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**ORDER PAPER
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FOR**

Tuesday, July 03, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0932/07

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 Co-operatives (non Cabinet) and Consumer Services (non Cabinet) 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?

0933/07

2.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services,—(1)

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

0935/07

3.

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

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

1053/07

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 Angunakolapelessa 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 would 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 would be implemented under the functions of 'Hambantota Ran Eliweta' programme; and,
 - (ii) these monies would be utilized to perfect the Electricity shortages in the areas where Electricity has been provided at present?
- (d) if not, why?

1054/07

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 Ambalantota 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 would 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 would be implemented under the functions of ‘Hambantota Ran Eliweta’ programme; and,
 - (ii) these monies would be utilized to perfect the Electricity shortages in the areas where Electricity has been provided at present?
- (d) if not, why?

1055/07

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 Hambantota 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 would 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 would be implemented under the functions of ‘Hambantota Ran Eliweta’ programme; and,
 - (ii) these monies would be utilized to perfect the Electricity shortages in the areas where Electricity has been provided at present?
- (d) if not, why?

0814/06

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total direct tax supposed to be collected;
 - (ii) the amount collected and remain uncollected separately;

- (iii) the steps taken with regard to uncollected amounts;
- (iv) the amounts of rewards paid to the relevant authorities; and,
- (v) the number of tax files?
- (vi) the amount of GST/VAT, excise duty, due as at 31st December, of each year;
- (vii) the amount collected and remain uncollected separately;
- (viii) the steps taken with regard to uncollected amounts?

for the last 10 years

- (b) if not, why?

0821/06

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform in this House, the number of District Courts, Magistrate Courts and High Courts and their locations, in the Provinces, Districts and Electorates in Sri Lanka separately?
- (b) Will he state the names of the Judges of Supreme Courts, Court of Appeal and Commercial Courts along with their respective ages and experience in legal practice separately?
- (c) Will he also state whether the Judges of Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal have been appointed by the Constitutional Council?
- (d) If not, why?

1145/07

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 with regard to the Clause 3.5, page 53 of the Central Bank Report of 2006—
 - (i) the expenditure incurred for education and health under current and capital expenditure in constant prices separately,
 - (ii) the impact that the private sector has helped in education and health;
 - (iii) the expenditure they have incurred as a percentage of GDP for 2004, 2005 and 2006, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

0986/07

10.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Special Projects,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the responsibilities of the Minister of Special Projects;
 - (ii) the names of the institutions coming under his Ministry?
- (b) Will he state separately, the staff and the vehicles allocated to the relevant Minister?
- (c) if not, why?

1085/07

11.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(2)

- (a) Will he state in this House separately, the responsibilities of the portfolio of Plantation Industries, portfolio of Supplementary Plantation Crops Development and portfolio of Public Estate Management and Development?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the institutions that are relevant to the responsibilities of the said Ministerial portfolios separately; and,
 - (ii) whether the Ministry of Coconut Development comes under the scope of the said Cabinet Ministry?
- (c) if not, why?

0995/07

12.

Hon. Vajira Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Sections 2 a and b of the Pensions Minutes were amended to enable the revising of pensions of the retired public servants who were at service at that time on contract basis according to the salary scales specified in Public Administration Circulars No. 387 and No. 37/92; and,

- (ii) the Minister of Public Administration published the notifications in this regard in the Government Gazettes dated 20.01.1994 and 11.03.1994 under reference LD/B/97/41 and LD/B/97/41 (III) respectively?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) after the aforesaid revisions the public service salaries were revision again by Public Administrative circulars No. 2/97 (III), No.15/2003, 09/2004 and No. 06/2006; and,
 - (ii) no notification has been published regarding the revising of Sections 2a and b of the Pensions Minutes incorporating the four Circulars mentioned above?
- (c) Will he admit that it is an injustice not to grant the same concession as that was granted to only a fraction of the public servants, who had been working on contract basis following their retirement, to other pensioners who retired later?
- (d) If so, will he take steps to revise Sections 2a and b of the Pensions Minutes incorporating the Circulars issued later?
- (e) if not, why?

1000/07

13.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,—To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. H.R.M.B. Pathmendra residing at Somasevana, Horewala, Walasmulla, was admitted to the Embilipitiya Base Hospital on 12.08.2002 due to minor injuries sustained on the 4th and 5th fingers of his left hand;
 - (ii) he was transferred to the Ratnapura Hospital on 13.08.2002 and was sent back to the Embilipitiya Hospital after a surgery;
 - (iii) his fingers had turned blue and were not functional as he had been discharged from the Hospital after dressing the wounds without removing the rubber bands that were used to tighten the base of the fingers for the surgery at the Ratnapura Hospital;
 - (iv) a surgery was performed on him at the Ratnapura Hospital and the entire 5th finger and part of the 4th finger were amputated?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a complaint was lodged by him on 02.09.2002 with the Department of the Health Services regarding this unfortunate situation caused by the negligence on the part of the doctor;

- (ii) an investigation was conducted in this connection by the Flying Squad and Investigations Division of the Department of Health?
- (c) If so, will he explain to this House the present position of that investigation?
- (d) Will he take action to grant the expected compensation to Mr. Pathmendra on account of the injustice caused to him?
- (e) if not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

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

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

2.

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

“Bill to incorporate the Sammanthurai Thableegul Islam Arabic College”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Finance Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Sub-paragraphs (b)(i) and (ii) of Subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Finance Act, No.11 of 2006, relating to Motor Vehicles Concessionary levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1497/4 of May 14th, 2007, which was presented on 19.06.2007, be approved.

*2

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Finance Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2 of the Finance Act, No.11 of 2002, as amended by the Finance (Amendment) Act, No.48 of 2006, relating to Port and Airport Development levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1497/3 of May 14th, 2007, which was presented on 19.06.2007, be approved.

*3

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 C of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No.13 of 1989, relating to excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1492/9 of April 11th, 2007, which was presented on 19.06.2007, be approved.

*4

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No.13 of 1989, relating to excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1497/1 of May 14th, 2007, which was presented on 19.06.2007, be approved.

*5

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Excise Ordinance, (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to excise duty on liquors other than toddy or any liquor made from any cereal and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1488/1 of March 12th, 2007, which was presented on 19.06.2007, be approved.

(Excise Notification No.893)

*6

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Excise Ordinance, (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to excise duty on Molasses, Palmyrah, Coconut and Processed Arrack and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1488/1 of March 12th, 2007, which was presented on 19.06.2007, be approved.

(Excise Notification No.894)

*7

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Excise Ordinance, (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to excise duty on country made foreign spirits manufactured in Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1488/1 of March 12th, 2007, which was presented on 19.06.2007, be approved.

(Excise Notification No.895)

*8

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Excise Ordinance, (No.4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to excise duty on bottled toddy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1488/1 of March 12th, 2007, which was presented on 19.06.2007, be approved.

(Excise Notification No.896)

*9.

The Minister of Export Development and International Trade,— Order under Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Export Development and International Trade 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.1497/2 of May 14th, 2007, which was presented on 19.06.2007, be approved.

*10.

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 hereto be approved:

Schedule

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

*11.

Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority Bill— Second Reading.

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Judicature (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*13.

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

*14

Sir John Kotelawala Defence Academy (Amendment) 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 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)

*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 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)

*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

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
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)

*20

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Regulations under the Food Act, (No.1),— That the “Food (Labelling and Advertising) Regulations 2005” made by the Minister of Health in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No.26 of 1980, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1376/9 of January 19th, 2005, which were presented on 22.06.2007, be approved.

*21

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Regulations under the Food Act, (No.2),— That the “Food (Iodization of Salt) Regulations 2005” made by the Minister of Health in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No.26 of 1980, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1405/3 of August 11th, 2005, which were presented on 22.06.2007, be approved.

*22

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Regulations under the Food Act, (No.3),— That the “Food (Bottled or Packaged Water) Regulations 2005” made by the Minister of Health in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No.26 of 1980, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1420/4 of November 21st, 2005, which were presented on 22.06.2007, be approved.

*23

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Regulations under the Food Act, (No.4),— That the “Food (Irradiation) Regulations 2005” made by the Minister of Healthcare, Nutrition and Uva Wellassa Development in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under

Section 32 of the Food Act, No.26 of 1980, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1420/5 of November 21st, 2005, which were presented on 22.06.2007, be approved.

*24.

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.”

*25.

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

*26.

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

*27.

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

*28.

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

*29.

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

*30.

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)

*31.

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.

32.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. P. Dayaratne
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera
Hon. W. B. Ekanayake
Hon. Lakshman Seneviratne
Hon. Dunes 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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33.

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.

34.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

35.

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.”
