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Friday, August 10, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0973/'07

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

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

0974/'07

2.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Developments,—(1)

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

0975/07

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Textile Industry Development (non Cabinet) and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

1164/07

4.

Hon. Thilakarathna Withanachchi,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House the total number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Ambalangoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
- (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
- (e) If not, why?

1165/07

5.

Hon. Thilakarathna Withanachchi,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House the total number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Welivitiya Divitura Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
- (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
- (e) If not, why?

1166/07

6.

Hon. Thilakarathna Withanachchi,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House the total number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Karadeniya Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
- (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
- (e) If not, why?

1103/07

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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 for the last 10 years to date—
 - (i) the amount of loans, grants and commercial loans that have been given by the Government of China to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) interest rates and the duration of the loans;
 - (iii) the amount of loans, grants and commercial loans given by the Government controlled institutions or private companies to the Government of Sri Lanka or Government institutions; and,
 - (iv) the interest rates and the duration to pay the loans?
- (b) Will he state the value in US Dollars of exports and imports between China and Sri Lanka separately, for the last 10 years to date?
- (c) If not, why?

1147/07

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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 in accordance with the page 43 of the Central Bank Report of 2006 which has been included expenditure incurred on economic services and social services for the years of 2004, 2005 and 2006—
 - (i) the main projects and social activities such money has been spent;
 - (ii) the amount of money actually spent; and,
 - (iii) whether the money has been allocated from Government earnings or from soft term loans or from Government commercial borrowings?
- (b) Will he state the cost incurred in constant prices for the last 05 years?
- (c) If not, why?

1235/07

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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 bullet proof vehicles imported after the 13th Parliament was elected;
 - (ii) the total cost paid for CIF and Duty;
 - (iii) if not so, the value of duty exempted;
 - (iv) to whom these cars were allocated; and,
 - (v) to whom they are allocated now?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether these cars were imported after tenders;
 - (ii) from where they were imported;
 - (iii) where the money was paid; and,
 - (iv) the budget head that the money had been allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

1204/07

10.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the former Sub Police Constable of Police Mrs. W.A. Anusha Chandrakanthi (RWPC 3745) served in the Vilachchiya police station in Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) her service has been suspended and a disciplinary inquiry has been conducted; and,
 - (iii) she pleads that she be placed in service once again?
- (b) Will he state in this House the present state of the above disciplinary inquiry?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons, if actions on the disciplinary inquiry have not been completed;
 - (ii) the time taken by the officers in the Police Department regarding matters pertaining to the reinstatement of Mrs. Chandrakanthi; and,
 - (iii) when will the activities pertaining to the reinstatement be concluded?
- (d) If not, why?

1245/07

11.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the number of Zonal Education Offices in Matara District;
 - (ii) the number of acting Zonal Directors of Education serving in these Zonal Education Offices;
 - (iii) since when they were appointed to the respective posts;
 - (iv) out of them, the names of those who have exceeded 55 years of age; and,
 - (v) The educational qualifications of such directors?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the educational and professional qualifications required for the Zonal Director of Education; and,
 - (ii) the names of those Zonal Directors of Education who have not fulfilled such qualifications?

- (c) If not, why?

1246/07

12.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a housing project was completed with aid from the Government of Turkey, within the Weligama Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara District and transferred to the people's ownership?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of houses constructed under the said project;
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent on the project;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent for constructing one house;
 - (iv) the floor area and the number of rooms of a house constructed; and,
 - (v) the name and address of the institute that conducted the construction work?
- (c) Is he aware that the occupants of these houses staged several demonstrations as the houses had not been constructed according to standards?
- (d) Will he state by whom the supervision of the construction work was done?
- (e) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the supervision has not been done properly; and,
 - (ii) the condition of the houses has reached an uninhabitable level?
- (f) Will he submit this House the reasons that have caused this condition?
- (g) If not, why?

1143/07

13.

Hon. Lukshman Senewiratne,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that six persons i.e.; Messrs Liyana Mohottilage Thushara Madhusanka (16), and Liyana Mohottilage Dayananda Cabraal (33) of Maspota; Thorahenegedara Prasanna Ranjith Abeykoon (24) of Mahiyangana; T. Wijethunga (17) and Dhanapala (50) of Maduru Oya and V. Chandrasiri (45) of Kelaniya who were relief workers engaged in construction activities of buildings damaged by the Tsunami in Batticaloa were shot and hacked to death by an armed gang at Mailambavali in Eravur on the night of April 01, 2007?

- (b) Will he state whether it has been established to which group those Killers belong?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any money has been given by the government for their funerals;
 - (ii) if so, the names and the relationship between the recipients and the dead persons; and
 - (iii) the amount so given?
- (d) If not, why?

1202/07

14.

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) in terms of a decision taken at the Cabinet meeting held on 9th October 2002, approval has been granted to antedate the date of absorbing the Public Health field officers to the Middle Level Technical Service, as 01-05-1977 from 02-08-1989 by the Cabinet Paper Number අම/02/1602/118/142 of 16-10-2002; and,
 - (ii) in response to the directive of the Secretary to the Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition, the Western, North Western, North Central, North Eastern and Sabaragamuwa Provincial Councils have made the relevant antedates and placed the employees on the salary scales and promotions too have been given?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Public Health Field Officers of the Uva Province have been placed on the salary scales after antedating and granting of relevant promotions; and,
 - (ii) if so, the reason as to why Mr. G.M. Wikramaratne of No.32, Senevipura, Mahiyangana who is serving as the Public Health Field Officer of the Anti-Malaria unit of the Uva Province, has not been placed on the salary scales with the relevant promotions following the antedating being made?
- (c) Will he state whether any course of action has been taken against the relevant officers in the Uva Provincial Council in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1228/07

15.

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

(a) Will he state this House—

(i) whether any compensation other than the funeral expenses will be paid in respect of the deaths of Sinhala volunteer workers namely Messrs. Liyanamohottilage Thushara Madushanka and Liyanamohottilage Dayananda Cabraal of Maspota, Thorahenagedara Prasanna Ranjith Abeykoon of Mahiyangana, T. Wijethunga and Danapala of Maduruoya and V. Chandrasiri of Kelaniya, who were shot and hacked to death on the night of 01 April 2007 at Mailambaweli in Erawur while being engaged in building construction activities;

(ii) if so, the amount of money that would be paid; and,

(iii) whether any action has been taken at present in that regard;

(b) Will he inform this House the reason for not giving any relief in respect of Mr. Thorahenagedara Prasanna Ranjith Abeykoon of No.12 Elhenpitiya, Hebarawa, Mahiyangana, who was murdered?

(c) Will he state this House the course of action intended to be taken by the government regarding these people?

(d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to assess the present condition of the parliamentary complex,—That in terms of Standing Order No. 96, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on the 8th of February 2005, to assess the present condition of the Parliamentary Complex, further extension of time till 29th of February 2008 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by Parliament on the 06th of February 2007.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.03/'05

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Prevention of the President and the Prime Minister from holding Cabinet Portfolios,—Adjourned debate on question (06th July 2007)

Motion made and question proposed,—”That this Parliament is of the opinion that the President and the Prime Minister be prevented from holding any cabinet portfolio in order to have a very effective administration and to critically review performances of their ministers”.

P.04/'05

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Registration of weapons,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that all weapons in Sri Lanka should be registered and thereafter, if anyone is found with an unlicensed weapon, he should be charged with breach of criminal law and a mandatory imprisonment of 20 years be enforced.

P.05/'05

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Banking hours,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that Banking hours should be extended from 9:00 hours till 16:00 hours in order to increase the economic activities in the country.

P.07/'05

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Closing down of all taverns in the Kotte electorate,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that legislation be made to close down all taverns in Kotte electorate because sale of liquor very freely has certainly degraded the moral values in the country.

P.08/'05

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting permission to journalists to attend all meetings held under Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE), Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and Consultative Committees,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that journalists must be permitted to attend all meetings held under the Committee on Public Enterprises, Public Accounts Committee and Consultative Committees as this will make the discussions more effective, meaningful and transparent.

P.09/'05

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting Agricultural Loans to farmers who are self employed in Agriculture,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that farmers who are self employed in agriculture be granted Agricultural loans to a maximum of Rs. 25,000 at a reduced Interest Rate of 5%.

P.10/'05

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Implementation of an Island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc.,— Since the usage of Polythene and Plastic material has rapidly increased in the island and large scale environmental

pollution is taking place due to the indiscriminate disposal of such material, that this Parliament is of the opinion that an island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc, be implemented.

P.11/'05

8.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of a Museum in the Kegalle District,— This Parliament resolves that steps be taken to establish a museum for archeological monuments and for the purpose of obtaining information regarding places which have archaeological, cultural and social values.

P.12/'05

9.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a National Policy Formulation Board to determine National Policies,— This Parliament resolves that a national policy formulation board having specific powers to function notwithstanding changes of government and consisting of politicians and professionals in this field be appointed with a view to formulating systematic national policies and plans.

P.13/'05

10.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Setting up of a unit with legal powers to solve the problems faced by the migrant employees,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that a unit with legal powers be set up to look into problems faced by migrant employees such as assaults, abduction, rape, sexual abuse, killings, financial frauds and to get them down to this country and to look into their safety.

P.14/'05

11.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Formulation of a National Programme to introduce New Inventors to the World,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to introduce the new inventors and citizens who are endowed with various skills to the world and to improve their skills and creations.

P.15/'05

12.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Tax Concession to Industrialists who utilize Indigenous Raw Materials,— That this Parliament resolves that a 02 year tax concession be granted to local industrialists who produce goods for the international market utilizing more than 75% indigenous raw materials.

P.16/'05

13.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a Presidential Commission combining the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison,— That this Parliament resolves that a Presidential Commission be appointed the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison with the objective of

minimizing crimes spreading in the society, to improve criminals laws be minimizing shortcomings, to dispose of backlog of cases including land matters piled up in courts and to provide a speedy service by modernizing the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison.

P.17/05

14.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Granting Citizenship to Estate Community,— That this Parliament resolves that the estate sector community who do not have Sri Lankan citizenship should be granted same upon their willingness.

P.18/05

15.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Providing a free glass of milk to the pupils in primary schools in the Island,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements should be made to give a free glass of milk in the morning to all the pupils in the primary schools in the Island.

P.19/05

16.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Refund of Employee's Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week,— That this Parliament resolves that there should be a procedure to refund Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week.

P.20/05

17.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of Chairmen and Board of Directors in the Statutory Institutions including State Corporations, Boards and Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that only persons who have professional qualifications and experience should be selected to appoint as Chairmen and Board of Directors in Statutory Institutions including State Corporation, Boards and Authorities.

P.21/05

18.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Re-demarcation of boundaries of Grama Niladhari Division, Divisional Secretariats, Districts and Administrative areas on a scientific basis,— That this Parliament resolves that boundaries of Grama Niladhari Divisions, Divisional Secretariats, Districts and Administrative areas should be re-demarcated on a scientific basis after conducting a survey all over the island.

P.22/05

19.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service only on marks of Limited Competitive Examinations,— That this Parliament resolves

that recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service should be decided only on marks of limited competitive examinations and that only basic qualifications should be checked at the interview.

P.23/'05

20.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Punishment to criminals and compensation to the victims,— That this Parliament resolves that laws should be made to enable the same court to impose punishment to criminals and give compensation to the victims.

P.24/'05

21.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Issuing free season tickets to students,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be introduced to issue free season tickets to students to travel in buses of the Road Passenger Transport Authorities.

P.25/'05

22.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Presidential Commission on Political victimization,— That this Parliament resolves that a fully pledge Presidential Commission should be appointed to inquire into the complaints made by people who have been affected by political victimization due to their political ideas, from past until now, and to give them relief.

P.26/'05

23.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of Sports Schools and formulating a National Sports Policy,— That this Parliament resolves that a National Sports Policy with long term objectives should be formulated and high standard Sports Schools with pavilions, play grounds, sports Instruments and sports instructors should be established basically covering all the districts.

P.27/'05

24.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of a Faculty of National Languages,— That this Parliament resolves that a Faculty of National Languages should be established in order to teach Sinhala, Tamil and English to teachers.

P.28/'06

25.

Hon. V. Puththasigamoney,— Granting Voting Rights to Migrant Workers and other Sri Lankans living abroad,— That since migrant workers of Sri Lanka constitute 12% of registered voters and 10% of the national work force and that they contribute 17% of national savings and more than 20% of foreign exchange earning and also that since UN Convention of 1990 ratified by Sri Lanka in 1996 obliges the State to implement a special system of voting for migrant workers, and the Human Rights Commission has recommended to the Labour Minister to introduce laws to grant voting rights to migrant workers, and since the denial of voting

rights to them is a violation of fundamental rights, this Parliament resolves that a scheme be introduced for the migrant workers and other Sri Lankans living abroad to vote at all elections in Sri Lanka.

P.29/'06

26.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Publishing the names of defaulters of loans taken from State Banks,— That this Parliament resolves that legal provisions be introduced in Parliament to publish names of defaulters who have borrowed over Rs.100 million from state banks.

P.31/06

27.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Implementation of Private Members Motions,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that Private Members Motions moved in Parliament shall be debated within one year and, if approved by Parliament, the Cabinet of Ministers shall sanction them within six months, so that the Private Members Motions would be an effective contribution by Parliamentarians.

P.32/06

28.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Playing National Anthem in Parliament,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that National Anthem be played in Parliament before the commencement and the conclusion of Parliament Sitting in order to develop national spiritedness in the country.

P.33/'06

29.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Developing a Strong Sri Lankan Identity,— That since the requirement to state one's race and religion in government documents is an impediment and an inhibition to develop a strong national identity' this Parliament is of the opinion that this requirement be dispensed with.

P.36/'06

30.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Prevention of using images of Religious leaders for commercial purposes,— That this Parliament resolves that all religions must equally be respected and that images of Lord Buddha, Jesus Christ, Lord Shiva or Prophet Mohammed should not be used on any Commercial advertisement or any other form of non religious items.

P.37/'06

31.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Making new laws to regulate contempt of court proceedings,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that new laws should be brought in to regulate contempt of court proceedings as to strengthen democracy and to maintain a vibrant free media ensuring equal justice to all.

P.38/'06

32.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Introducing of Laws relating to Public Interest Litigation,— That this Parliament resolves that Laws be introduced in Parliament for the Public Interest

Litigation in respect of violation of basic Human Rights of the poor, content or conduct of Government policy, compel Municipal Authorities to perform a public duty, violation of religious rights or other basic fundamental rights, and corruption which Leads to Higher Public Debt and additional Liability to the Citizen.

P.39/'06

33.

Hon.Ravi Karunanayake,— Presenting a Financial Audit Report to The Election Commission by Political Parties,— That this Parliament resolves that all income and expenditure earned and incurred by recognized Political Parties must be audited and presented to the Election Commission annually.

*34.

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

*35.

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

*36.

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

*37.

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.

*38.

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.

*39.

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.

*40.

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.

*41.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

Salary	Rs. 65,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 12,000.00</u> Monthly
Total	Rs. 77,000.00
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The Parliament further resolves that 50% of the increased salary (excluding allowances) should be paid with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full salary inclusive of the balance 50% with effect from 01.01.2007 and that the salaries and allowances to be determined by Parliament by this resolution should be substituted for the salaries and allowances determined by resolutions previously passed in Parliament in respect of Chairman and Members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*42.

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)

*43.

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)

*44.

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)

*45.

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.

*46.

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

*47.

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

*48.

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

*49.

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

*50.

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

*51.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

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52.

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. Ajit Niward Cabral as the Governor of the Central Bank,—

- (1) Whereas the Central Bank is one of the most important financial institutions of a country responsible for managing its economy.
- (2) Whereas the Governor of the Central Bank Mr. Sunil Mendis abruptly resigned under mysterious circumstances and
- (3) Whereas it is reported that Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral, who
 - (a) was a Member of the Western Provincial Council.
 - (b) formerly contested Colombo District Parliamentary Elections and,
 - (c) was a one time political organizer.

- (4) And whereas several reports in newspapers indicate that he has been involved in unsavory financial transactions more particularly Pyramid Schemes.
- (5) This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into:
 - (a) the circumstances under which Mr. Sunil Mendis resigned
 - (b) the suitability of Mr. Ajith Niwad 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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53.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya,— Select Committee of Parliament on Electoral Reforms,— That a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed pursuant to the Committee appointed by Hon. Speaker during the Second Session of the Fifth Parliament which submitted its interim report on the 23rd of January, 2004 to further consider Reforms to the current system of Parliamentary and Local Authority Elections and other matters connected therewith and to make recommendations in respect of further changes considered necessary to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the existing election laws and to report together with their observations and recommendations on the amendments necessary to the said laws.

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 - (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Hon. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to :
 - (a) fix its quorum ;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above ;

(c) obtain the services of Specialist and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ;

(d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

54.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

55.

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

56.

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

57.

Parliamentary Staff Buddhist Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

58.

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

59.

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

60.

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

61.

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

62.

Ratnapura, Marapana Sastrodaya Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

63.

Young Men's Buddhist Association, Minipe (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

64.

Sri Lanka — Nippon Educational and Cultural Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

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