



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 120.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0921/'07

1.

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

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

0922/'07

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Cultural Affairs and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;

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

0923/07

3.

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

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

1044/07

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 Tissamaharamaya 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 calverts divastated 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?

1045/07

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 Lunugamwehera 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?

1046/07

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 Sooriyawewa 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?

0834/06

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, on per year basis from 1995 to date—
 - (i) the total tonnage handled by Air at the Bandaranaike International Airport;
 - (ii) the fresh trans-shipment cargo tonnage gone through “Sri Lanka on a new or fresh Master Air Way Bill Ex” Colombo;
 - (iii) the countries that they come from and the breakup,;
 - (iv) as (i) above, the breakup of Import and Export tonnage?
- (b) Will he state the total revenue and the profit earned from the inward and outward cargo tonnage at Bandaranaike International Airport for the last 10 years?
- (c) If not, why?

0837/06

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of Sri Lankans working overseas as at 31st December of each year form 2000 to 2006?
- (b) Will he state from 2000 to 2006—
 - (i) the total foreign remittances flowing into the country in U.S. Dollars and SLR;
 - (ii) the number of migrant workers deported or sent back each year owing to the defaulting work contracts;
 - (iii) the steps being taken in this regard;

- (iv) the amount of money earned through the Insurance Scheme from Sri Lankans who are leaving for overseas jobs; and,
 - (v) the amount spent from the Insurance Funds, for the Sri Lankans working overseas?
- (c) If not, why?

1089/07

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 amounts paid to the Cabinet Ministers, Non-Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers as at 01.03.2005 and 01.03.2007;
 - (ii) whether it is correct that they are paid a salary of Rs. 75,000/= plus MP's salary, housing allowance of Rs. 200,000/=, two vehicles or Rs. 250,000/= per month per vehicle, overseas allowance of Rs.25,000/= per trip, fuel allowance of Rs. 65,000/= per month for outstation MPP of Rs. 125,000/= and received 5 telephones at Rs. 34,000/= each, entertaining allowance of Rs. 75,000/=, 5 staff members along with vehicles and two mobile phones up to Rs. 100,000/= per phone as benefits;
 - (iii) if not, what the correct figure; and,
 - (iv) the number of staff, they are entitled to have and the total benefits they receive as at 01.03.2005; and,
 - (v) the total cost per month as at 01.03.2007?
- (b) if not, why?

1071/07

10.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. R.M. Tikiri Banda, who served in the Ceylon Electricity Board's Dambarawa Electricity Superintendent Area in the Badulla district has been removed from his service as a result of a personal revenges?
- (b) Will he accept that after the hearing of a case filed against him under No.9703 in the Badulla high court, for 8 years, he was acquitted and freed from all charges on 17.12.2004?

- (c) Will he inform this House of the reason for reinstating the person named K.A. Indrasena, the first defendant in this case, in his service and for not giving employment to this person who is the second defendant?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to reinstate in service the above mentioned person, Tikiribanda?
- (e) If not, why?

1075/07

11.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) The house of Mr. R.M.P. Rajakaruna was completely destroyed by the landslide which occurred in the village called Dunukegolla in Wevakele, Kumbalgamuwa, Walapane, due to the torrential rains experienced on 12.01.2007 in Walapane polling division in Nuwara Eliya; and,
 - (ii) Mr. Rajakaruna has been living in a camp for displaced persons with his wife and three children?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether a plot of land will be provided and a compensation or some other support will be granted to him so that he can build a house?
- (c) If not, why?

1076/07

12.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— 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 of the compensation and other benefits granted to the dependents of the war heroes who die while on active duty in the north and east according to each rank separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the compensation and other benefits granted to the dependents of the war heroes who die of accidental shots or other accidents, according to each rank separately; and,
 - (ii) the compensation and other benefits granted to the dependents of the war heroes who die of committing suicide to each rank separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1098/07

13.

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— 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) Cabinet approval has been given on 16.06.2004 to the cabinet recommendation No.04/0559/016/019 submitted on 03.06.2004 to promote Tax Officers in the Inland Revenue Service, to the Assessor Grade immediately;
 - (ii) the number of Assessor, Grade II/II post was increased to 750 according to cabinet decision No.05/1063/016/068 dated 11.08.2005?
- (b) Will he accept that—
 - (i) the relevant Minister has given an order on 09.02.2006 to promote all senior Tax officers who have completed a service of more than 10 years in the Inland Revenue Service, to the Assessors grade;
 - (ii) the Secretary to the Ministry has intimated in writing on 21.02.2006 to the Inland Revenue Commissioner that action is being taken by the relevant Ministry to approve the additional number of posts of Assessors, Grade II/II which is required additionally to promote Senior Tax Officers who have completed a 10 years of service, to Assessors Grade?
- (c) Will he take action to promote Senior Tax Officers, III/I who are serving in the Inland Revenue Department, to Assessor Grade II/II?
- (d) If not, why?

1123/07

14.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— 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 amount of goods transported by the government to the Northern Province by ships within the period of the year 2006 and 31st March 2007 and the types of goods so transported, on an annual basis?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) to which Shipping Company the ships that were used transport these goods, belonged;

- (ii) the capacity of each ship and the amount of money paid to the Shipping Company for a single journey, separately;
- (iii) the total amount of money paid to each Shipping Company?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether a proper purchasing procedure was followed when these goods and ships were procured for transportation?
- (d) If not, why?

1128/07

15.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a system known as Subject Basket System has been suggested for the curricular revision;
 - (ii) whether this is a suggestion submitted during the time of Mrs. Tara De Mel;
 - (iii) whether a choice has been offered for the children in grades 10 and 11 to select subjects under this system;
 - (iv) whether there is a Subject Basket for Aesthetic Subjects and Literature; and,
 - (v) of the Subjects included in this Subject Basket?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a subject of Literature can be selected one of this Basket in place of an Aesthetic Subject, through this system;
 - (ii) whether Aesthetic Subject is intended to be removed gradually from the school curriculum;
 - (iii) the reason for the inclusion of the Technical Subjects in the 3rd Basket mentioned there itself; and,
 - (iv) whether it is a step taken on the advice of the world bank towards expanding Vocational Education and reducing the Academic Education?
- (c) Will he agree with the opinion of the Educationists that, if Vocational Education is to be developed, it should be done by strengthening Vocational Education and not through Schools or Universities?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Sri John Kotelawala Defence Academy (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Sir John Kotelawala Defence Academy Act, No.68 of 1981.

Notice of Motions

2.

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

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

3.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Board of Trustee of the Hewij Trust”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Finance Leasing (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*2.

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

*3.

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

*4.

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 Orders 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 schedule hereto, be approved.

SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE OF VARIATION OF LIMITS OF ADVANCE ACCOUNTS PERTAINING TO ADVANCES TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AUTHORISED BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PLANNING UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE APPROPRIATION ACT, NO.39 OF 2005 IN RESPECT OF FINANCE YEAR 2006

Srl No.	Ministry/Department	Item No.	Maximum Limit Expenditure in Column II		Minimum Limit of Receipts in Column III		Minimum Limit of Debit Balance in Column IV		Order No.
			<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	
1	Minister of Child Development and Women's Empowerment	33001	1,000,000	5,000,000	200,000	1,800,000	10,000,000	13,800,000	1
2	Minister of Promotion of Botanical and Zoological Gardens	67001	1,000,000	6,000,000	200,000	3,000,000	10,000,000	29,818,977	2
3	Minister of Infrastructure Development and Fisheries Housing	44001	1,000,000	5,000,000	200,000	1,000,000	10,000,000	32,000,000	3
4	Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage	55001	—	—	—	—	13,000,000	35,000,000	5
5	Minister of Irrigation	65001	—	—	4,000,000	900,000	—	—	9
6	Department of Food Commissioner	87301	—	—	8,460,000	7,300,000	—	—	10
7	Department of Export Agriculture	85801	—	—	15,080,000	11,000,000	45,000,000	70,500,000	11
8	Department of Survey	85701	—	—	78,150,000	65,000,000	375,000,000	378,000,000	12
9	Minister of Plantation Industries	48001	—	—	6,335,000	3,285,000	—	—	13

10	Department of National Museum	70701	—	—	5,720,000	4,000,000	—	—	15
11	Department of Commissioner General of Samurdhi	71801	—	—	7,680,000	4,500,000	—	—	17
12	Office of the Former President (Hon. C.B. Kumaratunga)	12301	—	—	500,000	250,000	—	—	18
13	Department of Rubber Development	86201	—	—	6,520,000	4,654,000	—	—	19
14	Minister of Social Services and Social Welfare	37001	—	—	4,275,000	2,000,000	—	—	20
15	Minister of Industrial Development	62001	—	—	—	—	30,000,000	36,000,000	21
16	Minister of Indigenous Medicine	51001	—	—	1,245,000	750,000	—	—	22
17	Administrative Appeal Tribunal	12201	—	—	200,000	10,000	—	—	23
18	District Secretariat Polonnaruwa	83901	—	—	12,690,000	11,700,000	—	—	24
19	District Secretariat/Kachcheri Trincomalee	83501	—	—	—	—	34,000,000	46,500,000	25
20	District Secretariat/Kachcheri Batticaloa	83301	—	—	—	—	63,000,000	66,500,000	26
21	District Secretariat Monaragala	84201	—	—	—	—	38,000,000	80,000,000	27
22	District Secretariat Puttalam	83701	—	—	22,390,000	19,340,000	—	—	28
23	District Secretariat/Kachcheri Kilinochchi	83201	—	—	4,450,000	3,600,000	—	—	29

24	District Secretariat Gampaha	81801	—	—	38,580,000	35,000,000	160,000,000	194,000,000	30
25	District Secretariat Nuwara Eliya	82301	—	—	14,190,000	10,000,000	—	—	31
26	Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order	15001	—	—	—	—	116,000,000	323,000,000	33
27	Sri Lanka Air Force	75301	—	—	218,180,000	200,000,000	—	—	34
28	Minister of Education	39001	—	—	498,800,000	450,000,000	—	—	35
29	Department of Police	75401	—	—	744,100,000	600,000,000	—	—	38
30	Department of Motor Traffic	90201	—	—	10,280,000	9,000,000	—	—	39
31	Department of Agriculture	85101	—	—	110,970,000	80,600,000	—	—	41

(13)

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2006 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSHA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

March 29th, 2007
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*5.

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.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.

January 31st, 2007
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act (No. 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.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.

March 29th, 2007

Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act (No. 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.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.

March 29th, 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. 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.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.

March 29th, 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. 6),— 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.

March 29th, 2007
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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Ceylon Hotels Corporation (Repeal) Bill —Second Reading.

*11

The Minister of Special Projects,—Supplementary Sum,—Head 170,—Programme 01,—
 †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees forty eight million and three hundred thousand (Rs. 48,300,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or monies of, or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the Financial year beginning of the 1st of January, 2007 and ending on 31st December 2007 and that the said sum shall be expended as specified in the schedule I and II hereto be approved:

Schedule I

Head 170 — Ministry of Special Projects

Programme 01 — Operational Activities

Recurrent Expenditure	=	Rs. 37,500,000
Capital Expenditure	=	Rs. <u>10,800,000</u>
Total	=	Rs. <u>48,300,000</u>

Limits of the Public Officer's Advance Account No. 170011

Maximum Expenditure Limit	Rs. 1,500,000
Minimum Receipt Limit	Rs. 300,000
Maximum Debit Balance	Rs. 20,000,000

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.09 of 2007 presented on 08th June, 2007. Total of Supplementary Estimates No.1—8 Rs. 1,637,298,240

*12

Judicature (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*13.

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

*14.

Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority Bill— Second Reading.

*15.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*16.

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</u> Monthly
Total	Rs. 80,400.00

Members

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

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)

*17.

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)

*18.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

*19.

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
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Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> Monthly
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Total	Rs. 79,400.00
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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)

*20.

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

*21.

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

*22.

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

*23.

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

*24.

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

*25.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Notification under Excise Ordinance,—That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1456/24 of 03rd August 2006 which was presented 05.10.2006, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 888)

*26.

The Minister of Export Development and International Trade,— Order under Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Enterprise Development

and Investment Promotion under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1462/27 of 15th September 2006 which was presented on 20.10.2006, be approved.

*27.

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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28.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. P. Dayaratne

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera

Hon. W. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Lakshman Seneviratne

Hon. Duneshe 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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29.

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.

30.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

31.

Abolition of the Temporary Amalgamation of the Northern and Eastern Provinces (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

32.

The Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1] Motion made and Question proposed “That the Bill be now read a Second time.”
