deposits to-date; and,
 - (iv) the interest paid to the shareholders?
- (c) If not, why?

0761/'06

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Samurdhi Officers (Samurdhi Development Officers and Samurdhi Managers) in the service;

- (ii) whether they were selected through a competitive examination;
- (iii) the date that the examination was held and the number rejected, separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether they work on permanent or casual basis;
 - (ii) whether they are government servants and entitled to receive a pension;
 - (iii) the cost of salaries per month; and,
 - (iv) the salary categories for each person separately?
- (c) If not, why?

0802/06

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the number of registered commercial banking Pawning dealers and non banking pawning dealers separately;
 - (ii) their total business values separately for the last 10 years on per year basis;
 - (iii) the total tax earned by the government from pawning activities; and, what these taxes are?
- (b) Will he state that—
 - (i) after how long, can these non banking pawning dealers confiscate the goods if the borrowers default?
 - (ii) what is the percentage of this compared to the pawning industry?
- (c) If not, why?

0771/06

4.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that over 2000 families of the Kadawatha, Thalagoda, Elagamuwa, Kambarawa, Galporugolla, Medapihilla, Moragolla, Galboda, Rajawala, Kongahawela, Millagahamulatenna, and Maragamuwa Grama Niladhari

Divisions of the Naula Divisional Secretariat Division will be displaced due to the construction of the proposed Moragahakanda reservoir?

- (b) Will he admit that it is an injustice to resettle these people who lived for generations with the common spirit of “We are from Laggala”, in a remote area like Medirigiriya, which is a border village of the Polonnaruwa district?
- (c) Will he take action to resettle these people in the remaining lands of the Dambulla and Laggala electorate of the Matale district?
- (d) If not, why?

0806/06

5.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Homeopathy Medical System is legalised in Sri Lanka in terms of Act No:07 of 1970;
 - (ii) the supply of drugs to the free Homeopathy Clinics, has been stopped, at present;
 - (iii) due to this reason, a number of free clinics have been closed down; and,
 - (iv) although the Homeopathy Hospital was opened nearly three years back, its Indoor Patients’ unit has not yet been opened?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that a large number of patients who receive treatment at the Kandy free Homeopathy hospital, which has been in existence for nearly 16 years now, have been made to suffer due to the non-supply of drugs?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House of the steps to be taken to review the Homeopathy Medical system?
- (d) Will he submit to this House separately, the Development projects carried out in 2006 of the money allocated for Homeopathy Development?
- (e) If not, why?

0829/06

6.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that action has been taken to acquire a 28-acre land at Pitigala North, Pitigala, in the Niyagama Divisional Secretariat Division belonging to Mrs. L. Rohini Mangalika Pieris residing at Wicklands Estate, Uluvitike, Galle?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) this is the only source of income for Mrs. Rohini Mangalika who is a helpless widow with two daughters and that she does not have an inch of land other than this land; and,

- (ii) this acquisition has been done by way of political victimisation?
- (c) Will he take action to cancel the acquisition of this land and allow the relevant owners to enjoy its possession further?
- (d) If not, why?

0796/06

7.

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 Uva 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?

0797/06

8.

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 Sabaragamuwa 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?

0445/06

9.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of land cultivated with Tea and Rubber that has been vested with the Nagoda Pradeshiya Sabha from a land by the name of Apthopwaththa which comes under the Nagoda Divisional Secretary in Galle;
 - (ii) of the year in which the aforesaid vesting was done;
 - (iii) whether the relevant land has subsequently been vested with some other company by the Nagoda Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (iv) if so, the name and the registration number of the company, the conditions pertaining to the vesting and the basis on which it has been registered and;
 - (v) the legal provisions under which it was done?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the amount of money given to the Pradeshiya Sabha monthly or annually up to now after the aforesaid vesting;
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken if this land has not been vested with relevant company by the Pradeshiya Sabha, according to the law?
- (c) Will he take steps to hand over this land to the Pradeshiya Sabha again and maintain it as a source of income of the Sabha?
- (d) If not, why?

0850/07

10.

Hon. M. Joseph Micheal Perera,— 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) Mr. P.G. Piyasena of Heinford Colony, Mapakanda, Nawalapitiya is a poor person with no means of income; and,
 - (ii) Mr. Piyasena and his aged wife live on the public assistance allowance of Rs. 100/- received from the Government?
- (b) Will he accept that although Mr. Piyasena has been making requests for poor relief assistance provided by the Samurdhi Fund for many years now, no such poor relief has been granted so far?
- (c) Will he take the necessary action to grant poor relief to Mr. Piyasena?
- (d) If not, why?

0851/07

11.

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) Will he inform this House as to how much money has been spent on the first year anniversary of the induction of His Excellency the President?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, separately—
 - (i) the manner in which they have been spent by the Departments, Corporations, Statutory Boards affiliated to the government and the Ministry of Finance;
 - (ii) as to how much money has been spent on banners, posters, newspaper advertisements and radio programmes?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) who has prepared plans for spending this money;
 - (ii) who has granted approval for that?
- (d) Will he submit to this House, the names and posts of the above officials along with the photo copies of the letters of approval?
- (e) If not, why?

0852/07

12.

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

- (a) Will he state in this House separately and at Divisional Secretariat Division level—
 - (i) the number of low income families in the 18 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Galle district that receive Samurdhi benefits;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the value of the Samurdhi benefit they receive;
 - (iii) the number of persons who have been granted Samurdhi benefits anew after the 2005 Presidential elections; and,
 - (iv) their names, addresses and the value of the Samurdhi benefit they receive?
- (b) Will he state in this House whether—
 - (i) approval has been obtained from the relevant Ministry when granting Samurdhi benefits to those new Samurdhi recipients;
 - (ii) an investigation is in progress by the Samurdhi Director General regarding the granting of Samurdhi benefits without the relevant approval; and,
 - (iii) if so, in regard to which Divisional Secretariat Divisions?
- (c) Will he state in this House as to what action would be taken by him against the officers involved in granting the Samurdhi benefits in a illegal manner?
- (d) Will he take steps to grant the Samurdhi benefits to the low income families which have been deprived of the Samurdhi benefits without the approval of the Ministry, by conducting legal investigation?
- (e) If not, why?

0861/07

13.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) provisions have been made for pensioners who are employed under contract basis to receive the relevant salary step of the amended salary scale while being employed in that service, in terms of paragraph 4 of the public Administration Circular No.1/2003;
- (ii) subsequently, such provisions have been abolished by Public Administration Circulars No.15/2003 and 09/2004 by issuing instructions to the effect that the amended salary step should not be paid;
- (iii) the concession of receiving the amended salary granted by the above Public Administration Circular 1/2003 has been restored by the Public Administration Circular No.06/2006?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) an injustice has been caused to those pensioners who had been in service from 01.01.2004 to 31.12.2005, by the said Circulars by depriving them of the concessions given to those who were employed on contract basis from 20.11.2002 to 31.12.2003;
 - (ii) the above injustice had been rectified by restoring that concession with effect from 01.01.2006, which was abolished in the years 2004 and 2005?
- (c) If so, will he instruct to enforce the provisions of above 1/2003 for the period during which the Circulars 15/2003 and 09/2004 were in force as well?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— Local Authorities Elections (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance.

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the following provisions shall have effect with respect to the Business of this day's sitting:-

- (a) That the Second Reading of the “Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill”, presented this day be proceeded with this day; and,

- (b) That immediately after the Bill to which this order applies has been read a second time, it shall be considered in Committee of the whole Parliament.

3.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Nugawela Scholarship Trust Fund”

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	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)

*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	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)

*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 Monthly</u>
Total	Rs. 79,400.00
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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.”
