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Friday, May 11, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0611/06

1.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— 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 whether,—
 - (i) the Registrar of Colombo District Court was due to retire in 2006;
 - (ii) he was taken into custody on an allegation of bribery;
 - (iii) he was facing criminal charges in the Magistrate's Court of Anuradhapura;
 - (iv) he was completing 60 years in 2006; and,
 - (v) he has been given an extension beyond 60 years on a contract basis?
- (b) Will he state why only he has been selected for appointment on a contract basis?
- (c) If not, why?

0629/06

2.

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 the variable Cost of Living Allowance paid to the pensioners who retired from the People's Bank has been suspended?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) the reason for taking this decision, which causes a serious impact on these pensioners economically; and,
 - (ii) whose decision it was?
- (c) Will he admit that the Bank's management has shown an amount of approximately 230 million rupees which should have been paid to pensioners over a period of 10 years, as part of the profits they have earned?

- (d) As this allowance is paid to both pensioners and their widowers by the Bank of Ceylon and other state banks without any difference, will he act to pay this allowance to the People's Bank pensioners as well?
- (e) If not, why?

0715/06

3.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare, — To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that the casual employees recruited for service in the Lanka Mineral Sands Company, Pulmudai, during the period from 1984 to 2004, have not been confirmed so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House for what reason the 30 employees who have served in the casual service for over a year and are now in excess, have not been confirmed in this manner?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether he will take action to confirm these employees?
 - (ii) if so, from which date?
- (d) If not, why?

0813/06

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, — To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—(2)

- (a) Will he state on per year basis for the last twenty years—
 - (i) the total foreign investment in the country;
 - (ii) the total foreign investments that have been invested in capital market;
 - (iii) the foreign savings component in the country; and,
 - (iv) aforesaid values as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of that year?
- (b) If not, why?

0834/06

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, — 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, on a per year basis from 1995 to date—
 - (i) the total tonnage handled by Air at the Bandaranaike International Airport;

- (ii) the fresh trans-shipment cargo tonnage gone through “Sri Lanka on a new or fresh Master Air Way Bill Ex” Colombo;
- (iii) the countries that they come from and the breakup,;
- (iv) as (i) above, the breakup of Import and Export tonnage?
- (b) Will he state the total revenue and the profit earned from the inward and outward cargo tonnage at Bandaranaike International Airport for the last 10 years?
- (c) If not, why?

0809/06

6.

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

- (a) Will he state the number of members contributing to ETF and EPF separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House, separately from 2000 to 2006—
 - (i) the total value of ETF and EPF funds;
 - (ii) the interest rate paid to the members;
 - (iii) the amount paid out to the members;
 - (iv) the amount unclaimed?
- (c) Will he state as to what action is going to be taken in this regard?
- (d) Will he state whether the two funds can be amalgamated?
- (e) If not, why?

1082/07

7.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, the responsibilities of the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development and the non-Cabinet Minister of Urban 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 those of the non-Cabinet Minister differ from each other?
- (d) Will he submit information to this House on the value of—
 - (i) the 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?

1083/07

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of non-Cabinet ministerial portfolios of National Building;
 - (ii) separately, the responsibilities of those Ministers;
 - (iii) the institutions that are allocated to those ministerial portfolios?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) there are separate offices and staff for those ministers;
 - (ii) these Ministers are granted provisions and facilities which are accorded to all other Non-cabinet Ministers?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) as to how the responsibility of the Cabinet is represented in respect of the 05 ministerial posts, in this manner;
 - (ii) the basis on which the above ministerial portfolios are allocated?
- (d) if not, why?

1084/07

9.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— 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 separately—
 - (i) the responsibilities of the portfolio of Justice and Law Reforms and of the non-Cabinet portfolio of Justice; and,
 - (ii) the institutions that belong to the Ministry of Justice and Law Reforms and the non-Cabinet Ministry of Justice?
- (b) Will he state in what way the responsibility of the portfolio of Justice and Law Reforms differs from that of the non-Cabinet portfolio of Justice?
- (c) if not, why?

0997/07

10.

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) under the Muriyakulama Lift Irrigation Scheme in the Anamaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division, 30.656 hectares of Land was distributed among 130 allottees by plan No.99/160; and,
 - (ii) agro wells have been constructed by the Samurdhi Authority at a cost of around one million rupees for providing water to the allottees for cultivation?
- (b) Will he accept that a total of 60 acres have been allotted to two individuals as 25 acres for one person for a coconut husk industry and 35 acres to the other for another project, from the said land distributed under the Lift Irrigation Scheme mentioned above?
- (c) If these lands have been so allotted to these for projects approved by the Board of Investment, will he state what those projects are?
- (d) If these lands have been allotted to these persons in an illegal manner, will he state whether he will take steps to reacquire the said lands and take legal action against the persons who allotted such lands?
- (e) Will he take steps to provide alternative lands to the allottees that had been living on the lands so acquired?
- (f) if not, why?

0877/07

11.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of National Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of National Heritage and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;

- (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0878/07

12.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Plantation Industries and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0882/07

13.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Highways and Road Development and the Deputy Minister of Highways and their personal staff;

- (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
- (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0868/07

14.

Hon. R. M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara ,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the years in which the first and second Perennial Crop Cultivation Loan Projects were implemented and the relevant district where the aforesaid projects were implemented;
 - (ii) the crop cultivation for which they were implemented;
 - (iii) the number of farmers for whom loans have been granted through the aforesaid projects and the amounts of those loans at district level;
 - (iv) the state banks that have granted the aforesaid loans and the amount of loans granted by each bank separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been recovered by each of the aforesaid banks out of the total amount of loans issued through the aforesaid project;
 - (ii) the amounts of loans that have not been recovered;
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been written off by each bank from the aforesaid total amount of loans when the cultivation loans were written off at the request of the farmers?

- (c) Will he admit that the aforesaid project was a failure due to various reasons?
- (d) If it has been a failure, will he inform this House in detail, the reasons for it?
- (e) Will he take steps to write off the remaining amount of loans which is a big burden on the farming community?
- (f) if not, why?

0795/06

15.

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 North Central Province when issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval will be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Wijeyadasa Rajapakhse,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Provincial of the Brothers of Charity in Sri Lanka”

2.

Hon. (Ven.) Udawatte Nanda Thero,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Sri Kalyanodaya Society-Kandy”

3.

Hon. Anurudha Polgampala,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Central Colleges Past Pupils’ Association of Sri Lanka”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.02/’05

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Indicating the details of the projects in the Election Manifesto of Political Parties or Groups contesting elections,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that it should be made compulsory that the manifesto of Political Parties or Groups contesting an election should indicate the anticipated date line for the implementation of their projects, the total financial outlay as well as the methodology involved, once they are returned to power, for the purpose of eliminating the lack of confidence in the minds of the citizens of Sri Lanka towards democracy.

P.03/’05

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Prevention of the President and the Prime Minister from holding Cabinet Portfolios,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that the President and the Prime Minister be prevented from holding any cabinet portfolio in order to have a very effective administration and to critically review performances of their ministers.

P.04/’05

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Registration of weapons,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that all weapons in Sri Lanka should be registered and thereafter, if anyone is found with an unlicensed weapon, he should be charged with breach of criminal law and a mandatory imprisonment of 20 years be enforced.

P.05/'05

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Banking hours,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that Banking hours should be extended from 9:00 hours till 16:00 hours in order to increase the economic activities in the country.

P.07/'05

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Closing down of all taverns in the Kotte electorate,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that legislation be made to close down all taverns in Kotte electorate because sale of liquor very freely has certainly degraded the moral values in the country.

P.08/'05

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting permission to journalists to attend all meetings held under Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE), Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and Consultative Committees,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that journalists must be permitted to attend all meetings held under the Committee on Public Enterprises, Public Accounts Committee and Consultative Committees as this will make the discussions more effective, meaningful and transparent.

P.09/'05

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting Agricultural Loans to farmers who are self employed in Agriculture,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that farmers who are self employed in agriculture be granted Agricultural loans to a maximum of Rs. 25,000 at a reduced Interest Rate of 5%.

P.10/'05

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Implementation of an Island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc.,— Since the usage of Polythene and Plastic material has rapidly increased in the island and large scale environmental pollution is taking place due to the indiscriminate disposal of such material, that this Parliament is of the opinion that an island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc, be implemented.

P.11/'05

9.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of a Museum in the Kegalle District,— This Parliament resolves that steps be taken to establish a museum for archeological monuments and for the purpose of obtaining information regarding places which have archaeological, cultural and social values.

P.12/'05

10.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a National Policy Formulation Board to determine National Policies,— This Parliament resolves that a national policy formulation board having specific powers to function notwithstanding changes of government and consisting of politicians and professionals in this field be appointed with a view to formulating systematic national policies and plans.

P.13/'05

11.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Setting up of a unit with legal powers to solve the problems faced by the migrant employees,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that a unit with legal powers be set up to look into problems faced by migrant employees such as assaults, abduction, rape, sexual abuse, killings, financial frauds and to get them down to this country and to look into their safety.

P.14/'05

12.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Formulation of a National Programme to introduce New Inventors to the World,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to introduce the new inventors and citizens who are endowed with various skills to the world and to improve their skills and creations.

P.15/'05

13.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Tax Concession to Industrialists who utilize Indigenous Raw Materials,— That this Parliament resolves that a 02 year tax concession be granted to local industrialists who produce goods for the international market utilizing more than 75% indigenous raw materials.

P.16/'05

14.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a Presidential Commission combining the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison,— That this Parliament resolves that a Presidential Commission be appointed the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison with the objective of minimizing crimes spreading in the society, to improve criminals laws be minimizing shortcomings, to dispose of backlog of cases including land matters piled up in courts and to provide a speedy service by modernizing the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison.

P.17/'05

15.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Granting Citizenship to Estate Community,— That this Parliament resolves that the estate sector community who do not have Sri Lankan citizenship should be granted same upon their willingness.

P.18/'05

16.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Providing a free glass of milk to the pupils in primary schools in the Island,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements should be made to give a free glass of milk in the morning to all the pupils in the primary schools in the Island.

P.19/'05

17.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Refund of Employee's Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week,— That this Parliament resolves that there should be a procedure to refund Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week.

P.20/'05

18.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of Chairmen and Board of Directors in the Statutory Institutions including State Corporations, Boards and Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that only persons who have professional qualifications and experience should be selected to appoint as Chairmen and Board of Directors in Statutory Institutions including State Corporation, Boards and Authorities.

P.21/'05

19.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Re-demarcation of boundaries of Grama Niladhari Division, Divisional Secretariats, Districts and Administrative areas on a scientific basis,— That this Parliament resolves that boundaries of Grama Niladhari Divisions, Divisional Secretariats, Districts and Administrative areas should be re-demarcated on a scientific basis after conducting a survey all over the island.

P.22/'05

20.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service only on marks of Limited Competitive Examinations,— That this Parliament resolves that recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service should be decided only on marks of limited competitive examinations and that only basic qualifications should be checked at the interview.

P.23/'05

21.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Punishment to criminals and compensation to the victims,— That this Parliament resolves that laws should be made to enable the same court to impose punishment to criminals and give compensation to the victims.

P.24/'05

22.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Issuing free season tickets to students,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be introduced to issue free season tickets to students to travel in buses of the Road Passenger Transport Authorities.

P.25/'05

23.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Presidential Commission on Political victimization,— That this Parliament resolves that a fully pledge Presidential Commission should be appointed to inquire into the complaints made by people who have been affected by political victimization due to their political ideas, from past until now, and to give them relief.

P.26/'05

24.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of Sports Schools and formulating a National Sports Policy,— That this Parliament resolves that a National Sports Policy with long term objectives should be formulated and high standard Sports Schools with pavilions, play grounds, sports Instruments and sports instructors should be established basically covering all the districts.

P.27/'05

25.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of a Faculty of National Languages,— That this Parliament resolves that a Faculty of National Languages should be established in order to teach Sinhala, Tamil and English to teachers.

P.28/'06

26.

Hon.V. Puththasigamoney,— Granting Voting Rights to Migrant Workers and other Sri Lankans living abroad,— That since migrant workers of Sri Lanka constitute 12% of registered voters and 10% of the national work force and that they contribute 17% of national savings and more than 20% of foreign exchange earning and also that since UN Convention of 1990 ratified by Sri Lanka in 1996 obliges the State to implement a special system of voting for migrant workers, and the Human Rights Commission has recommended to the Labour Minister to introduce laws to grant voting rights to migrant workers, and since the denial of voting rights to them is a violation of fundamental rights, this Parliament resolves that a scheme be introduced for the migrant workers and other Sri Lankans living abroad to vote at all elections in Sri Lanka.

P.29/'06

27.

Hon.Ravi Karunanayake,— Publishing the names of defaulters of loans taken from State Banks,— That this Parliament resolves that legal provisions be introduced inParliament to publish names of defaulters who have borrowed over Rs.100 million from state banks.

P.31/06

28.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Implementation of Private Members Motions,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that Private Members Motions moved in Parliament shall be debated within one year and, if approved by Parliament, the Cabinet of Ministers shall sanction them within six months, so that the Private Members Motions would be an effective contribution by Parliamentarians.

P.32/06

29.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Playing National Anthem in Parliament,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that National Anthem be played in Parliament before the commencement and the conclusion of Parliament Sitting in order to develop national spiritedness in the country.

P.33/06

30.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Developing a Strong Sri Lankan Identity,— That since the requirement to state one's race and religion in government documents is an impediment and an inhibition to develop a strong national identity' this Parliament is of the opinion that this requirement be dispensed with.

P.36/06

31.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Prevention of using images of Religious leaders for commercial purposes,— That this Parliament resolves that all religions must equally be respected and that images of Lord Buddha, Jesus Christ, Lord Shiva or Prophet Mohammed should not be used on any Commercial advertisement or any other form of non religious items.

P.37/06

32.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Making new laws to regulate contempt of court proceedings,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that new laws should be brought in to regulate contempt of court proceedings as to strengthen democracy and to maintain a vibrant free media ensuring equal justice to all.

P.38/06

33.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Introducing of Laws relating to Public Interest Litigation,— That this Parliament resolves that Laws be introduced in Parliament for the Public Interest Litigation in respect of violation of basic Human Rights of the poor, content or conduct of Government policy, compel Municipal Authorities to perform a public duty, violation of religious rights or other basic fundamental rights, and corruption which Leads to Higher Public Debt and additional Liability to the Citizen.

P.39/06

34.

Hon.Ravi Karunanayake,— Presenting a Financial Audit Report to The Election Commission by Political Parties,— That this Parliament resolves that all income and expenditure earned and incurred by recognized Political Parties must be audited and presented to the Election Commission annually.

*35.

National Institute of Language Education and Training Bill— Second Reading

*36.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*37.

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)

*38.

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)

*39.

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)

*40.

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)

*41.

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

ORDER

Appropriation Act. No.39 of 2005

Order No.14 under Section 8

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

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

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

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2006 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSHA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

31.01.2007

Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*42.

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

*43.

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

*44.

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

*45.

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

*46.

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

*47.

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

*48.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*49.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*50.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*51.

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)

*52.

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.

*53.

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.

*54.

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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55.

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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56.

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.

57.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

58.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*

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