



No. 108.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, May 09, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0765/'06

1.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Mr. Amarakoon Dissanayake Wimalasena has served as a permanent teacher in the school for the deaf and blind at Kumbukkana, Moneragala;
 - (ii) the date Mr. Dissanayake was appointed as a permanent teacher and his period of service;
 - (iii) whether he has served as a voluntary teacher in the school for the deaf and blind at Kumbukkana;
 - (iv) if so, since when and for how long?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) when Mr. Dissanayake was interdicted;
 - (ii) the reason for the interdiction;
 - (iii) whether a preliminary disciplinary inquiry was held in this regard;
 - (iv) if so, by whom;
 - (v) the date and the place of the preliminary disciplinary inquiry?
- (c) Will he submit the report of the preliminary disciplinary inquiry to this House?
- (d) Will he state whether his interdiction was executed in terms of the rules and regulations of the establishments code, teachers' minutes, laws and rules of assisted schools or other rules and regulations?

- (e) Will he state—
- (i) whether action would be taken to reinstate Mr. Dissanayake, if his interdiction was found to be a case of illegal and malicious political victimisation?
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (f) If not, why?

0816/06

2.

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

- (a) Will he state for the last 5 years to date—
- (i) the number of metric tons of fertilizer imported to the country and the amount spent;
 - (ii) the quantity sold to the local farmers and the price per metric ton;
 - (iii) locally produced quantity and the amount spent; and,
 - (iv) the quantity sold to the local farmers and the price?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount for Government subsidy for fertilizer; and,
 - (ii) the selling price per 50kg in the following districts as at today?
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|--------------|------------|
| Polonnaruwa | Hambantota |
| Ampara | Wanni |
| Anuradhapura | Kurunegala |
| Ratnapura | Matara |
| Kandy | Batticaloa |
| Trincomalee | |
- (c) If not, why?

0817/06

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 present to this House, the import cover for the last 10 years on a per year basis?

- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the import as at today;
 - (ii) the projection of the import cover for the next 03 years on per year basis;
- (c) Will he inform this House, the revenue we earn for the Dollars or any other currency kept to overseas on per year basis for the past 05 years?
- (d) If not, why?

0818/06

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House from 2000 to-date on a per year basis—
 - (i) the total of tourists who visited Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the foreign exchange earned through tourism in SLR and USD separately;
 - (iii) the above earnings as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP);
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankans employed directly and indirectly owing to tourism;
 - (ii) the number of people embarking and disembarking from the Katunayake International Airport for the last 10 years;
 - (iii) the projection of tourist arrival for the next 05 years?
- (c) If not, why?

0854/07

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mrs. Lilani Patabendige of 9/20, Jayawardenapura, Ampara, was appointed as an Acting General Registra of Marriages for the Wewagampattuwa North Division in the Ampara district on 13.11.2002, and functioned in that post since then?
- (b) Will he admit that she has been removed from the said post from February 2006 and a 73 years old woman, who has not completed the required period of residence in the division and has not even passed the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination, has been appointed to the relevant position?

- (c) If it is so, what reason has led to this action?
- (d) Will he take action to reappoint Mrs. Lilani Patabendige to the said post?
- (e) If not, why?

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6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) it is an officer named K. Gunasekara who covers duties of the Human and Institutional Development officer of the Mahawanawela Division in the Mahaweli 'C' zone;
 - (ii) this graduate officer served as a Grade III unit Manager from 20.08.1982 to 30.05.1986, as a Grade II Unit Manager from 01.06.1986 to 30.05.1989 and a Grade I Unit Manager from 01.06.1990 and has covered the duties of Weheragala Divisional Manager from 11.09.2002 to 23.07.2004?
- (b) Will he admit that Mr. Gunasekara a Grade I officer who served as a Unit Manager for 15 years, has been removed from covering duties as Divisional Manager and a Unit Manager, Grade II has been appointed on permanent basis to the post?
- (c) Will he state the reason for this?
- (d) Will he take steps to reinstate Mr. Gunasekara in the post of Manager Grade II with effect from 11.09.2002 and pay him the arrears?
- (e) If not, why?

0858/07

7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Public Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that the General Manager of the National Housing Development Authority, Mr. Wasantha Wijeratne has obtained two houses from the Raddolugama and Wewagodella Housing Schemes in violation of Section 9 of the Housing Authority Act?
- (b) Will she admit that—
 - (i) houses are sold to married couples and not to single individuals; and,
 - (ii) the above Wewagodella house has been obtained for his unmarried daughter furnishing false facts and documents, claiming that she was married?

- (c) Will she state—
- (i) the number and the date of purchase of the house purchased from the Wewagodella Housing Complex;
 - (ii) whether the date on which the marriage of the daughter was registered and the date on which the house was purchased tally;
 - (iii) the other property purchased from the Authority, their value, extent, the date of purchase and the area from where the purchase was made?
- (d) Will she inform this House, the individuals and public establishments who have been offered houses and lands belonging to the Housing Development Authority from the year 2005?
- (e) Will she take necessary steps to implement formally, paragraph (2), part iv of Section 23 of the Housing Authority Act, No.17 of 1979 which has been violated by the General Manager concerned?
- (f) If not, why?

0615/06

8.

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardane, — To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) there are about five medium sized tanks in Ja-Ela electorate including Peralanda wewa, Ihalagama wewa, Walpola wewa, and Tewatta Kanu wewa;
 - (ii) all these tanks are now filled and their banks caved in; and,
 - (iii) the reservations around these tanks have been encroached upon by unauthorized settlers?
- (b) Will he give necessary instructions to the relevant officers to carry out a proper survey jointly with the Department of Irrigation and the Department of Survey in order to identify the exact extent of these tanks?
- (c) Will he submit to this House a formal plan developed for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of these tanks?
- (d) Will he take steps to allocate necessary finances for the said project?
- (e) If not, why?

0772/06

9.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Public Recreation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the number of certificates and the number of medals that were needed for each of the National Sports Festivals held from 2000 to 2005 separately;
 - (ii) the number of certificates and medals that had been purchased for each year from 2000 to 2005; and,
 - (iii) the names of the institutes that supplied certificates and medals in respect of each of the years above and the prices offered?
- (b) Is he aware that a massive irregularity has occurred in purchasing medals and printing certificates for the National Sports Festivals conducted by the Ministry of Sports from 2000 to 2005?
- (c) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the formal tender procedure has been followed in procuring certificates/medals;
 - (ii) if so, the names, the addresses and the designations of the members of the Tender Board concerned?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the persons, responsible for the irregularity which has occurred; and,
 - (ii) the measures that have been taken against them?
- (e) If not, why?

0566/06

10.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(5)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately,—
 - (i) the extent of land distributed among the public and various institutions during the period from January 2002 to January 2006, out of the lands belonging to the Land Reform Commission and the state owned plantation companies?
 - (ii) on what basis they were distributed;
 - (iii) the beneficiaries (including the institutions) who had obtained land on various bases; and

- (iv) their addresses and the extents of land so distributed?
- (b) If any sum of money had been charged for that purpose, will he state such prices under each of such bases?
- (c) If not, why?

0577/06

11.

Hon. T. Kanagasabai,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) Mr. A. Yogarajah, office peon attached to National School, Paddiruppu in Batticaloe District was promoted to Class II with effect from 01.05.1994 by the letter No. Gen. 8/2/04/4/1 and dated 13.11.1996 of the Secretary, to the Ministry of Education North East Provincial Council;
 - (ii) several requests made by him to get his promotion to Class I was unduly delayed;
 - (iii) he was absorbed to the Central Government as Paddiruppu Central College was made to a National School;
 - (iv) his contemporaries are still working in the Provincial Council and were promoted after 10 years of service from their date of promotion to Class II?
- (b) Will he take suitable action to grant his promotion to Class I without further delay, as he is frustrated in his service?
- (c) If not, why?

0578/06

12.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that an inquiry has been requested for into the manner in which the heirs have been selected in respect of the permit and/or certificate of award issued in the name of a deceased named Pathirennhelage Loku Punchi Banda, by letter dated 05.03.2004 under the Land Development Ordinance sent to the Land Commissioner by Attorney-at-law, Mrs. D.H.R. Perera on behalf of Senanayaka Mudiyanseelage Nandawathie of Boraluwewa, Danwila?
- (b) Will he accept that—
 - (i) facts have been cited in that letter to the effect that the rights of the deceased Loku Punchi Banda under the said Permit and / or certificate of award be conferred upon Pathirennhelage Somarathna;
 - (ii) without considering such facts, the permit and / or the certificate of award had been prepared in a manner that a portion of the land in question is transferred to one Premawathie?

- (c) Will he state the reasons for not conducting an inquiry into this matter despite the fact that a request has been made to the Commissioner of Lands to that effect?
- (d) If not, why?

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13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether a plot of land nearly 40 acres in extent, situated in Katupaththewa of Katupaththewa Grama Niladhari Division in Nochchiyagama Divisional Secretariat Division in Anuradhapura District, has been leased to a non-government organization or an individual;
 - (ii) if it has been leased or sold the name of the institute concerned and when it was done; and,
 - (iii) for what purpose it has been given?
- (b) Is he aware that the institute which acquired this land get water by impounding a tributary of Kala Oya?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to impound the tributary of Kala Oya;
 - (ii) if so, from which institution?
- (d) Does he admit that due to obtaining water in this way, farmers engaged in cultivating around the tributary in Katupaththewa area are faced with problems in obtaining water?
- (e) Will he take steps to provide speedy relief to the farmers inconvenienced due to this project?
- (f) if not why?

0865/07

14.

Hon. Johnstone Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) an inquiry has been conducted as reported in the “Dinamina” newspaper on 13.09.2001 regarding a financial fraud committed by a security officer of the Nikaweratiya Depot belonging to the Wayamba Bus Company;

- (ii) that inquiry has been ordered by the then Deputy Minister of Transport on a complaint lodged by the Sri Lanka Transport Employees Executive officers Union?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the above mentioned security officer and the post he held in the Sri Lanka Nidahas Sevaka Sangamaya;
 - (ii) the punishment meted out to the relevant officer in accordance with that inquiry?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons, if the said official who abused public funds had not been punished;
 - (ii) whether this officer against whom these allegations have been made, is functions at present as the General Secretary of the Kurunegala District Sri Lanka Transport Employees Union;
 - (iii) the post hold by him at present?
- (d) If not, why?

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15.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,—To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Cooperatives and Consumer Services,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the procedure for the recruitment of members of the Gampaha District Cooperative Hospitals Society Limited?
- (b) Is he aware that there are no provisions for the society to limit the membership according to the accepted by-laws and cooperative Rule II?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for the Gampaha Cooperative Hospitals Society to refuse the granting of membership to the new applicants and act in an arbitrary manner;
 - (ii) the reasons for not taking action accordingly even after the aforesaid society was informed by the Cooperative Development Commissioner of the Western Province by his letter dated 19-09-2006 and bearing No. AA/11/4/3/462, that it should not limit the membership;

- (iii) the course of action that he is going to follow regarding the actions committed by violating the by laws and cooperative Rule II?
- (d) Will he present to this House a list of names and addresses of all the members who have obtained the membership of the Gampaha District Cooperative Hospitals Society Limited upto now?
- (e) 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,—National Insurance Trust Fund (Amendment),— Bill to amend the National Insurance Trust Fund Act, No.28 of 2006.

2.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act, No.43 of 2000.

Notice of Motions

3.

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.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 17.01.2006, the hours of sitting this day shall be 09.30 a.m. to 04.30 p.m. At 04.30 p.m., Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

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 May 2007, be approved.

*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
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Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> per month
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Total	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>
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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)

*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
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Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> per month
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Total	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>
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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)

*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 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

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(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.”

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27.

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. 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.

The Mahanuwara Asgiriya Palipana Sri Chandananda International Buddhist Research and Development Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

34.

The Young Men's Buddhist Association, Minipe (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

35.

Muditha Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration.

36.

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

37.

Community Recovery and Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration.

38.

The Institute of Quantity Surveyors Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration.

39.

The Shantha Children's Education Services Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

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