



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 127.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0946/'07

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—(1)

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

0947/'07

2.

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

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

0948/07

3.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Export Development and International Trade,—(1)

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

0792/06

4.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of Western Province in issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval would be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

0795/06

5.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of North Central Province when issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?

- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval would be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

0800/06

6.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of Central Province when issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval would be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

0615/06

7.

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardane, — To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services, —(4)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are about five medium sized tanks in Ja-Ela electorate including Peralanda wewa, Ihalagama wewa, Walpola wewa, and Tewatta Kanu wewa;
 - (ii) all these tanks are now filled and their banks caved in; and,
 - (iii) the reservations around these tanks have been encroached upon by unauthorized settlers?
- (b) Will he give necessary instructions to the relevant officers to carry out a proper survey jointly with the Department of Irrigation and the Department of Survey in order to identify the exact extent of these tanks?
- (c) Will he submit to this House a formal plan developed for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of these tanks?
- (d) Will he take steps to allocate necessary finances for the said project?
- (e) If not, why?

0557/06

8.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare, — To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils, —(4)

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately the number of employees recruited to each institution in all Provincial Councils in the country since 2004 to date on permanent / contract / casual / temporary basis?
- (b) Will he state the names, addresses, personal details, educational qualifications, terms of recruitment and the salaries drawn by those employees recruited under each institution?
- (c) If not, why?

1069/07

9.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare, — To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils, —(1)

- (a) Is he aware that W.K. Wasantha Ramya Kumari (168), K.N.G. Fernando (341), W.S.A. Fernando, (386), R.P.S. Premarathne (444), A.R.R.P. Seetha Gunarathne (451), K.P.G. Silva (458), R.G. Malini (475), and J.S. Kumari (492), who are employed at Moratuwa Municipal Council as Management Assistants, have been transferred to Colombo Municipal Council from 01.01.2007, without a request being made by them to do so?

- (b) Will he inform this House of the reason for the Chief Secretary of the Western Province to transfer the aforesaid persons in this manner?
- (c) Will he take action to cancel this transfer order and allow them to work at the Moratuwa Municipal Council continuously?
- (d) if not, why?

1072/07

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) Will he inform this House of the qualifications that are required for registration as a photographer of the Department of Registration of Persons to take photographs for National Identity Cards in Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (b) Will he state the reason for not allowing Mr. Ishad Jayawardhane of Uragasmanhandiya, a photographer who has been registered under No.03/02/315 and No.01/06/01/288 for Karandeiya and Benthara divisions respectively, to take photographs for the purpose of registration of persons from 1994 up to now?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether action would be taken to obtain the service of this registered photographer again?
- (d) if not, why?

1029/07

11.

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 Angunakolapelessa 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;
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

1030/07

12.

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 Ambalantota 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;
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

1031/07

13.

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 Hambantota 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;

(iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?

(d) if not, why?

0823/06

14.

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 subsidies or tax waivers given or paid by the Treasury to relevant Ministries on following items in 2004, 2005 and 2006 separately—

(i)	Gas	(v)	Fertilizer
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(ii)	Flour	(vi)	Petrol, diesel and Kerosene Oil
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| (iii) | Sugar | (vii) | Milk powder |
| (iv) | Rice | (viii) | Electricity charges |

and

- (ii) if the Treasury had not paid or incurred such expenses whether the relevant Line Ministry has paid out or agreed to get the money paid in due charge to the entities providing the said services?

- (b) if not, why?

1004/07

15.

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 external aid and grants received by the country from 1995 to-date, under the categories of grants, bilateral loans, multilateral loans and commercial loans;
- (ii) the average interest rates, payable period, maximum and minimum interest rates applicable; and,
- (iii) the purpose that the loans have been used for?

- (b) if not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament on Electoral Reforms,— That in terms of Standing Order No.96, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on 4th April 2006 to further consider reforms to the current system of Parliamentary, Provincial Councils 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, a further extension of time till 31st December, 2007 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by the Parliament on 3rd April, 2007.

2.

Hon. (Mrs.) Nirupama Rajapakse,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Hampton Village Sri Lanka Trust”

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 Customs Ordinance,— That the resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties which was presented on 03.07.2007, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No.1497/5 of May 14 .2007)

*2.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.39 of 2005 and specified in the order No.42 hereto, be approved.

ORDER

Appropriation Act. No.39 of 2005

Order No.42 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.39 of 2005, I, Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 71302 “Printing Publicity and Sales of Books” Department of Educational Publications of the Second schedule to that Act.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	.	1,200,000,000
		To		1,574,500,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. —	600,000,000
		To	Rs. —	665,700,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	
		To	Rs. —	150,000,000
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| (iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities
specified in Column V of the
Second Schedule to that Act. | Not Revised |
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(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2006 only)

Sgd. RANJITH SIYAMBALAPITIYA

Acting Minister of Finance and Planning.

15.06.2007

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(Cabinet approval signified)

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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.

*4.

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.

*5.

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.

*6.

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.

*7.

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

*8

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

*9.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*10.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Determination under the Commission to investigate Bribery or Corruption Act,— That this Parliament hereby determines under Section 2(7) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No.19 of 1994, that the salary and allowances payable to the Chairman and the Members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption shall be as follows with effect from 01.01.2006.

Chairman (Full time)

Salary	Rs. 66,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> Monthly
Total	Rs. 80,400.00
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Members

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

*11.

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)

*12.

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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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, be approved.

*15.

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

*16.

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

*17.

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

*18.

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

*19.

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

*20.

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)

*21.

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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22.

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. 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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23.

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.

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 - (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.

24.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

25.

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

26.

K.R.G. Wijesundara National and Employees Welfare Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

27.

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.”
