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No. 131.]

**ORDER PAPER
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FOR**

Tuesday, August 07, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0723/06

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,—(5)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether a plot of land nearly 40 acres in extent, situated in Katupaththewa of Katupaththewa Grama Niladhari Division in Nochchiyagama Divisional Secretariat Division in Anuradhapura District, has been leased to a non-government organization or an individual;
 - (ii) if it has been leased or sold the name of the institute concerned and when it was done; and,
 - (iii) for what purpose it has been given?
- (b) Is he aware that the institute which acquired this land get water by impounding a tributary of Kala Oya?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to impound the tributary of Kala Oya;
 - (ii) if so, from which institution?
- (d) Will he admit that due to obtaining water in this way, farmers engaged in cultivating around the tributary in Katupaththewa area are faced with problems in obtaining water?
- (e) Will he take steps to provide speedy relief to the farmers inconvenienced due to this project?
- (f) If not why?

0877/07

2.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of National Heritage,—(2)

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

1135/07

3.

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether scrap metal belonging to the Department of Railways was sold in the years 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) if so, the amount sold from each metal in the respective years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the tender procedure was followed when metal was sold in the years 2005 and 2006;
 - (ii) the number of bidders, if tenders were so called;
 - (iii) the policy followed in awarding tenders?
- (c) Will he submit to this House separately, the price at which each type of metal was sold?

- (d) Will he admit that even usable carriages belonging to the Department of Railways had been sold when these metals were sold?
- (e) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a fraud or an act of corruption had taken place in selling the scrap metal;
 - (ii) if so, the action taken against them?
- (f) If not, why?

0796/06

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 Uva 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 will be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

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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 Sabaragamuwa 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 will be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

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6.

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 Western 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 will be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

0814/06

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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—
 - (i) the total direct tax supposed to be collected;
 - (ii) the amount collected and remain uncollected separately;
 - (iii) the steps taken with regard to uncollected amounts;
 - (iv) the amounts of rewards paid to the relevant authorities; and,
 - (v) the number of tax files?
 - (vi) the amount of GST/VAT, excise duty, due as at 31st December, of each year;
 - (vii) the amount collected and remain uncollected separately;
 - (viii) the steps taken with regard to uncollected amounts?for the last 10 years
- (b) If not, why?

1101/07

8.

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 all bilateral agreements signed between Sri Lanka and the rest of the world from the 1st January 2006 to-date;
- (ii) whether those agreements were signed on government to government basis or as private institutions controlled by foreign grants with the Sri Lankan Government;
- (iii) the benefits received by the country to-date in accordance with those bilateral agreements?

(b) If not, why?

1102/07

9.

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 with regard to His Excellency the President's visit to China from end February to first week of March, 2007—

- (i) all the agreements signed between Sri Lanka and China;
- (ii) if not so, the agreements or letters of intent;
- (iii) the benefits received accordingly as of today;
- (iv) the direct benefits accrued from this visit?

(b) Will he state in detail—

- (i) the number of members visited China in the Presidential Entourage; and;
- (ii) the entire cost of the trip and a detailed breakdown?

(c) If not, why?

1123/07

10.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— 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 the amount of goods transported by the government to the Northern Province by ships within the period of the year 2006 and 31st March 2007 and the types of goods so transported, on an annual basis?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) to which Shipping Company the ships that were used to transport these goods, belonged;
 - (ii) the capacity of each ship and the amount of money paid to the Shipping Company for a single journey, separately;
 - (iii) the total amount of money paid to each Shipping Company?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether a proper purchasing procedure was followed when these goods and ships were secured for transportation?
- (d) If not, why?

1129/07

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) permission was granted to Aquinas Institution to start a University, at the 696th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 12th December 2004; and,
 - (ii) this has been further legalised through a Gazette notification in October 2005?
- (b) Is he aware that the ‘Lankadeepa’ newspaper on 23rd July 2006 carried a news item on page 16 that Aquinas Private University would be restarted?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps were taken to prevent this;
 - (ii) if so, what they are;
 - (iii) what actions were taken thereafter since it was mentioned again in the Lankadeepa newspaper on 15th October 2006 on page 19 that the Aquinas Institution will be started?

- (d) Will he state—
- (i) the reply given to about 12,000 students of the Inter University Students' Federation when they launched a protest march on 30th November 2006 demanding that this be prevented;
 - (ii) whether it was agreed to suspend the functioning of the Aquinas Institution before 31st December, at the meeting which the Inter University Students' Federation had with the then Minister concerned on 8th December?
- (e) Will he admit that there were references in newspapers on 11th February again to the effect that students would be enrolled to the Aquinas Institution?
- (f) Will he state in this House, the Legal actions taken in regard to the above instances?
- (g) If not, why?

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12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the courses in Universities are for sale;
 - (ii) if so, what they are;
 - (iii) whether the Agricultural Management Degree in the Wayamba University can be followed by paying a sum of money; and,
 - (iv) whether the Information Technology Degree in the University of Moratuwa can be bought under the External Degree System (under the name Distant Education)?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether he as the Minister incharge of the subject, agrees to the commencement of the above private courses;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for it; and,
 - (iii) if not, the steps taken to prevent it?
- (c) If not, why?

1075/07

13.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) The house of Mr. R.M.P. Rajakaruna was completely destroyed by the landslide which occurred in the village called Dunukegolla in Wevakele, Kumbalgamuwa, Walapane, due to the torrential rains experienced on 12.01.2007 in Walapane polling division in Nuwara Eliya; and,
 - (ii) Mr. Rajakaruna has been living in a camp for displaced persons with his wife and three children?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether a plot of land will be provided and a compensation or some other support will be granted to him so that he can build a house?
- (c) If not, why?

1078/07

14.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Urban Development Authority has built a fence obstructing the road leading to the house where Mr. K. A. Sumanasiri resides at No.532/E Madiwela Rd, Thalawathugoda;
 - (ii) this property is a land which is 15 perches in extent as depicted in plan No.2988 made by Mr. M.W. Fernando, Surveyer, in respect of the land called Goda Owita which is a land settled in case No.11017/L of Colombo District Court in 1955 and that has an access road, 10 feet wide;
 - (iii) this Authority has attempted on a previous occasion also to build a fence obstructing the road and complaints against that were lodged with the Thalangama Police on 29.06.2006 under No.306/523 C1B1 and on 09.12.2006 under C.T.B. 138/133; and,
 - (iv) no investigation was made regarding this matter?
- (b) Will he accept that his day today activities have been severely interrupted due to this fence built by the Urban Development Authority, obstructing the access to his house at the above address which is being enjoyed by him uninterruptedly for 20 years?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to remove this fence after examining the approved plan of the area and by looking into the registered free hold titles and plans relating to this property?
- (d) If not, why?

1098/07

15.

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— 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—
 - (i) Cabinet approval has been given on 16.06.2004 to the cabinet recommendation No.04/0559/016/019 submitted on 03.06.2004 to promote Tax Officers in the Inland Revenue Service, to the Assessor Grade immediately;
 - (ii) the number of Assessor, Grade II/II post was increased to 750 according to cabinet decision No.05/1063/016/068 dated 11.08.2005?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the relevant Minister has given an order on 09.02.2006 to promote all senior Tax officers who have completed a service of more than 10 years in the Inland Revenue Service, to the Assessors grade;
 - (ii) the Secretary to the Ministry has intimated in writing on 21.02.2006 to the Inland Revenue Commissioner that action is being taken by the relevant Ministry to approve the additional number of posts of Assessors, Grade II/II which is required additionally to promote Senior Tax Officers who have completed a 10 years of service, to Assessors Grade?
- (c) Will he take action to promote Senior Tax Officers, III/I who are serving in the Inland Revenue Department, to Assessor Grade II/II?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Industrial Development,— Chemical Weapons Convention,— Bill to provide for the implementation of the Convention on the prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of Chemical Weapons and their destruction and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

2.

Hon. (Ven) Athuraliye Rathana Thero,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Bill— Second Reading.

*2.

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

*3

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

*4.

The Minister of Posts and Telecommunication, — Rule under the Post Office Ordinance,— That the rule made by the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance under Section 12, 21, 25, 27, 81, 62, 06, 39, 49, 44, 68, 67, 40, 24, 59, 60, 35, 59, 67 and 64 of the Post Office Ordinance (Chapter 190) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1494/10 of 25th April 2007 which was presented on 17.07.2007 be approved.

*5.

The Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation, — Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No.1),— That the Merchant Shipping (Registration) Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Aviation under Section 321 read with Section 44 the Merchant Shipping Act, No.52 of 1971, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1469/22 of 31st October 2006 which was presented on 17.07.2007 be approved.

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The Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation, — Regulation under the Merchant Shipping Act (No.2),— That the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulation made by the Minister of Ports and Aviation under Section 321 read with Section 44 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No.52 of 1971, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1471/11 of 14th November 2006 which was presented on 17.07.2007 be approved.

*7.

The Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation, — Regulation under licensing of Shipping Agents Act,— That the Shipping Agents (Licensing) Regulation made by the Minister of Ports and Aviation under Section 10 read with Section 3(5) of the Licensing of Shipping Agents Act, No.10 of 1972, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1471/12 of 14th November 2006 which was presented on 17.07.2007 be approved.

*8.

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	<u>Rs. 80,400.00</u>

Members

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

The Parliament further resolves that 50% of the increased salary (excluding allowances) should be paid with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full salary inclusive of the balance 50% with effect from 01.01.2007 and that the salaries and allowances to be determined by Parliament by this resolution should be substituted for the salaries and allowances determined by resolutions previously passed in Parliament in respect of Chairman and Members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*9.

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)

*10.

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)

*11.

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)

*12.

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.

*13.

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

*14.

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

*15.

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

*16.

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

*17.

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

*18.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*19.

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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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. 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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21.

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.

22.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

23.

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

24.

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

25.

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

26.

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

27.

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

28.

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.”
