



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 125.]

**ORDER PAPER
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FOR**

Thursday, July 05, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0939/'07

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Labour (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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2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (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 Vocational and Technical Training,—(1)

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

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4.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Tangalle Divisional Secretariat Division, under identified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;
 - (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money,
 - (iii) if not, when the money would be received?
- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations would be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility would be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
 - (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that can be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and,
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

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5.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Beliatta Divisional Secretariat Division, under identified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;

- (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money,
- (iii) if not, when the money would be received?
- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations would be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility would be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
 - (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that can be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

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6.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,—To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Okewela Divisional Secretariat Division, under identified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;
 - (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money,
 - (iii) if not, when the money would be received?
- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations would be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility would be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
 - (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that can be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

1116/07

7.

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 of the object of the agreement signed between the secretary to the Ministry of the Defence and the Ambassador of America, recently?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether this agreement was presented to the Cabinet of Ministers and approval was obtained before or after it was signed;
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (c) Will he table that agreement in this House?
- (d) if not, why?

1117/07

8.

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 of the object of the agreement signed, between the Secretary of the Ministry of Finance and the Ambassador of America regarding Petroleum resources of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether this agreement was presented to the Cabinet of Ministers and approval was obtained before or after it was signed;

- (ii) if so, when?
- (c) Will he table that agreement in this House?
- (d) if not, why?

1124/07

9.

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—
 - (i) when the Lankaputhra Development Bank was established;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated to that Bank for the year 2006/2007, separately;
 - (iii) the total amount of loans provided by that Bank so far, and the number of people provided with loans by that Bank so far, separately; and,
 - (iv) its total staff and the number of Branches?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any institution owned by the state has deposited funds in the Lankaputhra Development Banks;
 - (ii) if so, the names of those institutions and the relevant amounts of funds separately; and,
 - (iii) the rates of interest paid?
- (c) if not, why?

1061/07

10.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— 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) Mrs. Jayani Awanthi Ranaweera of No.07, Mangala Road, Kalubowila, Dehiwala had been working since 07.05.2001 at the Ridee Rekha Centre of the National Savings Bank as a Casual Computer Data Entry Operator;
 - (ii) her service has been terminated since 31.12.2004 without a prior notice?
- (b) Will he inform this House for what reason her service was terminated without confirming her in service as she had been working on casual basis for a period of 3½ years?
- (c) Will he take action to reinstate and confirm her in service?
- (d) if not, why?

1062/07

11.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a report containing plans and proposals has been submitted to the Director General of Irrigation by the District Secretary, Hambantota, bearing No. දකුණු/5/24 dated 17.08.2005, in order to provide relief to those who had lost their houses and lands in the construction of the Kakiri Oya reservoir?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to why the aforesaid plans and proposals have not been implemented?
- (c) if not, why?

1063/07

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the four-acre portion of land set aside for common purposes of the Dolosbage Colony in Nawalapitiya, which is situated next to the tea factory, has been occupied by several persons without permission and is being cultivated by them?
- (b) Will he take action to evict the unauthorized cultivators in the said land as it is the only land available for common purposes of the village?
- (c) if not, why?

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13.

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 last 07 years on per year basis—
 - (i) the number of Casino Clubs in the country;
 - (ii) the amount of money earned by the government from Casinos; and,
 - (iii) the amount of foreign exchange inflowed to and outflowed from the country through these Casino operations;
- (b) if not, why?

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14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of universities registered and operating in Sri Lanka;

- (ii) the number of students sit for the Advanced Level Examination annually from 2005 to-date;
 - (iii) the number of students who get sufficient marks to pursue the university education;
 - (iv) out of them, the number of students who enter in the university?
 - (v) the future of the students who cannot enter the university; and,
 - (vi) what the Government commitment is to help them?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of Sri Lankans go overseas to pursue the university education; and,
 - (ii) the anticipated exchange loss to the country?
- (d) Will he further state the number of private sector universities operating in Sri Lanka?
- (e) if not, why?

1137/07

15.

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. S.B. Dissanayake of Butawatta, Thalathuoya has retired having served as a principal?
- (b) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) even though the verdict of the Case number 453/99, 454/97, 362/99 and 390/99 delivered on the fundamental rights of the principals enables the retired Principals to be entitled to Pension arrears it has not been paid to this Principal; and,
 - (ii) even though the Principals who retired after 1996 were able to obtain the pension arrears, this Principal has not been able to obtain the pension arrears under the salary steps?
- (c) Will he state whether arrangements would be made to pay the pension arrears to this retired Principal, who is spending the latter part of his life now?
- (d) if not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,—That the proceedings on Item 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 23.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 17.01.2006, the hours of sitting this day shall be 09.30 a.m. to 04.30 p.m. At 04.30 p.m., Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

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,— Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance,— That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959, Law No. 6 of 1978, and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from 02nd July 2007, be approved.

*2.

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

*3

Sir John Kotelawala Defence Academy (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

*4.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*5.

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</u> Monthly
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)

*6.

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)

*7.

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)

*8.

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</u> Monthly
Total	Rs. 79,400.00

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)

*9

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.

*10

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.

*11

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.

*12

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.

*13.

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.”

*14.

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

*15.

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

*16.

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

*17.

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

*18.

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

*19.

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)

*20.

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.

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21.

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 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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22.

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.
23.
Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading
24.
Abolition of the Temporary Amalgamation of the Northern and Eastern Provinces (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.
25.
K.R.G. Wijesundara National and Employees Welfare Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
26.
Sarana Buddhist (Relief) Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

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