



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

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**ORDER PAPER
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FOR**

Friday, June 22, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0929/'07

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Justice and Law Reforms,—(1)

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

0930/'07

2.

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

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

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3.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

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

1050/07

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 Walasmulla 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?

1051/07

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 Katuwana 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?

1052/07

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 Weeraketiya 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?

1101/07

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) all bilateral agreements signed between Sri Lanka and the rest of the world from the 1st January 2006 to-date;

- (ii) whether those agreements were signed on government to government basis or as private institutions controlled by foreign grants with the Sri Lankan Government?
- (iii) the benefits received by the country to-date in accordance with those bilateral agreements?

(b) If not, why?

1102/07

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 with regard to His Excellency the President's visit to China from end February to first week of March, 2007;
 - (i) all the agreements signed between Sri Lanka and China;
 - (ii) if not so, the agreements or letters of intent;
 - (iii) the benefits received accordingly as of today;
 - (iv) the direct benefits accrued from this visit;
- (b) Will he state in detail—
 - (i) the number of members visited China in the Presidential Entourage; and;
 - (ii) the entire cost of the trip and a detailed breakdown?
- (c) If not, why?

1109/07

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately on District basis—
 - (i) the number of International Schools operate in this country; and,
 - (ii) the number of students attend?
- (b) Will he state the twenty biggest International Schools in Sri Lanka?

- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the number of private schools that get Government grants; and,
 - (ii) the name of those schools along with the amount that have been given for the last 05 years on per year basis?
- (d) Will he state the controls and protective measures that the Ministry has taken to ensure that the national policies are not violated?
- (e) If not, why?

1200/07

10.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the number appointed as the Board of Directors (including the Working Director) of Sri Lanka Telecom?
- (b) Will he submit to this House their list of names and details?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether all these individuals are performing their duties with transparency and honourably; and,
 - (ii) if there are any persons who are not doing so, who they are?
- (d) If not, why?

1115/07

11.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether Houses have been provided by the state for Cabinet Ministers, Non Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers; and,
 - (ii) if so, who they are?
- (b) Will he state in this House the amount of money provided to the Cabinet Ministers, Non Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers who have not been provided with housing facilities to obtain a House on lease or rent basis?

- (c) Will he submit to this House the amount of money the Cabinet Ministers, Non Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers have to pay monthly as water and Electricity bills in respect of the said Houses?
- (d) If not, why?

1132/07

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform in this House—
 - (i) the changes affected through circular No.2006/09 dated 27.03.2006; and,
 - (ii) whether the subject existed as commerce and Accounting for Ordinary Level students was changed as Entrepreneurship through that circular?
- (b) Will he state the arrangement that has been made to cover the section on Accounting which was left out when this change was made?
- (c) If not, why?

1140/07

13.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(2)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the number of employees serving at present in the respective divisions of Matara General Hospital; and,
 - (ii) the number of vacancies existing at present in each of such divisions of that hospital?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any step has been taken to fill the vacancies existing at present in that Hospital;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are;
 - (iii) if no steps have been taken to fill the vacancies, whether it will be done in future; and,
 - (iv) if so, when?
- (c) if not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.

*3.

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

*4.

Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority Bill— Second Reading.

*5.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*6.

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)

*7.

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)

*8.

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)

*9.

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)

*10.

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

*11.

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

*12.

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

*13.

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

*14.

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

*15.

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)

*16.

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.

*17.

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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18.

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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19.

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.

20.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

21.

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

22.

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

23.

The Fowz Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

*24.

Gnanodaya Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

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