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**ORDER PAPER
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Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0954/07

1.

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 State Infrastructure 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 Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Deputy Minister of Education 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 Social Services and Social Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Deputy Minister of Social Services and Social Welfare 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?

1035/07

4.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning for the Road Development activities in the Tangalle Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007 under the identified Development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (ii) whether such monies have been received by the respective Ministry; and,
 - (iii) if not, when they would be received?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the estimated amount, the length and width of the portion of road being developed, whether concrete, tar or gravel is being used and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the roads earmarked for expansion development and the reconstruction of bridges, culverts and kerbs;
 - (ii) which roads and culverts devastated by the Tsunami would be reconstructed;
 - (iii) separately, the number of Kilometers of roads which have not been categorised and which have been categorised as A,B,C,D and E in the respective Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) whether a Common National policy would be followed in the year 2007 for the maintenance of the said roads; and,
 - (v) if so, what it is?
- (d) if not, why?

1036/07

5.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning for the Road Development activities in the Beliatta Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007 under the identified Development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions;

- (ii) whether such monies have been received by the respective Ministry; and,
- (iii) if not, when they would be received?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the estimated amount, the length and width of the portion of road being developed, whether concrete, tar or gravel is being used and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the roads earmarked for expansion development and the reconstruction of bridges culverts and kerbs;
 - (ii) which roads and culverts devastated by the Tsunami would be reconstructed;
 - (iii) separately, the number of Kilometers of roads which have not been categorised and which have been categorised as A,B,C,D and E in the respective Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) whether a Common National policy would be followed in the year 2007 for the maintenance of the said roads; and,
 - (v) if so, what it is?
- (d) if not, why?

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6.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning for the Road Development activities in the Okewela Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007 under the identified Development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (ii) whether such monies have been received by the respective Ministry; and,
 - (iii) if not, when they would be received?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the estimated amount, the length and width of the portion of road being developed, whether concrete, tar or gravel is being used and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the roads earmarked for expansion development and the reconstruction of bridges, culverts and kerbs;

- (ii) which roads and culverts devastated by the Tsunami would be reconstructed;
 - (iii) separately, the number of Kilometers of roads which have not been categorised and which have been categorised as A,B,C,D and E in the respective Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) whether a Common National policy would be followed in the year 2007 for the maintenance of the said roads; and,
 - (v) if so, what it is?
- (d) if not, why?

1015/07

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 10 years on per year basis—
- (i) the number of Taverns and Wine stores in the country in each district; and,
 - (ii) the total revenue earned from them;
- (b) if not, why?

0994/07

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there are foreign-funded projects in operation within the National Institute of Education; and,
 - (ii) if so, what they are?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the names of the officers who are engaged in formulating the curricula for school education at the National Institute of Education;
 - (ii) the overseas tours made by the said officials within the last 02 years separately; and,
 - (iii) the way in which financial allocations have been provided for it?
- (c) if not, why?

1100/07

9.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— 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 personal file of Mrs. Malathie R.G. Thirimanna, who retired having served as Assistant Officer in charge of the Rural Development Training and Research Institute (pension No. 616394) which is required for the revision of her pension and which is at present in the Ministry of Local Government, has been misplaced?
- (b) Will he issue necessary instructions to locate this file?
- (c) Will he state the length of time it will take to locate the file?
- (d) if not, why?

1139/07

10.

Hon. (Mrs.) Renuka Herath,— 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 separately—
 - (i) the number of Samurdhi Officers, Samurdhi Development Officers and Samurdhi Management Officers serving at present in Walapane Division in the Nuwara-Eliya District; and,
 - (ii) the amount spent per month on salaries and allowances for the said officers?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Samurdhi recipient families in the Walapane Division;
 - (ii) out of them, the number receiving allowances of Rs. 500/-, Rs. 300/- and Rs. 140/- separately; and,
 - (iii) accordingly, the total amount spent per month on Samurdhi recipients?
- (c) Will he take steps to grant Samurdhi assistance to those in the Walapane Division, who are eligible to receive the assistance but are not receiving it?
- (d) if not, why?

1070/07

11.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) trade stalls bearing No. 779 and 777A situated at the Baseline Road and belonging to Mr. L.A. Wimalasena and Mr. Bandula were demolished with the widening of the Baseline Road, Colombo 9 in 1995;
 - (ii) neither alternative locations nor compensation had been offered for them until now?

- (b) Will he take action to provide alternative locations or compensation for these trade stalls which had been transferred to them under a lease agreement on 05.12.1990, by the National Housing Commissioner?
- (c) if not, why?

0825/06

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. P.B. Rajanayake of Muduna Kade, Thalathuoya has been working as a Grade II Grama Niladhari in the Pathahewaheta Divisional Secretary's Division, in Kandy District since 22.01.1989?
- (b) Will he inform this House, of the reason for the termination of his service with effect from 24.06.1999?
- (c) Will he admit that it is unreasonable to dismiss Mr. P.B. Rajanayake, Grama Niladhari, residing in Mudunkade for the reason that one Mr. R.M.P.B. Rajanayake of Madunkade, who was accused in the case No. 54132/85 in the Kandy Magistrate Courts was subjected to a fine of Rs. 1000/=?
- (d) Will he take action to reinstate the above mentioned Mr. P.B. Ranajayake in the post of Grama Niladhari and to retire him with due arrears?
- (e) If not, why?

1118/07

13.

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

- (a) Will he state this House—
 - (i) when the Cabinet approval was granted for the “Mihin Air” air line, which commenced recently;
 - (ii) who the chairman, the Chief Executive Officer and other Chief Officials of that “Mihin Air” air line are?
- (b) will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the total strength of the staff of this Company including the Chairman, the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer;
 - (ii) their designations, qualifications obtained and the criteria of recruitment?
- (c) Will he state separately, the salary scale applicable to each member of the staff including the Chairman, the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer?
- (d) If not, why?

1119/07

14.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of aircraft that were purchased for the airline Mihin Air;
 - (ii) when the said aircraft were purchased;
 - (iii) whether a formal tender procedure was followed in this regard;
 - (iv) if so, what it was; and,
 - (v) the relevant period?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the countries or companies who tendered their officers; and,
 - (ii) what prices were offered by each such body?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the company to which the aircraft thus purchased had belonged to;
 - (ii) the year of manufacture of the aircraft;
 - (iii) whether there was a technical evaluation committee for the purchase of these aircraft; and,
 - (iv) if so, the names of the members of that committee?
- (d) If not, why?

1120/07

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money allocated for the “Mihin Air” Air Line for the year 2006 and 2007 separately;
 - (ii) the total expenditure incurred as at 31.03.2007; and,
 - (iii) for what purpose?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether these moneys were allocated only from the Treasury;
 - (ii) if moneys were obtained from other institutions what those institutions are?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— Local Authorities (Special Provisions),— Bill to provide for calling of fresh nominations and the holding of elections in respect of one Municipal Council and eight Pradeshiya Sabhas in the Eastern Province where elections to such council and sabhas have been postponed due to unforeseen and urgent circumstances; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the following provisions shall have effect with respect to the Business of this day's sitting:-

- (a) That the Second Reading of the "Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill", presented this day be proceeded with this day; and,
- (b) That immediately after the Bill to which this order applies has been read a second time, it shall be considered in Committee of the whole Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2

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

*3.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*4.

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

Members

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

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)

*5.

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

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)

*6.

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

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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)

*7.

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)

*8.

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.

*9.

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

*10.

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

*11.

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

*12.

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

*13.

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

*14.

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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15.

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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16.

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.

17.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

18.

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

19.

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

20.

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

21.

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

22.

Seethawaka Maniyangama Rajamaha Viharastha Sanwardhana Sabhawa (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

23.

Mahanuwara, Asgiriya, Palipana, Sri Chandananda International Buddhist Research and Development Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

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