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No. 121.]

**ORDER PAPER
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FOR**

Thursday, June 21, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0924/07

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and the Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(1)

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

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2.

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

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

0927/07

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister for Coconut Development (non cabinet) 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?

1047/07

4.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning for Electricity 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 date of commencement and the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state whether—
 - (i) the said Electricity projects will be implemented under the functions of 'Hambantota Ran Eliweta' programme; and,
 - (ii) these monies will be utilized to perfect the Electricity shortages in the areas where Electricity has been provided at present?
- (d) if not, why?

1048/07

5.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning for Electricity 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 date of commencement and the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state whether—
 - (i) the said Electricity projects will be implemented under the functions of 'Hambantota Ran Eliweta' programme; and,

- (ii) these monies will be utilized to perfect the Electricity shortages in the areas where Electricity has been provided at present?
- (d) if not, why?

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6.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning for Electricity 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 date of commencement and the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state whether—
 - (i) the said Electricity projects will be implemented under the functions of 'Hambantota Ran Eliweta' programme; and,
 - (ii) these monies will be utilized to perfect the Electricity shortages in the areas where Electricity has been provided at present?
- (d) if not, why?

1129/07

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) permission was granted to Aquinas Institution to start a University, at the 696th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 12th December 2004; and,
 - (ii) this has been further legalised through a Gazette notification in October 2005?
- (b) Is he aware that the 'Lankadeepa' newspaper on 23rd July 2006 carried a news item on page 16 that Aquinas Private University would be restarted?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps were taken to prevent this;

- (ii) if so, what they are;
- (iii) what actions were taken thereafter since it was mentioned again in the Lankadeepa newspaper on 15th October 2006 on page 19 that the Aquinas Institution will be started?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the reply given to about 12,000 students of the Inter University Students' Federation when they launched a protest march on 30th November 2006 demanding that this be prevented;
 - (ii) whether it was agreed to suspend the functioning of the Aquinas Institution before 31st December, at the meeting which the Inter University Students' Federation had with the then Minister concerned on 8th December?
- (e) Will he admit that there were references in newspapers on 11th February again to the effect that students would be enrolled to the Aquinas Institution?
- (f) Will he state in this House, the Legal actions taken in regard to the above instances?
- (g) If not, why?

1130/07

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the courses in Universities are for sale;
 - (ii) if so, what they are;
 - (iii) whether the Agricultural Management Degree in the Wayamba University can be followed by paying a sum of money; and,
 - (iv) whether the Information Technology Degree in the University of Moratuwa can be bought under the External Degree System (under the name Distant Education)?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he as the Minister incharge of the subject, agrees to the commencement of the above private courses;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for it; and,
 - (iii) if not, the steps taken to prevent it?
- (c) If not, why?

1131/07

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) the multi-optional text books system is still in force;
 - (ii) it is a project implemented with the World Bank assistance?
- (b) Is he aware that there are printing mistakes in many text books this year including the subject of Buddhism?
- (c) If so, will he state the reasons for them in this House?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money spent annually for the printing of text books;
 - (ii) respectively, the amount of money allocated to the three parts of 3 years each under the 10 year paper;
 - (iii) as to how Rs. 1500 million would be sufficient for the printing of text books for the next three years;
 - (iv) whether text books are printed at present by the private sector; and,
 - (v) whether text books would be released to the market at a price of Rs. 160/= from the year 2008?
- (e) If not, why?

1078/07

10.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Urban Development Authority has built a fence obstructing the road leading to the house where Mr. K.A. Sumanasiri resides at No.532/E Madiwela Rd, Thalawathugoda;
 - (ii) this property is a land which is 15 perches in extent as depicted in plan No.2988 made by Mr. M.W. Fernando, Surveyer, in respect of the land called Goda Owita which is a land settled in case No.11017/L of Colombo District Court in 1955 and that has an access road, 10 feet wide;

(iii) this Authority has attempted on a previous occasion also to build a fence obstructing the road and complaints against that were lodged with the Thalangama Police on 29.06.2006 under No.306/523 C1B1 and on 09.12.2006 under C.T.B. 138/133;

(iv) no investigation was made regarding this matter?

- (b) Will he accept that his day today activities have been severely interrupted due to this fence built by the Urban Development Authority, obstructing the access to his house at the above address which is being enjoyed by him uninterruptedly for 20 years?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to remove this fence after examining the approved plan of the area and by looking into the registered free hold titles and plans relating to this property?
- (d) If not, why?

1141/07

11.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that employees named I.M. Chandrasiri Hemakumara; W.G. Janaka Chandrakumara; Madushika Hewawitharana; Chandima Jayamali Adhikari; Chandima Seneviratne; Nadeera Rajapaksha and E.D. Abeyasinghe who were serving at the Mahaweli Livestock and Agro Business (Private) Limited had been interdicted by its Chairman for a period of more than three months without notifying any charge?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether—
- (i) the Chariman of the said Company has a special power to interdict employees in this manner without a charge sheet being served;
- (ii) the Chairman or the General Manager or an authorized representative of that Company participated in the case filed by the interdicted employees in the Labour Tribunal?
- (c) Will he admit that it is a grave injustice to keep these employees under further interdiction without charge sheets being served?
- (d) Will he state as to what action he would take to reinstate the above employees?
- (e) If not, why?

1196/07

12.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house the extent, the names of owners and the dates of acquisition of lands taken over by the Urban Development Authority for the Sacred Area City Development Plan of the Dambulla town and for all other development activities?
 - (b) Will he submit to this House, the copies of the relevant gazette notifications?
 - (c) Will he state in detail—
 - (i) the present status and the purposes for acquisition of the lands so acquired;
 - (ii) whether the lands had been utilized for any other purposes other than those for which they were acquired;
 - (iii) if so, what they are?
 - (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of owners and the extents of land, which had been released to the owners again out of the lands so acquired;
 - (ii) the reason for such release?
 - (e) Will he state—
 - (i) whether compensation had been paid for the lands acquired;
 - (ii) if so, their names, the amount paid as compensation and the extent of such lands;
 - (iii) the names of those without compensation at present;
 - (iv) if compensation is to be paid to them, on which basis it will be done;
 - (v) when it would be?
 - (f) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Earl Gunasekara,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Society of Structural Engineers - Sri Lanka”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Ceylon Hotels Corporation (Repeal) Bill —Second Reading.

*2

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><u>48,300,000</u></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

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Judicature (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*4.

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

*5.

Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority Bill— Second Reading.

*6.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*7.

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)

*8.

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	<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)

*9.

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	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

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)

*10.

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)

*11.

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

*12.

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

*13.

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

*14.

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

*15.

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

*16.

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)

*17.

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.

*18.

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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19.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. P. Dayaratne

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera

Hon. W. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Lakshman Seneviratne

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda

Hon. Johnston Fernando

Hon. P. Radhakrishnan

Hon. R. M. Dharmadasa Banda

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna

Hon. Neomal Perera,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into the resignation of Mr. Sunil Mendis and the appointment of Mr. Ajit Niward Cabral as the Governor of the Central Bank,—

- (1) Whereas the Central Bank is one of the most important financial institutions of a country responsible for managing its economy.
- (2) Whereas the Governor of the Central Bank Mr. Sunil Mendis abruptly resigned under mysterious circumstances and
- (3) Whereas it is reported that Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral, who

- (a) was a Member of the Western Provincial Council.
 - (b) formerly contested Colombo District Parliamentary Elections and,
 - (c) was a one time political organizer.
- (4) And whereas several reports in newspapers indicate that he has been involved in unsavory financial transactions more particularly Pyramid Schemes.
- (5) This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into:
- (a) the circumstances under which Mr. Sunil Mendis resigned
 - (b) the suitability of Mr. Ajith Niwad Cabral to hold the position of the Governor of the Central Bank.
 - (c) whether the appointment of an individual such as Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral will seriously affect the creditability of the Central Bank and have disastrous effects on the country's economy.
- (6) (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
- (7) That the Committee shall have the power to :
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Commission may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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20.

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.

21.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

22.

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

23.

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

24.

The Fowz Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

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