



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 116.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, June 06, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0904/07

1.

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

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

0905/07

2.

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Youth 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 she state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will she 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 she 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?

0909/07

3.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Public Recreation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Sports and Public Recreation 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?

1032/07

4.

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 Tissamaharamaya 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?

1033/07

5.

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 Lunugamwehera 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?

1034/07

6.

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 Sooriyawewa 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?

1004/07

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total external aid and grants received by the country from 1995 to-date, under the categories of grants, bilateral loans, multilateral loans and commercial loans;
 - (ii) the average interest rates, payable period, maximum and minimum interest rates applicable; and,
 - (iii) the purpose that the loans have been used for?
- (b) if not, why?

1005/07

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the total business generated through credit cards in Sri Lanka;
- (b) Will he state on a per year basis for the last 05 years, the percentage of bad debts on credit card transactions;
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) the amount remitted out for franchises used for external credit cards; and,
 - (ii) their names separately?
- (d) if not, why?

1007/07

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 10 years on a per year basis, the amount of money earned through taxes, duties, excise duties, etc. from Liquor, Beer, Cigarettes and Beedi for imported items and local productions separately?

- (b) Will he state on a per year basis for the last 10 years the quantity manufactured or imported against the revenue?
- (c) if not, why?

0868/07

10.

Hon. R. M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara ,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the years in which the first and second Perennial Crop Cultivation Loan Projects were implemented and the relevant district where the aforesaid projects were implemented;
 - (ii) the crop cultivation for which they were implemented;
 - (iii) the number of farmers for whom loans have been granted through the aforesaid projects and the amounts of those loans at district level;
 - (iv) the state banks that have granted the aforesaid loans and the amount of loans granted by each bank separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been recovered by each of the aforesaid banks out of the total amount of loans issued through the aforesaid project;
 - (ii) the amounts of loans that have not been recovered;
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been written off by each bank from the aforesaid total amount of loans when the cultivation loans were written off at the request of the farmers?
- (c) Will he admit that the aforesaid project was a failure due to various reasons?
- (d) If it has been a failure, will he inform this House in detail, the reasons for it?
- (e) Will he take steps to write off the remaining amount of loans which is a big burden on the farming community?
- (f) if not, why?

0590/06

11.

Hon. (Ven.) Ellawala Medhananda Thero,— To ask the Minister of National Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that it was published in the Gazette dated 18th August, 2005 that four positions in the Department of Archaeology, namely Director-Exploration and Documentation, Director-Epigraphy and Numismatics and Director-Properties and Maintenance have become vacant?

- (b) Does he accept that about a year has elapsed since applications were called for the filling of those vacancies?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the reason for not taking steps to fill those vacancies so for?
- (d) if not, why?

1138/07

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of various complaints received by the Foreign Employment Bureau against the employment agency called Ouworn International (Pvt.) Ltd., which has been registered under Foreign Employment Bureau, holding L.No.944, since the day that institution was registered under the Bureau?
- (b) Will he inform this House, with respect of each complaint—
 - (i) who the officials involved in the investigation were (name and destination);
 - (ii) what the decisions taken were;
 - (iii) out of the decisions taken, the number implemented and the number not implemented, separately; and,
 - (iv) how long it has taken to investigate and make a decision since the day on which those complaints were received?
- (c) if not, why?

0776/06

13.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— 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 Air Lanka Catering Services Company was a profit making institution at the time of handing it over to the Emirates Company?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the purpose of selling the shares of Air Lanka Catering Services Company through the same tender for selling the shares of Air Lanka to the Emirates Company;
 - (ii) the annual gross profit of the Air Lanka Catering Services Company at the time of handing over its shares to Emirates Company;
 - (iii) the income generated through the sale of shares of the Air Lanka Catering Services Company?
- (c) if not, why?

14.

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

- (a) Is he aware that over 4 lakhs of rupees paid by the consumers had been defrauded by the cashier of the Lanka Electricity Company Limited, Kelaniya Branch, during January and February 2004?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a complaint has been lodged in the Police in respect of that fraud;
 - (ii) if not so, the reason behind and;
 - (iii) the step taken by the company to recover the relevant moneys?
- (c) Will he submit to this House, a comprehensive report of the Internal Auditors on the said fraud?
- (d) Will he state whether legal actions were taken against separately officers concerned when such corruptions and frauds were revealed?
- (e) if not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Tourism,—Ceylon Hotels Corporation (Repeal),— Bill to provide for the taking over of the functions of the Ceylon Hotels Corporation by a public company incorporated for that purpose; and to repeal the Ceylon Hotels Corporation Act, No.14 of 1966; and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,—That the proceedings on Item 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 23.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 17.01.2006, the hours of sitting this day shall be 09.30 a.m. to 05.00 p.m. At 05.00 p.m., Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

4.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.1),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. P. Ariyanethran, MP., on 07th July, 2006 in Parliament to the effect that the privileges of him and two other Members of Parliament who represents the Northern and Eastern Provinces, have been infringed by the security personnel of the

Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition by obstructing their access to the said Ministry when they sought permission to meet relevant officials of the Ministry on Wednesday, the 5th July, 2006, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

5.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.2),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Selvarajah Kajendran, MP., on 25th May, 2006 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by looting and setting fire on his own office and the office of the International Tamil Ealam Students' Council which had been entrusted to his custody, by the Sri Lanka Army and EPDP Parliamentary group that connives with them, on 12th May, 2006, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

6.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.3),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Manicavasagar Kanagasabapathy Ealaventhana, MP., on 22nd June, 2006 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by a group of Sri Lanka Army personnel by obstructing him while he was travelling in his vehicle along with his wife and several other persons and causing death threat to, abusing and harassing him, on 12th June, 2006 claiming that he had made troubles in the House, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

7.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.4),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Sivanathan Kissor, MP., on 07th November, 2006 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by attacking his house with hand grenades by some members of the "PLOTE" connived with Sri Lanka Army personnel, on 29th October, 2006, and constant threats caused to him and his family members by the "PLOTE" be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

8.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.5),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Senathirajah Jeyanandamoorthy, MP., on 11th August, 2006 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by causing death threat to him and his family members by an armed group with the help of Sri Lanka Forces, with an RPG attack made on his house in Batticaloa while they were staying in the house on 21st July, 2006, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

9.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.6),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardena, MP., on 11th January, 2007 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by publishing the website news item under the caption "මුත්තු මරා දමමු", be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

10.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.7),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Vijitha Herath, MP., on 09th March, 2007 in Parliament to the effect that privileges of the Parliament and the Select Committee of Parliament for the investigation of the operations of non-government organizations and their impact, have been infringed by a non-government organization called "ZOA Refugee Care" by publishing a press release in "Ravaya" news paper on 11th February, 2007 with regard to the proceedings of the meeting of the aforesaid Committee held on 25th January, 2007 in which the operations of the said organization were investigated, without obtaining permission of the Committee, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

11.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.8),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Edward Gunasekara, MP., on 04th April, 2007 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by anonymous persons threatening him with death over the telephone, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

12.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.9),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Palitha Ranga Bandara, MP., on 21st March, 2007 in Parliament to the effect that the privileges of Hon. Mahinda Ratnatilake and himself have been infringed by receipt of threatening messages, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

13.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.10),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardena, MP., on 20th March, 2007 in Parliament to the effect that the privileges of Parliament have been infringed by the Chairman of the Independent Television Network, by his willful failure to obey an order given by the Hon. Speaker of Parliament, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

14.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.11),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Ranil Wickramasinghe, Leader of the Opposition, on 06th March, 2007 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by telecasting a perverted report on a statement made by him in Parliament on 21st February, 2007, , over several TV channels on 24th and 25th February, 2007 , be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance,— That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959, Law No. 6 of 1978, and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from 02nd June 2007, be approved.

*2

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

*3

Finance Leasing (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*4

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

*5

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

*6.

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)

*7

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)

*8

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	.	40,000,000
		To		55,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. —	3,000,000
		To	Rs. —	4,000,000
(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. 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)

*10

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 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)

*11.

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

*12.

Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority Bill— Second Reading.

*13.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*14.

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	Rs. 80,400.00
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Members

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

*15.

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)

*16.

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)

*17.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

Members

Salary	Rs. 30,000.00 Monthly
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This Parliament further resolves that 50% of the enhanced salary (excluding the Allowances) be paid with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full salary with the balance 50% with from 01.01.2007 and such Salaries and Allowances as were determined by this Resolution be substituted for the salaries and allowances previously determined by Parliament.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*18.

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

*19.

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

*20.

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

*21.

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

*22.

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

*23.

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

*24.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*25.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*26.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*27.

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)

*28.

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.

*29.

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.

*30.

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 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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32.

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

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

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

33.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

34.

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.”
