



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 128.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, July 18, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0950/07

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Local Government (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 Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Enterprise Development (non Cabinet) and Investment Promotion (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?

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3.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — 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) the number of vehicles obtained for the Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order 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 Tissamaharamaya 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?

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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 Lunugamwehera 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?

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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 Sooriyawewa 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?

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7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Air Lanka Catering Services Company was a profit making institution at the time of handing it over to the Emirates Company?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the purpose of selling the shares of Air Lanka Catering Services Company through the same tender for selling the shares of Air Lanka to the Emirates Company;
 - (ii) the annual gross profit of the Air Lanka Catering Services Company at the time of handing over its shares to Emirates Company;
 - (iii) the income generated through the sale of shares of the Air Lanka Catering Services Company?
- (c) if not, why?

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8.

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that over 4 lakhs of rupees paid by the consumers had been defrauded by the cashier of the Lanka Electricity Company Limited, Kelaniya Branch, during January and February 2004?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a complaint has been lodged in the Police in respect of that fraud;
 - (ii) if not so, the reason behind and;
 - (iii) the step taken by the company to recover the relevant moneys?
- (c) Will he submit to this House, a comprehensive report of the Internal Auditors on the said fraud?
- (d) Will he state whether legal actions were taken against separately officers concerned when such corruptions and frauds were revealed?
- (e) if not, why?

1142/07

9.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— 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—
 - (i) the date on which Mr. Upali Gunarathna, Chairman of the National Savings Bank, was appointed to that post; and,
 - (ii) the number of times he has gone abroad after that date?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the countries he has so toured;
 - (ii) for what reasons he has gone abroad; and,
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on each tour, separately?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the persons who accompanied him on foreign tours;
 - (ii) the foreign countries in which each of them toured the purpose of such visits;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on each of them separately?
- (d) if not, why?

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10.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House the reason for the transfer given to Mrs. M.G. Somawathie, a graduate assistant teacher, from the Ambewela school in the Nuwara Eliya Educational Division to N/Blackful Dharmapala school w.e.f. 01-09-2006?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) she has lost her quarters and now she is rendered homeless with her three children due to this transfer;
 - (ii) she, who has served for a period of about 14 years with spells of difficult service in difficult schools from 1993 upto now, has made a request for a transfer to the Kandy district where she resides permanently from 2007?
- (c) Will he take action to transfer Mrs. M.G. Somawathie to a school in Kandy or Katugastota zone in the district of Kandy where she resides permanently?
- (d) if not, why?

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11.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. G. Oliver Fernando, who served as the Welfare Officer in the Veyangoda Textile Mills was shot dead at his house on 19.05.1989;
 - (ii) his wife Mrs. W. Agnes and six children have been living upto now at Naranwatta Housing Scheme belonging to the Veyangoda Textile Mills?
- (b) Will he accept that—
 - (i) the Veyangoda Textile Mills and the housing scheme are today a property owned by the bank and;
 - (ii) when compensation was paid to officers who had worked in the Veyangoda Textile Mills, the value of their quarters was retained with the Bank and the balance was paid to them?
- (c) Will he take action to transfer the ownership of the quarters to Mrs. Agnes without charging the assessed value of the house which is 8 lacks of rupees, or to grant her any other relief, since she did not receive any compensation on account of the death of her husband?
- (d) if not, why?

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12.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are more than 100 families in the Ilukpelessa village situated in the Uva Kosgama Grama Niladhari Division in the Haldumulla Divisional Secretariat Division in the Haputale electorate in the Badulla District;
 - (ii) there is no arrangement to deliver letters or telegrams in this village?
- (b) Will he take action to appoint a postman to the Balangoda-Kaltota post office, since it is the post office that is nearest to the village which is situated three miles from this village?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to give the said appointment to Mr. A.G.P. Jayamanne residing at Ilukpelessa, Ganewatta, Kaltota, Balangoda, for the delivery of letters since he has presented himself for the interviews?
- (d) if not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 01.00 p.m. on Thursday, 19th July 2007, and that notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 17.01.2006, the hours of sitting that day shall be 01.00 p.m. to 05.00 p.m. At 05.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

2.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrema Perera,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Sri Piyaarachana Community Development and Social Foundation”

3.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrema Perera,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Rev. Moonamale Dhammarathana Memorial Foundation”

4.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Eksath Janaisuru Padanama”

5.

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.4),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Centre for Japanese Language Education”

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. —	150,000,000
		To	Rs. —	611,000,000
(iv)	Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(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.

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7.

Hon. Vijitha Herath

Hon. S. A. Jayantha Samaraweera

Hon. Sarath Kumara Gunaratne

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardhana

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. Achala Jagodage

Hon. Abdul Bais Kamardeen,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into the difficulties which Sri Lankan Migrant Workers have to face,—

As it is incumbent on the part of the Government to protect, the rights of the Sri Lankan migrant workers and create the necessary environment for them to engage in their employment with dignity by ensuring their safety and convenience and since it is also the responsibility of this Supreme Legislature to take the aforesaid matters into consideration we move that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to look into the difficulties which the Sri Lankan migrant workers have to face and to report to Parliament with its observations and recommendations;

1. The said Select Committee should focus its special attention on the following special matters:

- (1). Examining matters relating to foreign employment agencies and making recommendations,
- (2). Examining whether the recruits who go abroad are given a correct understanding of the relevant employer and the employment opportunity and making recommendations,
- (3). Examining whether the recruits who go abroad are given an adequate training and making recommendations,
- (4). Examining the possibility of establishing in each Sri Lankan Diplomatic Mission, a new unit which will look into the problems faced by migrant workers in order to make interventions and making recommendations,
- (5). Examining the matters relevant to the formulation of a compensation scheme for migrant workers regarding accidents and disasters and making recommendations,
- (6). Examining whether the Sri Lankan migrant workers who come to Sri Lankan diplomatic missions in the respective countries seeking assistance, after becoming victims of accidents and disasters are provided with the services required of such Sri Lankan diplomatic missions and making recommendations
- (7). Examining the possibility of expanding easy access to information and services currently provided to Sri Lankan migrant workers by the Sri Lankan diplomatic missions and making recommendations,
- (8). Examining the possibility of potential avenues for foreign employment opportunities through Government intervention and making recommendations,
- (9). Examining the relevant issues regarding the welfare and enhancement of the standard of living of the family members of migrant workers,
- (10). Examining the complaints received from the public that are decided as important by the Select Committee and making recommendations,
- (11). Examining the necessity of amending some Sections of the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau Act in relation to the current requirements of the foreign employment development and migrant employees' welfare,
- (12). Examining the manner in which the funds received by the Government on behalf of Sri Lankan migrant workers who have returned from Kuwait after being stranded there, were spent,
- (13). Examining the matters that are relevant to making foreign employment a dignified service, and making recommendations,
- (14). Examining these issues and any other matter or any other legal aspects incidental thereto.

2. (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.

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 produce 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 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.

*8.

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

*9

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

*10.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*11.

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)

*12.

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	Rs. 79,400.00
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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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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)

*15.

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.

*16.

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

*17.

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

*18.

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

*19.

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

*20.

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

*21.

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)

*22.

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.

23.

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. 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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24.

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.

25.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

26.

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

27.

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

28.

Sarana Buddhist (Relief) Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

29.

Pannipitiya Depanama Sri Devram Maha Viharastha Sasanarakshka Sanwardhana
Sabhawa (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

** Indicates Government Business*

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