



No. 106.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, April 05, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0757/06

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) the number of Samurdhi family units in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the present earning capacity of these family units from 1995 to date on per year basis;
- (iii) the number of families moved out of Samurdhi per year from 1995 to-date, as they earn than the registered in poverty threshold; and,
- (iv) the number of new families registered in Samurdhi network from 1995 on a per year basis?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount obtained by each family of each category per month;
- (ii) the number of families fall into each category separately; and,
- (iii) percentage to the total Samurdhi families?

(c) If not, why?

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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 total deposits of the Samurdhi Authority;

- (ii) where these monies have been invested;
 - (iii) the return received per investment on per year basis to the date of investment; and,
 - (iv) the names of the Directors of these investment institutions appointed by the Samurdhi Authority?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the amount invested in Treasury Bills;
 - (ii) the interest received per year along with inflation rate;
 - (iii) the interest received by the Samurdhi beneficiaries from the Authority;
 - (iv) whether the savers receive a negative return;
 - (v) whether the Authority gets money from International Lending Institutions;
 - (vi) if so the amount;
 - (vii) whether it is a grant or a loan; and,
 - (viii) if it is a loan, the interest?
- (c) If not, why?

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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 the inflation rate and the exchange rate separately, for the last 10 years upto 30th September, 2006?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the amount of money printed to replace the old notes for the last 05 years; and the total value;
 - (ii) the average and the highest bank lending rates for the last 07 years upto 1st September 2006,
 - (iii) the amount of Treasury Bills and Treasury Bonds out into the market;
 - (iv) the maximum statutory limit approved by the Parliament;
 - (v) the amount of money, printed to meet the deficit of the Government revenue without Government reserves to back up in short inflationary trend; and,
 - (vi) the inflation impact to the country due to above?
- (c) If not, why?

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4.

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 Western 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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5.

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 Southern 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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6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a person by the name of H.B. Nisansala Kumari of Inamaluwagama, Inamaluwa has served as a typist at Dambulla Pradeshiya Sabha for more than four years from 29-04-2002 to 08-06-2006;
 - (ii) she had contributed to the Employees Provident Fund during this period?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reason for suspending her service from 08-06-2006 without giving any prior notice?
- (c) Will he take action to reinstate Nisansala Kumari referred to above?
- (d) if not why?

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7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. P.S. Denakumbura of no. 86, Ankelipitiya, Thalathuoya had worked under the Deputy Health Services Director, Kandy and gone on retirement on 14.10.2002;

- (ii) by his letter dated 04.10.2006, the Deputy Director of Health Services has issued an order to the effect that Rs. 49,250/- be deducted from Mr. Denakumbura's pension?
- (b) Will he admit that action was taken in this manner to recover the said amount from him in respect of a shortage of three tyres caused as a result of 03 tyres verified as used ones in the stock verification conducted in 1987 being balanced as new ones in the stock verification taken in 2005?
- (c) Will he take steps to allow him, who is now a pensioner, to have an opportunity to show cause?
- (d) if not why?

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8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) the Deyyandara Central College is a National School;
 - (ii) a permanent principal has not been appointed for this school for many years now;
 - (iii) the present acting principal has not qualified herself to be a principal;
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason for the omission of Deyyandara Central Collage despite the fact that applications have been called to fill vacancies in posts of principals in National Schools;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to appoint a principal to this National School;
 - (iii) if so, when it is?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,—That the proceedings on Item 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 23.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.1),— 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 05.30 p.m. At 05.30 p.m., Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.2),— That this Parliament at its rising this day, do adjourn until 09.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 8th May, 2007.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance,— That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959, Law No. 6 of 1978, and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from 02nd April 2007, be approved.

*2.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill,— Adjourned Debate on question - (04th April, 2007) [1]

*3.

National Institute of Language Education and Training Bill— Second Reading

*4.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*5.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

Members

Salary	Rs. 65,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 12,000.00</u> Monthly
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)

*6.

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)

*7.

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)

*8.

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
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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)

*9.

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

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2006 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSHA

Minister of Finance and Planning.

31.01.2007

Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*10.

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)

*11.

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)

*12.

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)

*13

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)

*14.

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)

*15.

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

*16.

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

*17.

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

*18.

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

*19.

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

*20.

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

*21.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*22.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*23.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*24.

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)

*25.

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.

*26.

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.

*27.

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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28.

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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29.

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.

30.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

31.

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

32.

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

33.

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

34.

Muditha Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration

35.

Sri Lanka Buddhist Vihara Devala Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration

* *Indicates Government Business*

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