



No. 115.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, June 05, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0803/06

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of staff members working at the Lake House;
 - (ii) the names of the Chairmen for the last 20 years;
 - (iii) the profit for the last 20 years to-date on per year basis;
 - (iv) whether there are any losses as a result of the excess labour problem;
 - (v) the number of people working at Visual Display Terminal (VDT) Centre in Computer Division;
- (b) Will he admit that Miss. Jeevani Anuradha Wijesuriya of VDT Centre has been transferred to Lake House Branch at Anuradhapura?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid transfer was done by the Directors and the General Manager;
 - (ii) whether it was done against the wishes of the staff member;
 - (iii) the reason for this transfer;
 - (iv) if it was a political interference, the name of the person;
 - (v) the action that has been taken against him?
- (d) If not, why?

1001/07

2.

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

- (a) Will he state on per year basis for the last ten years—
 - (i) the number of companies registered under Section 16 and 17 of the BOI Act;
 - (ii) the ten largest countries that have invested in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the percentage of investment actually received against the investments that had been signed up;
 - (iv) the main products or services dominated by investors;
 - (v) the total number of companies that had been closed down and their values; and,
 - (vi) the total loss of employment effected?
- (b) if not, why?

1003/07

3.

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

- (a) Will he state separately, for the last 10 years—
 - (i) the amount of taxes earned by the Government under duty, taxes, VAT, GST, excise, airport and port levy, stamp duty, BTT and any other;
 - (ii) a comparison of the above values against the budget earnings that was forecasted and a percentage of GDP; and,
 - (iii) the inflation rate of each year?
- (b) Will he state the real value of the money by comparing the inflation rate of the previous year and discounting the money for the following year?
- (c) if not, why?

0899/07

4.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Export Development and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Export Development and International Trade 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?

0902/07

5.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion 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?

0903/07

6.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Public Estate Management and Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Public Estate Management and Development and the Deputy Minister of Public Estate Management and 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?

0853/07

7.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, — To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware the tank bund of the Nabiriththana Kadawara Weva in the Pannala Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District is damaged;
 - (ii) the number of farmer families displaced as a result of this damage;
 - (iii) whether the paddy fields belonging to this tank could be used for cultivation; and,
 - (iv) whether relief has been provided to the displaced farmers?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action would be taken to reconstruct the above tank bund;
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (c) If not, why?

1029/07

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 Angunakolapelessa 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;
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

1030/07

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 Ambalantota 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;
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

1031/07

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 Hambantota 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;
- (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

0542/06

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the total extent of lands within Colombo District which belong to the Lands Reform Commission?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the extent of the lands which have been given under 99 year lease, the dates on which they were leased out; the names of the lessees and the purpose of such leasing; and
 - (ii) the extent of the lands which have been leased out under 30-year lease, the dates on which they were leased out, the names of the lessees and the purpose of such leasing?
- (c) Will he state in this House separately—
 - (i) whether lands have been offered to various persons or institutions in any other manner other than the 99 or 30 year lease during the period functioned as the previous Minister in charge; and
 - (ii) if so, the dates on which such leaseholds were granted, the names of the lessees concerned, the extents of the lands concerned and the purpose of such leasing separately?
- (d) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) the extent of lands situated within the Colombo District which do not belong to the Lands Reforms Commission but belong to the Ministry concerned; and
 - (ii) the extent of lands leased out in any manner?
- (e) Will he state separately, the extents of lands which were given out on leaseholds or on any other terms, the names of the recipients, the dates on which they were given and the purpose of such leasing?
- (f) If not, why?

0753/06

12.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that two steps (platforms) which the Sri Lankan Air company had got made through the Orange Company at a cost of several lakhs of rupees for the mechanical and maintenance services of Airbuses have been sold for scrap iron without being used as they were not compatible with the Airbuses?

- (b) Will he present to this House a detailed report on this matter?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the details regarding the fuel draining cart which was purchased for draining oil from aircrafts being in an unserviceable condition?
- (d) Will he state the course of action that he is going to follow with regard to irregular purchases of this nature done in a fraudulent manner?
- (e) If not, why?

0764/06

13.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(3)

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately and in detail, the Development plan proposed for each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Moneragala District for the years 2005 and 2006, under the Uva Wellassa Development project?
- (b) Will he submit to this House a report of the projects for which estimates have been prepared under the said programme?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) out of the projects, those which were completed in 2005 at the relevant Divisional Secretariat Divisional level; and,
 - (ii) the projects that have been started in the year 2006 at Divisional Secretariat Division level?
- (d) Will he submit to this House a comprehensive report on the projects that have not been completed out of those earmarked for the year 2006?
- (e) Will he state separately the projects, work on which has not been started, out of those earmarked for the years 2005 and 2006?
- (f) If not, why?

1079/07

14.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the responsibilities of the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage and those of the non-Cabinet Minister of Water Supply?
- (b) Will he state this House the institutes which come under the purview of the said Ministers, separately?
- (c) Will he state as to how the responsibilities of the Cabinet Minister and those of the non-Cabinet Minister differ from each other?
- (d) Will he submit information to this House on the value of—
 - (i) monthly salaries and allowances;

- (ii) telephone bills (official/mobile and residential); and,
- (iii) salaries of the staff, fuel allowances and telephone bills,
which the above Cabinet/non-Cabinet Minister is entitled to?
- (e) if not, why?

1080/07

15.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

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

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Justice and Law Reforms,— Judicature (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Judicature Act, No.2 of 1978.

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	From	Rs.	—	—
Second Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs.	—	—

(ii) Minimum limit of receipts

specified in Column III of the	From	Rs.	—	321,000,000
Second Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs.	—	206,000,000

(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance

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

(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 Second Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. Rs.	Not Revised
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(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.

Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority Bill— Second Reading.

*12.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*13.

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)

*14.

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

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)

*15.

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)

*16.

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)

*17.

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

*18.

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

*19.

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

*20.

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

*21.

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

*22.

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

*23.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*24.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*25.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*26.

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)

*27.

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.

*28.

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.

*29.

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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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.

31.

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.

32.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

33.

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.”
