



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 114.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Friday, May 25, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0896/07

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Plan Implementation 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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2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Supplementary Plantation Crops Development and the Deputy Minister of Supplementary Plantation Crops Development 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?

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3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs 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?

0802/06

4.

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,—
 - (i) the number of registered commercial banking Pawning dealers and non banking pawning dealers separately;
 - (ii) their total business values separately for the last 10 years on per year basis;
 - (iii) the total tax earned by the government from pawning activities; and, what these taxes are?
- (b) Will he state that—
 - (i) after how long, can these non banking pawning dealers confiscate the goods if the borrowers default?
 - (ii) what is the percentage of this compared to the pawning industry?
- (c) If not, why?

0820/06

5.

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

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the amount of estates belong to the State, Private Sector and Small Holdings;
 - (ii) total number of tea, rubber and coconut in acreage;
 - (iii) the total wages for employees of tea, rubber and coconut estates per year and per sector; and,
 - (iv) the average salary per day for each sector effected in 2002 to 2006?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of employees working in these estates, the ethnic percentage of Sinhalese, Tamils, Indian Tamils and Muslims;
 - (ii) whether they get any other benefits such as houses, lines, education etc.; and,
 - (iii) the other fringe benefits that they get?
- (c) Will he state in this House the total cost of production compared against the average selling price in 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003?
- (d) if not, why?

0824/06

6.

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

- (a) Will he state in this House separately—
 - (i) the price paid for crude oil purchased by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation; and,
 - (ii) the current exchange rate and the rate used for calculation by the Petroleum Corporation?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the selling price of petrol, diesel, furnace oil, kerosene oil, aviation fuel and the government subsidy given per litre; and,
 - (ii) the total profit of the Petroleum Corporation from 2001 to 2006?
- (c) Will he state whether—
 - (i) the Treasury of the Petroleum Corporation is managed by an individual or a company;
 - (ii) the crude oil purchasing are done through Letter of Credit; and,
 - (iii) they are encashed and taken to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation account or kept in suspense account?
- (d) If so, the amount not credited to the Petroleum Corporation account to-date?
- (e) Will he submit to this House in a form of a chart, the purchase price of crude oil, selling price, duty and VAT earned by the Government and Government subsidy given for petrol, diesel, kerosene oil, furnace oil and aviation fuel?
- (f) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there are any differed payment for purchase of crude oil;
 - (ii) if so, the name of the country, amount and the date payable;
 - (iii) the additional cost to be paid?
- (g) if not, why?

1026/07

7.

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 Walasmulla Divisional Secretariat Division, under identified 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?

1027/07

8.

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 Katuwana Divisional Secretariat Division, under identified 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?

1028/07

9.

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 Weeraketiya 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?

1086/07

10.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether teak logs and other kinds of timber belonging to the Timber Corporation are exported to overseas countries;
 - (ii) if so, what those countries are; and,
 - (iii) since which year?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the price of such timber in the local market and the overseas market; and,
 - (ii) the quantities of timber that have been exported upto now?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether such timber will be sold to local entrepreneurs if they are willing to buy them at export rates; and,
 - (ii) the reasons for exporting timber at a time when Sri Lanka is facing a severe shortage of timber?
- (d) if not, why?

1099/07

11.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Public Recreation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the “Animal Welfare” Bill drafted in May 2006 by a commission appointed by His Excellency the President, was presented to His Excellency the President; and,
 - (ii) the said Bill was handed over to the relevant Minister by His Excellency the President, to be submitted to Parliament?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he will take steps to submit that Bill to Parliament;
 - (ii) if so, when; and,
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for that?
- (c) if not, why?

1091/07

12.

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the services rendered to electricity consumers through the Hot Line project launched in 1998 by the Lanka Electricity Company Limited, a government owned Company?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total amount of money spent on this project;
 - (ii) the reason, if the project was not implemented from the inception until now;
 - (iii) whether the equipment and tools utilized for the relevant project can be used by now;
 - (iv) if not, the loss incurred by the company as a result?
- (c) if not, why?

1093/07

13.

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) wheat flour has been named as an essential consumer item;
 - (ii) the permission of the Consumer Service Authority has to be obtained in increasing the price of such a commodity?
- (b) Will he admit that legal action can be constituted against the relevant company for increasing the price of an essential commodity without obtaining permission?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action would be taken to reduce the price of that commodity if that was the case;
 - (ii) the measures that would be taken in respect of companies which increase prices irregularly?
- (d) if not, why?

1140/07

14.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Health Care and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the number of employees serving at present in the respective divisions of Matara General Hospital; and,

- (ii) the number of vacancies existing at present in each of such divisions of that hospital?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any step has been taken to fill the vacancies existing at present in that Hospital;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are;
 - (iii) if no steps have been taken to fill the vacancies, whether it will be done in future; and,
 - (iv) if so, when?
- (c) if not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Korean - Lanka International Buddhist Centre”

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 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)

*6

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 Second Schedule to that Act.	From	.	Not Revised
		To		
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. —	1,700,000,000
		To	Rs. —	600,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. —	3,200,000,000
		To	Rs. —	3,660,000,000
(iv)	Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	Not Revised
		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.

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| (i) | Maximum limit of expenditure
specified in Column II of the
Second Schedule to that Act. | From .
To | 40,000,000
55,000,000 |
| (ii) | Minimum limit of receipts
specified in Column III of the
Second Schedule to that Act. | From Rs. —
To Rs. — | 3,000,000
4,000,000 |
| (iii) | Maximum limit of debit balance
specified in Column IV of the
Second Schedule to that Act. | From Rs.
To Rs. | Not Revised |
| (iv) | Maximum limit of debit liabilities
specified in Column V of the
Second Schedule to that Act. | From Rs.
To Rs. | Not Revised |

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

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| (i) | Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to that Act. | From . | 140,000,000 |
| | | To | 166,000,000 |
| (ii) | Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act. | From Rs. — | 145,000,000 |
| | | To Rs. — | 168,000,000 |
| (iii) | Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act. | From Rs. | Not Revised |
| | | To Rs. | |
| (iv) | Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act. | From Rs. | Not Revised |
| | | 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	Rs. 79,400.00
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Members

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

*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
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Members

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

and the Members of the said Commission shall be substituted by allowances determined by this resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*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 Monthly</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

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 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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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.”
