



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 113.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, May 24, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0891/07

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Community Development and Social Inequity Eradication,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Community Development and Social Inequity Eradication 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?

0892/07

2.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage 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?

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3.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services 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?

0767/06

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Irrigation and Water Management and the Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the Emirates Management Agreement with Sri Lankan Airlines expires;
 - (ii) whether the agreement will be extended;
 - (iii) whether it is done through a tender procedure?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Agreement between Sri Lankan Airlines and Emirates was successful and profitable;
 - (ii) if so, for what reasons;
 - (iii) whether the Government is going to start a Budget Airline or any other form of a National Airline;
 - (iv) as to how the funds are provided to meet the capital;
 - (v) whether the article that appeared in the ‘Sunday Leader’ and ‘The Nations’ of 29 October 2006 stating that a person named Sajin de Vass Gunawardena is to be appointed as the CEO of this company, is correct?
- (c) if not, why?

0781/06

5.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House,—
 - (i) the number of Co-ordinating Secretaries appointed for His Excellency the President;
 - (ii) their names, along with the dates of appointments, salaries, positions and other benefits enjoyed by them separately; and,
 - (iii) their professional qualifications and the age at the time of appointment?
- (b) If not, why?

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6.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House,—
 - (i) the number of Consultants appointed for His Excellency the President;
 - (ii) their names, along with the dates of appointments, salaries, positions and other benefits enjoyed by them separately; and,
 - (iii) their professional qualifications and the age at the time of appointment?
- (b) If not, why?

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7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Justice and Judicial Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. G.S. Edirisinghe, District Judge, Horana, has submitted an application to the Secretary to the Ministry of Justice on 02.05.2006 to obtain the balance of the five years' salary loan?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that—
 - (i) according to the title of the covering letter and the facts furnished in the Application form, he has asked only for the balance of the above loan; and,
 - (ii) when granting loans on the recommendation of the government, the bank requires only the recommendation of the Secretary to the Ministry?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for not releasing the balance of the loan to Mr. Edirisinghe despite the fact that all relevant documents had been submitted to the bank; and,
 - (ii) whether the recommendation of the Ministry would be made available immediately for the bank to release the balance of the loan since the foundation for the construction of the house concerned already been laid;
- (d) if not, why?

1000/07

8.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. H.R.M.B. Pathmendra residing at Somasevana, Horewala, Walasmulla, was admitted to the Embilipitiya Base Hospital on 12.08.2002 due to minor injuries sustained on the 4th and 5th fingers of his left hand;

- (ii) he was transferred to the Ratnapura Hospital on 13.08.2002 and was sent back to the Embilipitiya Hospital after a surgery;
 - (iii) his fingers had turned blue and were not functional as he had been discharged from the Hospital after dressing the wounds without removing the rubber bands that were used to tighten the base of the fingers for the surgery at the Ratnapura Hospital;
 - (iv) a surgery was performed on him at the Ratnapura Hospital and the entire 5th finger and part of the 4th finger were amputated?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) a complaint was lodged by him on 02.09.2002 with the Department of the Health Services regarding this unfortunate situation caused by the negligence on the part of the doctor;
 - (ii) an investigation was conducted in this connection by the Flying Squad and Investigations Division of the Department of Health?
- (c) If so, will he explain to this House the present position of that investigation?
- (d) Will he take action to grant the expected compensation to Mr. Pathmendra on account of the injustice caused to him?
- (e) if not, why?

1022/07

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that open and limited competitive examinations were held in the year 2006 to recruit Assessors of the Inland Revenue Service?
- (b) Will he submit to this House a copy of the entire results sheet of the said limited competitive examination issued by the Commissioner General of Examinations to the Commissioner General of Inland Revenue?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) a report including the procedure followed in the award of marks at the interview which was held on the basis of the results of the said open competitive examination for recruitments;
 - (ii) a copy of the complete list of names of those who were called for the interview; and,
 - (iii) a copy of the total results sheet including the marks awarded at the interview?

- (d) Will he take steps to submit separately, in respect of each candidate, photo copies of the certificates used to award marks at the interview to those who were recruited as Assessors on 01.01.2007, based on the open competitive Examination?
- (e) if not, why?

1023/07

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Tangalle Divisional Secretariat Division, under indentified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;
 - (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money,
 - (iii) if not, when the money will be received?
- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations will be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility will be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
 - (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that can be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and,
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Beliatta Divisional Secretariat Division, under indentified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;
 - (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money,
 - (iii) if not, when the money will be received?
- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations will be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility will be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
 - (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that can be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

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12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Okewela Divisional Secretariat Division, under indentified

development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;

- (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money,
 - (iii) if not, when the money will be received?
- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations will be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility will be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
 - (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that can be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

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13.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,—To ask the Minister of Special Projects,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the responsibilities of the Minister of Special Projects;
 - (ii) the names of the institutions coming under his Ministry?,
- (b) Will he state separately, the staff and the vehicles allocated to the relevant Minister?
- (c) if not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1

National Institute of Language Education and Training Bill— Second Reading.

*2

Finance Leasing (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*3

National Insurance Trust Fund (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*4

Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*5.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act (No. 1),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.39 of 2005 and specified in the order No.14 hereto, be approved.

ORDER

Appropriation Act. No.39 of 2005

Order No.14 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.39 of 2005, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 85103 “Maintenance of Agricultural Farms and Seed Sales Department of Agriculture” of the second schedule to that Act.

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

(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities

specified in Column V of the	From	Rs.	—	—
Second Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs.	—	—

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2006 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSHA

Minister of Finance and Planning.

31.01.2007

Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act (No. 2),— 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.32 hereto, be approved.

ORDER**Appropriation Act. No.39 of 2005****Order No. 32 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: 90102 “Railway Stores Advance Account” Department of Sri Lanka Railway of the second schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of expenditure

specified in Column II of the	From	.	Not Revised
Second Schedule to that Act.	To		

(ii) Minimum limit of receipts

specified in Column III of the	From	Rs.	—	1,700,000,000
Second Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs.	—	600,000,000

(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance

specified in Column IV of the	From	Rs.	—	3,200,000,000
Second Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs.	—	3,660,000,000

(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities

specified in Column V of the	From	Rs.	Not Revised
Second Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs.	

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2006 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSHA

Minister of Finance and Planning.

29.03 .2007

Colombo 01.

(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 (No. 3),— 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.36 hereto, be approved.

ORDER**Appropriation Act. No.39 of 2005****Order No.36 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: 90602 “Government Factory Stores Advance Accounts” Government Factory of the second schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of expenditure

specified in Column II of the	From	.	40,000,000
Second Schedule to that Act.	To		55,000,000

(ii) Minimum limit of receipts

specified in Column III of the	From	Rs.	—	3,000,000
Second Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs.	—	4,000,000

(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance

specified in Column IV of the	From	Rs.	Not Revised
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Second Schedule to that Act. To Rs.

- (iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities
specified in Column V of the From Rs. Not Revised
Second Schedule to that Act. To Rs.

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2006 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSHA

Minister of Finance and Planning.

29.03.2007

Colombo 01.

(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 (No. 4),— 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.40 hereto, be approved.

ORDER

Appropriation Act. No.39 of 2005

Order No. 40 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.39 of 2005, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 85103 “Maintenance of Agricultural Farms and Seed Sales” Department of Agriculture of the second schedule to that Act.

- (i) Maximum limit of expenditure
specified in Column II of the From . Not Revised
Second Schedule to that Act. To
- (ii) Minimum limit of receipts
specified in Column III of the From Rs. — 206,000,000
Second Schedule to that Act. To Rs. — 198,000,000
- (iii) Maximum limit of debit balance

specified in Column IV of the	From	Rs.	Not Revised
Second Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs.	

(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities			
specified in Column V of the	From	Rs.	Not Revised
Second Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs.	

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2006 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSHA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

29.03 .2007
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*9

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act (No. 5),— 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.37 hereto, be approved.

ORDER

Appropriation Act. No.39 of 2005 Order No.37 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: 90603 “Government Factory Stores Advance Accounts” Government Factory of the second schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of expenditure			
specified in Column II of the	From	.	140,000,000
Second Schedule to that Act.	To		166,000,000
(ii) Minimum limit of receipts			
specified in Column III of the	From	Rs.	— 145,000,000
Second Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs.	— 168,000,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance			
specified in Column IV of the	From	Rs.	Not Revised
Second Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs.	

(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities

specified in Column V of the	From	Rs.	Not Revised
Second Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs.	

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2006 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSHA

Minister of Finance and Planning.

29.03 .2007

Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*10.

Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Teaching Hospital (Transfer) Bill— Second Reading

*11.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*12.

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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

Members

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

*15.

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

Chairman (Full time)

Salary	Rs. 65,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> Monthly
Total	Rs. 79,400.00

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)

*16.

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

*17.

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

*18.

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

*19.

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

*20.

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

*21.

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

*22.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*23.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*24.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*25.

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)

*26.

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.

*27.

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.

*28.

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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29.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. P. Dayaratne

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera

Hon. W. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Lakshman Seneviratne

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda

Hon. Johnston Fernando

Hon. P. Radhakrishnan

Hon. R. M. Dharmadasa Banda

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna

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

- (1) Whereas the Central Bank is one of the most important financial institutions of a country responsible for managing its economy.

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

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30.

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.

31.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

32.

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.”
