



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 117.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, June 07, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0910/07

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—(1)

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

0911/07

2.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights 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?

0912/07

3.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,—(1)

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

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

1035/07

4.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning for the Road Development activities in the Tangalle Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007 under the identified Development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (ii) whether such monies have been received by the respective Ministry; and,
 - (iii) if not, when they will be received?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the estimated amount, the length and width of the portion of road being developed, whether concrete, tar or gravel is being used and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the roads earmarked for expansion development and the reconstruction of bridges, culverts and kerbs;
 - (ii) which roads and culverts devastated by the Tsunami would be reconstructed;
 - (iii) separately, the number of Kilometers of roads which have not been categorised and which have been categorised as A,B,C,D and E in the respective Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) whether a Common National policy would be followed in the year 2007 for the maintenance of the said roads; and,
 - (v) if so, what it is?
- (d) if not, why?

1036/07

5.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning for the Road Development activities in the Beliatta Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007 under the identified Development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (ii) whether such monies have been received by the respective Ministry; and,
 - (iii) if not, when they will be received?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the estimated amount, the length and width of the portion of road being developed, whether concrete, tar or gravel is being used and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the roads earmarked for expansion development and the reconstruction of bridges culverts and kerbs;
 - (ii) which roads and culverts devastated by the Tsunami would be reconstructed;
 - (iii) separately, the number of Kilometers of roads which have not been categorised and which have been categorised as A,B,C,D and E in the respective Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) whether a Common National policy would be followed in the year 2007 for the maintenance of the said roads; and,
 - (v) if so, what it is?
- (d) if not, why?

1037/07

6.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning for the Road Development activities in the Okewela Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007 under the identified Development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions;

- (ii) whether such monies have been received by the respective Ministry; and,
- (iii) if not, when they will be received?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the estimated amount, the length and width of the portion of road being developed, whether concrete, tar or gravel is being used and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the roads earmarked for expansion development and the reconstruction of bridges, culverts and kerbs;
 - (ii) which roads and culverts devastated by the Tsunami would be reconstructed;
 - (iii) separately, the number of Kilometers of roads which have not been categorised and which have been categorised as A,B,C,D and E in the respective Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) whether a Common National policy would be followed in the year 2007 for the maintenance of the said roads; and,
 - (v) if so, what it is?
- (d) if not, why?

1008/07

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 05 years separately—
 - (i) the total quantity of imported or locally produced commodities such as rice, sugar, wheat, dhal, milk powder, onion and chilli; and,
 - (ii) the Duty, VAT, Excise duty imposed on the above items on a per year basis;
 - (iii) the total revenue earned as per (i) above, for each year?
- (b) if not, why?

1009/07

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—
 - (i) the inflation rate for the last 10 years to-date; and,

- (ii) the inflation rate for the last 2 years on a per month basis;
- (iii) the interest rates, Treasury Bill rates and Repo rates for the corresponding years as above?
- (b) if not, why?

1012/07

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—
 - (i) the number of registered religious institutions in the country;
 - (ii) the number of Buddhist Temples, Churches, Hindu Kovils and Mosques separately on District basis;
- (b) Will he state the amount of money paid to the above institutions over the last 05 years on per year basis?
- (c) if not, why?

1142/07

10.

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the date on which Mr. Upali Gunarathna, Chairman of the National Savings Bank, was appointed to that post; and,
 - (ii) the number of times he has gone abroad after that date?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the countries he has so toured;
 - (ii) for what reasons he has gone abroad; and,
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on each tour, separately?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the persons who accompanied him on foreign tours;
 - (ii) the foreign countries in which each of them toured the purpose of such visits;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on each of them separately?
- (d) if not, why?

1154/07

11.

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— 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—
 - (i) Mr. Lalith Gamini Weerasinghe, residing at No.210, Wellawaya Road, Buttala, was assaulted by a group of Police officers who were attached to the Buttala Police Station on 21.04.2007;
 - (ii) a complaint has been lodged with the Senior Superintendent of Police, Moneragala, in this regard; and,
 - (iii) the person assaulted had received residential treatment for six days at Buttala and Moneragala hospitals and Budulla General Hospital?
- (b) Does he accept that no disciplinary or legal action has so far been taken in this regard?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether legal action will be taken against the officials involved in the aforesaid assault?
- (d) if not, why?

1064/07

12.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the reason for the transfer given to Mrs. M.G. Somawathie, a graduate assistant teacher, from the Ambewela school in the Nuwara Eliya Educational Division to N/Blackful Dharmapala school w.e.f. 01-09-2006?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) she has lost her quarters and now she is rendered homeless with her three children due to this transfer;
 - (ii) she, who has served for a period of about 14 years with spells of difficult service in difficult schools from 1993 upto now, has made a request for a transfer to the Kandy district where she resides permanently from 2007?
- (c) Will he take action to transfer Mrs. M.G. Somawathie to a school in Kandy or Katugastota zone in the district of Kandy where she resides permanently?
- (d) if not, why?

1065/07

13.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. G. Oliver Fernando, who served as the Welfare Officer in the Veyangoda Textile Mills was shot dead at his house on 19.05.1989;
 - (ii) his wife Mrs. W. Agnes and six children have been living upto now at Naranwatta Housing Scheme belonging to the Veyangoda Textile Mills?
- (b) Will he accept that—
 - (i) the Veyangoda Textile Mills and the housing scheme are today a property owned by the bank and;
 - (ii) when compensation was paid to officers who had worked in the Veyangoda Textile Mills, the value of their quarters was retained with the Bank and the balance was paid to them?
- (c) Will he take action to transfer the ownership of the quarters to Mrs. Agnes without charging the assessed value of the house which is 8 lacks of rupees, or to grant her any other relief, since she did not receive any compensation on account of the death of her husband?
- (d) if not, why?

1066/07

14.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are more than 100 families in the Ilukpelessa village situated in the Uva Kosgama Grama Niladhari Division in the Haldumulla Divisional Secretariat Division in the Haputale electorate in the Badulla District;
 - (ii) there is no arrangement to deliver letters or telegrams in this village?
- (b) Will he take action to appoint a postman to the Balangoda-Kaltota post office, since it is the post office that is nearest to the village which is situated three miles from this village?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to give the said appointment to Mr. A.G.P. Jayamanne residing at Ilukpelessa, Ganewatta, Kaltota, Balangoda, for the delivery of letters since he has presented himself for the interviews?
- (d) if not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,—That the proceedings on Item 2 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 23.

2.

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

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

3.

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

“Bill to incorporate the Thaliyawaka Sri Ananda Bodhi Cultural Foundation”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1

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

*2.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,—That the regulations made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 4(3), 14 and 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No.48 of 1985 and Act, No.28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1497/6 of May 14, .2007 which were presented on 06.06.2007 be approved.

*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	<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)

*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 per month</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

Members

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

*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	<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)

*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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31.

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. Ajith 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.

- 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.

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.”
