



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 130.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
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FOR**

Friday, July 20, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0962/'07

1.

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 Deputy Minister of Health and (1)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 Constitutional Affairs and National Integration,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Deputy Minister of National Integration 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 Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Deputy Minister of Aviation 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 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 Walasmulla 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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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 Katuwana 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 Weeraketiya 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?

1125/07

7.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the extent of land allocated by the Urban Development Authority to individuals and institutions from 01st January 2005 to 31st March 2007?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the persons and institutions who were allocated the lands and the extents of such land so allocated, separately,
 - (ii) the basis on which the persons and institutions concerned were selected for the allocation of such lands?
- (c) Will he state the basis of allocation of such lands (whether freehold or lease) and the prices?
- (d) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the name of the institution responsible for transferring a considerable number of shares of Air Lanka airline to the Emirates Company;
 - (ii) the percentage of the shares given by Air Lanka in the above mentioned deal and the period of time for which it was done?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the local and foreign companies and the institutions that bid for the tender when the shares of Air Lanka were given to Emirates;
 - (ii) separately, the bids made by those institutions and the bids made by the Emirates; and,
 - (iii) the members of the tender board appointed for this transaction?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any of the conditions of the aforesaid transaction has been changed after the tender pertaining to the issue of Air Lanka shares was awarded to the Emirates company;
 - (ii) if so, the conditions that have been so changed?
- (d) if not, why?

1128/07

9.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a system known as Subject Basket System has been suggested for the curricular revision;
 - (ii) whether this is a suggestion submitted during the time of Mrs. Tara De Mel;
 - (iii) whether a choice has been offered for the children in grades 10 and 11 to select subjects under this system;
 - (iv) whether there is a Subject Basket for Aesthetic Subjects and Literature; and,
 - (v) of the Subjects included in this Subject Basket?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a subject of Literature can be selected one of this Basket in place of an Aesthetic Subject, through this system;
 - (ii) whether Aesthetic Subject is intended to be removed gradually from the school curriculum;
 - (iii) the reason for the inclusion of the Technical Subjects in the 3rd Basket mentioned there itself; and,
 - (iv) whether it is a step taken on the advice of the world bank towards expanding Vocational Education and reducing the Academic Education?
- (c) Will he agree with the opinion of the Educationists that, if Vocational Education is to be developed, it should be done by strengthening Vocational Education and not through Schools or Universities?
- (d) If not, why?

1089/07

10.

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 amounts paid to the Cabinet Ministers, Non-Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers as at 01.03.2005 and 01.03.2007;

- (ii) whether it is correct that they are paid a salary of Rs. 75,000/- plus MP's salary, housing allowance of Rs. 200,000/-, two vehicles or Rs. 250,000/- per month per vehicle, overseas allowance of Rs.25,000/- per trip, fuel allowance of Rs. 65,000/- per month for outstation MPP of Rs. 125,000/- and received 5 telephones at Rs. 34,000/- each, entertaining allowance of Rs. 75,000/-, 5 staff members along with vehicles and two mobile phones up to Rs. 100,000/= per phone as benefits;
 - (iii) if not, what the correct figure;
 - (iv) the number of staff, they are entitled to have and the total benefits they receive as at 01.03.2005; and,
 - (v) the total cost per month as at 01.03.2007?
- (b) if not, why?

1109/07

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately on District basis—
 - (i) the number of International Schools operate in this country; and,
 - (ii) the number of students attend?
- (b) Will he state the twenty biggest International Schools in Sri Lanka?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the number of private schools that get Government grants; and,
 - (ii) the name of those schools along with the amount that have been given for the last 05 years on per year basis?
- (d) Will he state the controls and protective measures that the Ministry has taken to ensure that the national policies are not violated?
- (e) If not, why?

0611/06

12.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(5)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether,—
 - (i) the Registrar of Colombo District Court was due to retire in 2006;

- (ii) he was taken into custody on an allegation of bribery;
 - (iii) he was facing criminal charges in the Magistrate's Court of Anuradhapura;
 - (iv) he was completing 60 years in 2006; and,
 - (v) he has been given an extension beyond 60 years on a contract basis?
- (b) Will he state why only he has been selected for appointment on a contract basis?
- (c) If not, why?

1071/07

13.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. R.M. Tikiri Banda, who served in the Ceylon Electricity Board's Mahiyangana, Dambarawa Electricity Superintendent Area in the Badulla district has been removed from his service as a result of a personal revenges?
- (b) Will he accept that after the hearing of a case filed against him under No.9703 in the Badulla high court, for 8 years, he was acquitted and freed from all charges on 17.12.2004?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the reason for reinstating the person named K.A. Indrasena, the first defendant in this case, in his service and for not giving employment to this person who is the second defendant?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to reinstate in service the above mentioned person, Tikiribanda?
- (e) If not, why?

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14.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House the extent of the lands that have been distributed under the distribution of lands to the middle class people from the lands which belong to the Land Reform Commission and the government in the Galle district?

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the names and the addresses of the owners of the aforesaid lands and the number of acres that have been given to them at Divisional Secretariat Division level;
 - (ii) the basis on which the aforesaid lands have been given and the relevant conditions;
 - (iii) whether the government has charged any money for the lands given to the middle class people;
 - (iv) if any money has been charged, the amount of it?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether the lands given to the middle class people have been transferred to other persons by them;
 - (ii) the names of transferrers and transferees of the aforesaid lands and the names of the relevant lands; and,
 - (iii) out of the distributed lands, the lands that have not brought under Cultivation and their extents?
- (d) Will he take action to take over the lands that have not been brought under cultivation and are covered with jungle and keep them as reserves of distribute such lands among the landless, if they are barren lands?
- (e) If not, why?

1200/07

15.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House the number appointed as the Board of Directors, including the Working Director of Sri Lanka Telecom?
- (b) Will he submit to this House their list of names and details?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether all these individuals are performing their duties with transparency and honourably; and,
 - (ii) if there are any persons who are not doing so, who they are?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Justice and Law Reforms,— Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions),— Bill to provide for the extension of the period of detention of persons arrested without a warrant in order to facilitate the conduct of investigations; for dispensing with the conduct of the non-summary inquiry in certain cases; to provide for the taking of depositions of witness for the prosecution; and to make provision for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

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 12.30 p.m. and 01.00 p.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.

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 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)

*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 per month</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

Members

Remuneration	Rs. 30,000.00 per month
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It is further determined by this Parliament that while 50% of the increased remuneration (excluding allowances) of the Chairman and Members of the Public Service Commission shall be payable with effect from 01.01.2006 and the balance with effect from 01.01.2007. The remuneration and the allowances previously determined and adopted by Parliament as payable to the said Chairman and Members of the Commission shall be substituted by the remuneration and allowances determined by this resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*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

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</u> Monthly
Total	Rs. 79,400.00

Members

Salary Rs. 30,000.00 Monthly

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.”
