



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 107.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, May 08, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0213/06

1.

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

- (a) Will he submit this House the names and addresses of the Samurdhi recipients in the Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, the number of members in each family unit, their monthly income before the receipt of Samurdhi allowance, the value of the Samurdhi allowance and the date on which they received the said allowance for the first time, separately in detail?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families empowered in the years 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 under the empowerment of Samurdhi recipients;
 - (ii) the name and address, Grama Niladhari Division, the year of empowerment, the name of the Samurdhi Officer of the relevant Division and any other important information regarding each Samurdhi recipient so empowered ; and
 - (iii) the subjects under which they have been empowered?
- (c) If not, why?

0214/06

2.

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

- (a) Will he submit this House the names and addresses of the Samurdhi recipients in the Sooriyawewa Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, the number of members in each family unit, their monthly income before the receipt of Samurdhi allowance, the value of the Samurdhi allowance and the date on which they received the said allowance for the first time, separately in detail?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families empowered in the years 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 under the empowerment of Samurdhi recipients?
 - (ii) the name and address, Grama Niladhari Division, the year of empowerment, the name of the Samurdhi Officer of the relevant Division and any other important information regarding each Samurdhi recipient so empowered ; and
 - (iii) the subjects under which they have been empowered?
- (c) If not, why?

0215/06

3.

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

- (a) Will he submit this House the names and addresses of the Samurdhi recipients in the Tangalle Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, the number of members in each family unit, their monthly income before the receipt of Samurdhi allowance, the value of the Samurdhi allowance and the date on which they received the said allowance for the first time, separately in detail?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families empowered in the years 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 under the empowerment of Samurdhi recipients;
 - (ii) the name and address, Grama Niladhari Division, the year of empowerment, the name of the Samurdhi Officer of the relevant Division and any other important information regarding each Samurdhi recipient so empowered ; and,
 - (iii) the subjects under which they have been empowered?
- (c) If not, why?

0585/06

4

Hon. (Ven.) Ellawala Medhananda Thero,— To ask Minister of National Heritage,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that four positions in the Department of Archaeology, viz. Director-Exploration and Documentation, Director-Excavation and Museums, Director-Epigraphy and Numismatics, and Director-Properties and Maintenance remain vacant?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the dates on which each of these posts have fallen vacant;
 - (ii) whether the approval of the Public Service Commission has been given to fill the said vacancies; and,
 - (iii) if so, when the vacancies for these posts will be filled?
- (c) If not, why?

0712/06

5.

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— 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, in which year the amount of 200 million rupees allocated from the Asian Development Bank for the reconstruction of the bridges and roads in the Southern Province that were destroyed by the huge floods in 2003, was given to the Southern Province Rural Economic Promotion Project?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for the reconstruction work of the demolished bridge over the GinGanga due to the flood and the date of such allocation;
 - (ii) the firm, to which the task of preparing estimates for the construction of 3 feet wide concrete bridges in the first phase was entrusted;
 - (iii) for how many bridges it was;
 - (iv) when the preparation of estimates was completed?
- (c) Will he inform this House when the estimates were prepared mentioning the bridges as those that could accommodate a three-wheeler, instead of 3-feet wide bridge?

- (d) Does he accept that six (06) concrete bridges have already been selected for construction in the first round rather than bridges destroyed in the above mentioned floods and auction is being taken in that respect?
- (e) Will he take action to erect the relevant bridges only at the sites recommended by the Asian Development Bank?
- (f) If not, why?

0755/06

6.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— 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 the extent of the lands that have been distributed under the distribution of lands to the middle class people from the lands which belong to the Land Reform Commission and the government in the Galle district?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the names and the addresses of the owners of the aforesaid lands and the number of acres that have been given to them at Divisional Secretariat Division level;
 - (ii) the basis on which the aforesaid lands have been given and the relevant conditions;
 - (iii) whether the government has charged any money for the lands given to the middle class people;
 - (iv) if any money has been charged, the amount of it?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the lands given to the middle class people have been transferred to other persons by them;
 - (ii) the names of transferors and transferees of the aforesaid lands and the names of the relevant lands; and,
 - (iii) out of the distributed lands, the lands that have not brought under Cultivation and their extents?
- (d) Will he take action to take over the lands that have not been brought under cultivation and are covered with jungle and keep them as reserves of distribute such lands among the landless, if they are barren lands?
- (e) If not, why?

0542/06

7.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— 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 of the total extent of lands within Colombo District which belong to the Lands Reform Commission?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the extent of the lands which have been given under 99 year lease, the dates on which they were leased out; the names of the lessees and the purpose of such leasing; and
 - (ii) the extent of the lands which have been leased out under 30-year lease, the dates on which they were leased out, the names of the lessees and the purpose of such leasing?
- (c) Will he state in this House separately—
 - (i) whether lands have been offered to various persons or institutions in any other manner other than the 99 or 30 year lease during the period functioned as the previous Minister in charge; and
 - (ii) if so, the dates on which such leaseholds were granted, the names of the lessees concerned, the extents of the lands concerned and the purpose of such leasing separately?
- (d) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) the extent of lands situated within the Colombo District which do not belong to the Lands Reforms Commission but belong to the Ministry concerned; and
 - (ii) the extent of lands leased out in any manner?
- (e) Will he state separately, the extents of lands which were given out on leaseholds or on any other terms, the names of the recipients, the dates on which they were given and the purpose of such leasing?
- (f) If not, why?

0753/06

8.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— 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 two steps (platforms) which the Sri Lankan Air company had got made through the Orange Company at a cost of several lakhs of rupees for the mechanical and maintenance services of Airbuses have been sold for scrap iron without being used as they were not compatible with the Airbuses?

- (b) Will he present to this House a detailed report on this matter?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the details regarding the fuel draining cart which was purchased for draining oil from aircrafts being in an unserviceable condition?
- (d) Will he state the course of action that he is going to follow with regard to irregular purchases of this nature done in a fraudulent manner?
- (e) If not, why?

0789/06

9.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— 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 whether approval was obtained from the relevant institutions which possess the trusteeship of the Sirimawo Bandaranaike stadium in Gampaha when building were erected there?
- (b) If so, will he submit to this House the documents pertaining to the obtaining of the relevant approval?
- (c) If approval was not obtained, will he state the reasons for that?
- (d) Will he inform this House the name, designation and the institution of the chief officer who was in-charge of this project and provided the relevant instructions?
- (e) Is he aware that—
 - (i) as a result of this construction and the relevant plans, severe damage has been caused to this stadium; and,
 - (ii) the Sports Authorities do not recommend this stadium for the conduct of a National or provincial level sports festival?
- (f) Will he take steps to conduct a full-scale inquiry into this irregular construction and utilization of monies without transparency from the President's Fund?
- (g) If not, why?

0800/06

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 Central Province in 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?

0830/06

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mrs. Wijayamuni Sugunawathie De Silva of No.60, Model Village, Maduruketiya, Kumbukkana, Moneragala has been residing in a land belonging to the Land Reforms Commission for 19 years?
- (b) Will he admit that she has paid the surveying fees and the stamp fees a number of years ago to purchase the said land for the assessed value from the Lands Reforms Authority?
- (c) Will he take steps to resolve this issue which has been in existence for several years and hand over the relevant deed to her promptly?
- (d) If not, why?

0764/06

12.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(2)

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately and in detail, the Development plan proposed for each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Moneragala District for the years 2005 and 2006, under the Uva Wellassa Development project?
- (b) Will he submit to this House a report of the projects for which estimates have been prepared under the said programme?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) out of the projects, those which were completed in 2005 at the relevant Divisional Secretariat Divisional level; and,
 - (ii) the projects that have been started in the year 2006 at Divisional Secretariat Division level?
- (d) Will he submit to this House a comprehensive report on the projects that have not been completed out of those earmarked for the year 2006?
- (e) Will he state separately the projects, work on which has not been started, out of those earmarked for the years 2005 and 2006?
- (f) If not, why?

0777/06

13.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that there is no uniformity in the contributions by the employees and the employers made to the Employees' Provident Fund in respect of state corporations, Boards, Statutory Institutions and the Private Sector?
- (b) Will he inform the House which institutes recover employer and employee contributions at the rate of 15% and 10% respectively?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it is under a provision of the Employees' Provident Fund Act that contributions are collected at the rate of 12% and 8%;
 - (ii) the names of the institutions which maintain employees' provident funds of their own and the annual interest rates they pay to the employees, separately;
 - (iii) the names of the institutes which receive the benefits of both employees' provident fund and the pension?
- (d) Will he inform this House of the criteria that are used in determining the interest rate of the Employees' Provident Fund?
- (e) If not, why?

0808/06

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House on per year basis for the last 15 years—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been collected by the Treasury, by way of Treasury Bills and Treasury Bonds separately;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been printed and issued to cover the budget deficits;
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the average cost of the Treasury Bills and Treasury Bonds per year;
 - (ii) a comparison of it with the inflation rate;
- (c) If not, why?

0810/06

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 10 years—
 - (i) the total tonnage of fish caught in Sri Lankan seas;
 - (ii) the tonnage exported;
- (b) Will he state in this House for the last 10 years—
 - (i) the number of fish canning factories established in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) their locations;
 - (iii) their production capacity separately;
 - (iv) the number of fish cans imported to the country;
 - (v) their import value?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Finance Leasing (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Finance Leasing Act, 56 of 2000.

2.

The Minister of Higher Education,— Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Teaching Hospital (Transfer),— Bill to provide for the transfer of the Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Teaching Hospital to the Department of Ayurveda and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to investigate and recommend steps to be taken to prevent man-made disasters,—That in terms of Standing Order No.96, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on 20th July, 2006 to investigate and recommend steps to be taken to prevent and/or mitigate and/or respond to and recover from man-made disasters in order to protect the life of the community from such disasters and for providing relief to those affected and displaced by such disasters, an extension of time till 20th November, 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 20th June, 2006.

4.

Hon. K.V. Samantha Vidyaratne,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Olagangala Maha Sudarshana Paropakari Foundation”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Computer Crimes Bill— Consideration

*2.

National Institute of Language Education and Training Bill— Second Reading

*3.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*4.

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)

*5.

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 per month</u>
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)

*6.

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

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)

*7.

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

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)

*8.

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

*9.

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)

*10.

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)

*11.

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)

*12.

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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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

*15.

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

*16.

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

*17.

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

*18.

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

*19.

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

*20.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*21.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*22.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*23.

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)

*24.

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.

*25.

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.

*26.

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.”

27.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. P. Dayaratne

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera

Hon. W. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Lakshman Seneviratne

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda

Hon. Johnston Fernando

Hon. P. Radhakrishnan

Hon. R. M. Dharmadasa Banda

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna

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

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

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

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28.

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.

29.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

30.

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

31.

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

32.

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

33.

Muditha Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration

34.

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.”
