



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 109.]

**ORDER PAPER
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FOR**

Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0811/06

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately from 2000 to 2006—
 - (i) the number of garment factories that had been in operation; and,
 - (ii) their total workforce at the beginning?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of factories which are in operation now and their total strength of workforce as at to-date; and,
 - (ii) the action plans taken to reopen the factories that had been closed down?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total volume of apparel and value of earnings in SLR and US Dollars from exports from Sri Lanka for the period of 2000 to 2006;
 - (ii) the number of textile fabric companies in Sri Lanka and their production capacity; and,
 - (iii) the texture that is woven and knitted?
- (d) If not, why?

0835/06

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 10 years on per year basis, the total Defence expenditure sub divided into Recurrent and Capital for the Forces and the Police Department?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total strength of the Forces;
 - (ii) the total strength of the Police; and,
 - (iii) the strength of any auxiliary force?
- (c) Will he submit to this House for the last 15 years on a per year basis, provisions allocated from the budget for Defence expenditure and the actual expenditure incurred?
- (d) If not, why?

0837/06

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of Sri Lankans working overseas as at 31st December of each year from 2000 to 2006?
- (b) Will he state from 2000 to 2006—
 - (i) the total foreign remittances flowing into the country in U.S. Dollars and SLR;
 - (ii) the number of migrant workers deported or sent back each year owing to the defaulting work contracts;
 - (iii) the steps being taken in this regard;
 - (iv) the amount of money earned through the Insurance Scheme from Sri Lankans who are leaving for overseas jobs; and,
 - (v) the amount spent from the Insurance Funds, for the Sri Lankans working overseas?
- (c) If not, why?

0859/07

4.

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the Secretary to the President. Mr. Lalith Weeratunga has informed the National Housing Development Authority by letter dated 28.02.2006 and Reference No. SP/2/4/2/1, that it is suitable to sell and transfer block No.1819 of the Raddolugama Housing Scheme to the recipients of houses who have enjoyed ownership of them for 23 years;

- (ii) the relevant General Manager has rejected it giving a wrong interpretation to Section 73 of the Housing Authority Act;
- (iii) he has refused to answer letters sent by the Assistant Secretary of the President, Mr. Saman D. Waduge and the Director of the Ministry of Housing, Mr. Sunil Kannangara on 28.04.2006, 03.10.2006 and 17.05.2006 respectively?
- (b) Will she admit that the above General Manager has no legal powers to act in violation of the orders of H.E. the President?
- (c) Will she take steps to grant this block of land to the above recipients of houses in accordance with the said letter of the Secretary to the resident as this block of land adjoining the house 3/B/1-L of Raddolugama has been sold and transferred to one Mr. Anton De Alwis by the General Manager?
- (d) Will she take action to implement formally, Section 23(2) of the Housing Authority Act which has been violated?
- (e) if not, why?

0557/06

5.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately the number of employees recruited to each institution in all Provincial Councils in the country since 2004 to date on permanent / contract / casual / temporary basis?
- (b) Will he state the names, addresses, personal details, educational qualifications, terms of recruitment and the salaries drawn by those employees recruited under each institution?
- (c) If not, why?

0701/06

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) Mr. K.A. Sunny has been residing in the plot of land bearing No.1364 belonging to the “Somi Rest Watta” Housing Scheme in Udugama South in Udugama in the Galle district since 1980 and that he is the legal owner of that land;
 - (ii) a government Surveyor had surveyed the said plot of land on 05.08.2006 stating that the land had been vested in the Nagoda Pradesheeya Sabha by the Housing Authority;

- (iii) Mr. Sunny had lodged a complaint with the Udugama police after some valuable trees had been cut after the said survey; and,
- (iv) no officer from the Nagoda Pradesheeya Sabha or the Housing Authority has come to inquire into that complaint?
- (b) Will he take necessary action to look into the felling of trees on the land occupied by Mr. Sunny and the destruction caused and to pay him compensation?
- (c) If not, why?

0791/06

7.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the National Transport Commission 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 Commission 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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8.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of Western 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?

0706/06

9.

Hon. Anuruddha Polgampala,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will he present to this House separately—
 - (i) the number of electricity projects which had been proposed to be implemented in year 2006 under Chinese aids;
 - (ii) what they are at Divisional Secretariat Division level;
 - (iii) out of the above mentioned projects, the proposals which were implemented in year 2006;
 - (iv) the timeframes in which each of the aforesaid proposals will be completed?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether changes have been done when implementing the aforesaid proposals;
 - (ii) if so, what such changes are?
- (c) if not, why?

0707/06

10.

Hon. Anuruddha Polgampaha,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the number of power distribution projects implemented in Kegalle district during the period from year 2000 to year 2005;
 - (ii) their names at Divisional Secretariat Division level?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) what the proposals are, which have not been implemented, even though money had been allocated for them from year 2000 to year 2006?
 - (ii) the reasons for not implementing of the aforesaid proposals?
- (c) Will he inform this House the date on which the implementation of the aforesaid proposals will be completed?
- (d) if not, why?

0846/07

11.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that undergraduates admitted to universities in the academic years 2003/2004, 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 have abandoned studies for various reasons?
- (b) Will he submit this House—
 - (i) the number of students admitted to each faculty of each university separately in the years concerned; and,
 - (ii) separately, the number of those who have left the courses in each faculty by now?
- (c) if not, why?

1079/07

12.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the responsibilities of the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage and those of the non-Cabinet Minister of Water Supply?

- (b) Will he state this House the institutes which come under the purview of the said Ministers, separately?
- (c) Will he state as to how the responsibilities of the Cabinet Minister and those of the non-Cabinet Minister differ from each other?
- (d) Will he submit information to this House on the value of—
 - (i) monthly salaries and allowances;
 - (ii) telephone bills (official/mobile and residential); and,
 - (iii) salaries of the staff, fuel allowances and telephone bills,which the above Cabinet/non-Cabinet Minister is entitled to?
- (e) if not, why?

1080/07

13.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the responsibilities of the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development and those of the non-Cabinet Minister of Petroleum Resources?
- (b) Will he state in this House separately, the institutions that come under the purview of the said Ministers?
- (c) Will he state as to how the responsibilities of the above Cabinet Minister and the non-Cabinet Minister differ from each other?
- (d) Will he submit information to this House on the value of—
 - (i) monthly salaries and allowances;
 - (ii) telephone bills (official/mobile and residential); and,
 - (iii) salaries of the staff, fuel allowances and telephone bills,which the above Cabinet/non-Cabinet Minister is entitled to?
- (e) if not, why?

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14.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, the responsibilities of the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion and the non-Cabinet Minister of Enterprise Development?

- (b) Will he state in this House separately, the institutions that come under the purview of the said Ministers?
- (c) Will he state as to how the responsibilities of the above Cabinet Minister and the non-Cabinet Minister differ from each other?
- (d) Will he submit information to this House on the value of—
 - (i) monthly salaries and allowances;
 - (ii) telephone bills (official/mobile and residential); and,
 - (iii) salaries of the staff, fuel allowances and telephone bills,which the above Cabinet/non-Cabinet Minister is entitled to?
- (e) if not, why?

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15.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— 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 of—
 - (i) the name of the institution responsible for transferring a considerable number of shares of Air Lanka airline to the Emirates Company;
 - (ii) the percentage of the shares given by Air Lanka in the above mentioned deal and the period of time for which it was done?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the local and foreign companies and the institutions that bid for the tender when the shares of Air Lanka were given to Emirates;
 - (ii) separately, the bids made by those institutions and the bids made by the Emirates; and,
 - (iii) the members of the tender board appointed for this transaction?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any of the conditions of the aforesaid transaction has been changed after the tender pertaining to the issue of Air Lanka shares was awarded to the Emirates company;
 - (ii) if so, the conditions that have been so changed?
- (d) if not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

National Institute of Language Education and Training Bill— Second Reading

*2.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*3.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

Members

Salary	Rs. 65,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 12,000.00 Monthly</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 77,000.00</u>

The Parliament further resolves that 50% of the increased salary (excluding allowances) should be paid with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full salary inclusive of the balance 50% with effect from 01.01.2007 and that the salaries and allowances to be determined by Parliament by this resolution should be substituted for the salaries and allowances determined by resolutions previously passed in Parliament in respect of Chairman and Members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*4.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Constitution (No.1),— It is determined by this Parliament that the remuneration and the Allowances of the Chairman and the Members of the Public Service Commission established under Article 54 (1) of the Constitution shall be as set out below with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Remuneration	Rs. 65,000.00 per month
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> per month
Total	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

Members

Remuneration	Rs. 30,000.00 per month
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It is further determined by this Parliament that while 50% of the increased remuneration (excluding allowances) of the Chairman and Members of the Public Service Commission shall be payable with effect from 01.01.2006 and the balance with effect from 01.01.2007. The remuneration and the allowances previously determined and adopted by Parliament as payable to the said Chairman and Members of the Commission shall be substituted by the remuneration and allowances determined by this resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*5.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Constitution (No.2),— It is determined by this Parliament that the allowances of the Chairman and Members of the National Police Commission established under Article 155a (1) of the Constitution shall be as set out below with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Allowance	Rs. 65,000.00 per month
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> per month
Total	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

Members

Allowance	Rs. 30,000.00 per month
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It is further determined by this Parliament that while 50% of the increased allowances (excluding fuel allowances) in respect of the Chairman and Members of the National Police Commission shall be payable with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full amount from 01.01.2007. The allowances previously determined and adopted by Parliament as payable to the Chairman and the Members of the said Commission shall be substituted by allowances determined by this resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*6.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act,— That this Parliament determines that the Salaries and Allowances of the Chairman and Members of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka established under the Section 8 of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No.21 of 1996, be as follows with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Salary	Rs. 65,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00 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)

*7.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.39 of 2005 and specified in the order No.14 hereto, be approved.

ORDER

Appropriation Act. No.39 of 2005

Order No.14 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.39 of 2005, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government,

do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 85103 “Maintenance of Agricultural Farms and Seed Sales Department of Agriculture” of the second schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	—
	To	Rs.	—	—
(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	321,000,000
	To	Rs.	—	206,000,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	—
	To	Rs.	—	—
(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	—
	To	Rs.	—	—

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2006 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSHA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

31.01.2007

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(Cabinet approval signified)

*8.

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital-2004,—The Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital together with the Auditor General’s observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2004 and presented on 18.06.2006 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No.49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Healthcare and Nutrition)

*9.

The Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,— Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation-2005,—That the Annual Report, Balance Sheet, Final Accounts and Auditor General's Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the year 2005 presented on 27.09.2006 as per Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development)

*10.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources ,—Annual Report of the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation - 2003,—That the Annual Report of the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation - 2003 presented on 08.08.2006 under the Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No.49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Infrastructure Development and Fisheries Housing)

*11.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—Annual Report of the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation - 2004,—That the Annual Report of the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation - 2004 presented on 17.10.2006 under the Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No.49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Infrastructure Development and Fisheries Housing)

*12.

The Minister of Science and Technology,— Annual Report of the National Engineering Research and Development Centre of Sri Lanka - 2003,— That the Annual Report of the National Engineering Research and Development Center of Sri Lanka with the observations of the Auditor General for the year 1st January 2003 to 31st December 2003 presented on 25.08.2006 under the Section 40(3) of Science and Technology Development Act, No.11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Science and Technology)

*13.

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

*14.

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

*15.

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

*16.

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

*17.

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

*18.

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

*19.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*20.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*21.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*22.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Notification under Excise Ordinance,—That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1456/24 of 03rd August 2006 which was presented 05.10.2006, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 888)

*23.

The Minister of Export Development and International Trade,— Order under Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1462/27 of 15th September 2006 which was presented on 20.10.2006, be approved.

*24.

The Minister of Social Services and Social Welfare,— Regulations under the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Women's Empowerment and Social Welfare under Section 25 read with Section 23 of the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, No. 28 of 1996 as amended by Act, No. 33 of 2003 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1419/7 of 14th November, 2005 which were presented on 18.01.2006, be approved.

*25.

Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— Adjourned Debate on Question (3rd October, 2006),— Motion made and question proposed,— “That the Regulations made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition under Section 19 read with Section 72 of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) in consultation with the Sri Lanka Medical Council and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1458/16 of 17th August, 2006 which were presented on 05.09.2006.”

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26.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. P. Dayaratne

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera

Hon. W. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Lakshman Seneviratne

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda

Hon. Johnston Fernando

Hon. P. Radhakrishnan

Hon. R. M. Dharmadasa Banda

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna

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

- (1) Whereas the Central Bank is one of the most important financial institutions of a country responsible for managing its economy.
- (2) Whereas the Governor of the Central Bank Mr. Sunil Mendis abruptly resigned under mysterious circumstances and
- (3) Whereas it is reported that Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral, who
 - (a) was a Member of the Western Provincial Council.
 - (b) formerly contested Colombo District Parliamentary Elections and,
 - (c) was a one time political organizer.

- (4) And whereas several reports in newspapers indicate that he has been involved in unsavory financial transactions more particularly Pyramid Schemes.
- (5) This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into:
 - (a) the circumstances under which Mr. Sunil Mendis resigned
 - (b) the suitability of Mr. Ajith Niwad Cabral to hold the position of the Governor of the Central Bank.
 - (c) whether the appointment of an individual such as Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral will seriously affect the creditability of the Central Bank and have disastrous effects on the country's economy.
- (6)
 - (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
- (7) That the Committee shall have the power to :
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Commission may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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27.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya,— Select Committee of Parliament on Electoral Reforms,— That a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed pursuant to the Committee appointed by Hon. Speaker during the Second Session of the Fifth Parliament which submitted its interim report on the 23rd of January, 2004 to further consider Reforms to the current system of Parliamentary and Local Authority Elections and other matters connected therewith and to make recommendations in respect of further changes considered necessary to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the existing election laws and to report together with their observations and recommendations on the amendments necessary to the said laws.

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 - (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Hon. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to :

- (a) fix its quorum ;
- (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above ;
- (c) obtain the services of Specialist and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ;
- (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

28.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

29.

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

30.

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

31.

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

32.

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

33.

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

34.

Muditha Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration.

35.

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

36.

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

37.

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

38.

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."
