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Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0976/'07

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

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

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2.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources 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 Rural Industries and Self Employment Promotion,—(1)

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

1144/07

4.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Livestock Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state this House—
 - (i) the extent of lands belonging to the National Livestock Development Board and the amounts of tea, coconut and rubber that have been cultivated on those lands, separately according to each District; and,
 - (ii) the number of cattle, buffalos and sheep that are raised by the National Livestock Development Board on such lands separately, and the total number of animals living on those lands?
- (b) Will he state the number of neat cattle and oxen provided to farmers by the National Livestock Development Board for producing milk, separately, in respect of each District from 2004?
- (c) Will he admit that the objective of establishing the National Livestock Development Board too was the development of livestock?
- (d) If not, why?

1176/07

5.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the friendship bridge built across the Ma Oya which connects Pallegama in the Katugampola electorate and Kotadeniyawa in the Diwulapitiya electorate has been beneficial to the transport and economic activities of the people in the area?
- (b) Will he admit the need for the Pallegama road in the Katugampola electorate, which is an access route to this bridge, to be developed under the Maga Neguma programme?

- (c) If so, will he inform this House whether allocations have been made and tenders called for the development of this road under the Maga Neguma Programme?
- (d) Will he state when the development work would commence if allocations for that purpose have been made?
- (e) If not, why?

1167/07

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 Balapitiya 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?

1168/07

7.

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 Elpitiya 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?

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8.

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 Bentota 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?

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9.

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— 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 Regional Development Banks of Ruhuna, North-West, Up country, Sabaragamuwa and Uva have signed a collective agreement with the Bank of Ceylon Employees Union for a period of three years from 01.01.2006 to 31.12.2008?
- (b) Will he submit a copy of the said agreement this House?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether there are any obstacles to legalize the above said agreement?
- (d) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Labour Commissioner has rejected to publish the said collective agreement as the gazette saying that the conditions related to the volunteer service as per that agreement are illegal;
 - (ii) the General Managers of the Development Banks have taken action to cut the allowances entitled to the workers even when the Commissioner of Labour has pointed out that conditions relating to the volunteer service are illegal?
- (e) Will he inform this House of the steps that would be taken to restore the rights of the workers who have been denied such rights and of the steps that would be taken against the General Managers who act illegally on this manner?
- (f) If not, why?

1207/07

10.

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the monthly salaries of the General Manager and the Deputy General Manager of the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) the monthly allowances entitled to them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names and designations of officers of the Ceylon Electricity Board who are entitled to official quarters in Colombo District;
 - (ii) the names and the designations of officers who are in quarters in respect of which the rent is paid by the Ceylon Electricity Board; and,

- (iii) separately, the monthly rent paid by the Ceylon Electricity Board for each of such official quarters?

(c) If not, why?

1201/07

11.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— 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) to which rank S/162231 R.S., Udayanga R.P.H. was recruited to the Army;
- (ii) to which section?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether at present he is serving in the same section to which he was recruited;
- (ii) if not, cannot he be employed in the section to which he was recruited; and,
- (iii) if the section to which he was recruited has been changed, on what basis it has been done?

(c) If not, why?

1213/07

12.

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— 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 the number of 'Gama Neguma' projects approved in the Kandy District for 2006?

(b) Will he state this House—

- (i) separately, the number of projects implemented out of them, at Divisional Secretariat Division level;
- (ii) the amount of money apportioned for each project;
- (iii) the amount of money spent in implementing the said projects?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there are projects which were approved in 2006 but not implemented;
- (ii) if so, what they are; and,

- (iii) the reasons for the non-implementation of those projects?
- (d) Will he state, separately in respect of each project, the amount of money allocated for projects that were not implemented?
- (e) If not, why?

1256/07

13.

Hon. Jinadasa Kithulagoda,— To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. W.P.G.D. Waidyasekara was appointed to a post of Excavations Supervisor, Grade I in the Ministry of Cultural Affairs with effect from 22nd February 1983; and,
 - (ii) he was confirmed in the post of Chief Excavations Supervisor with effect from 01.08.1988 and was appointed to the post of Chief Supervisor of Excavations Divisions with effect from 01.01.1991 and to the post of Chief Supervisor of the Conservation Division with effect from 01.06.1996 and to the post of Acting Manager of the Sigiriya project with effect from 01.01.2001?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) he was transferred to the Jethavana Project after the request for confirmation in the Post of Acting Manager was rejected;
 - (ii) while the duties relevant to his substantive post, the Chief Supervisor, have not been assigned to him, he has been appointed to a post called “Maintenance” which is not in existence in the institution;
 - (iii) the recommendation made in the ministerial audit report dated 22.11.2002 that he should be assigned duties relevant to the post of Chief Supervisor, has still not been implemented; and,
 - (iv) he has received salary increments from 22nd February 1983 up to now without interruption?
- (c) Will he take steps to place him in the post that should be held by him now in consideration of his educational and professional qualifications, experience and seniority?
- (d) if not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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1.

Hon. Jeyaraj Fernandopulle
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. (Mrs.) Renuka Herath
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. C.B. Rathnayake
Hon. Bimal Ratnayake
Hon. Achala Jagodage
Hon. Deepal Gunasekara
Hon. K.V. Samantha Vidyaratne
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake
Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda
Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana
Hon. P. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Samansiri Herath
Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi
Hon. S.K. Subasinghe

Hon. Chandrasena Wijesinghe,— Parliamentary Select Committee to amend the Act, No.35 of 2003 in order to grant Sri Lankan citizenship to the persons who are in refugee camps for Sri Lankans in Tamil Nadu and to provide other facilities to them,—

Whereas it has been reported that in refugee camps for Sri Lankans, situated in Tamil Nadu, there are at present nearly 28,500 persons, who though entitled to Sri Lankan citizenship have not been granted such status,

And whereas they have been unable to obtain citizenship due to the fact that they had to live as refugees in Tamil Nadu being unable to live in Sri Lanka due to the situation that prevailed there from time to time since 1983 thereby failing to fulfil the requirement to the effect that “the children of those with continuous residence in Sri Lanka since October 30th, 1964 will be qualified to citizenship” in terms of provisions of Granting of Citizenship to citizens of Indian Origin Act, No.35 of 2003,

And in order to grant citizenship to nearly 28,500 aforesaid persons who have not been able to obtain the citizenship of Sri Lanka and hence have become “a group of stateless persons” requesting the citizenship of our country at present, Part II of the aforesaid Act be amended by including the following paragraph:—

“The persons who have not been able to prove the continuous residence in Sri Lanka as a result of being compelled to live outside Sri Lanka due to the reasons which are beyond their control and yet have been permanent residents of Sri Lanka from 30th of October 1964,

shall be entitled to the citizenship of Sri Lanka” as accepted by the Law Commission of Sri Lanka by now,

Further more, this Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed,—

- (a) to appoint a Committee with full powers and resources in order to make arrangements for the re-settlement of approximately 80,000 Sri Lankans at present living in refugee camps in Tamil Nadu;
 - (b) to arrange a joint action plan in collaboration with India to take steps to uplift the condition of the Sri Lankan refugees as well as the refugee camps in Tamil Nadu;
 - (c) to provide employment in our country through a Special Graduate Employment Programme, to nearly 2500 unemployed graduates who have obtained their degrees from Higher Education Institutes in India while staying as refugees in Tamil Nadu;
 - (d) to provide without delay the required additional human and physical resources to the High Commissioner’s Office in Chennai to conduct these activities vigorously and smoothly;
 - (e) to look into and provide for other matters in order to address the issues faced by the aforesaid groups of persons.
2. (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,
(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to :
- (a) fix its quorum ;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to produce any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above ;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and,
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

*2.

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

*3.

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

*4.

Chemical Weapons Convention (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*5.

Urban Development Authority (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*6.

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

*7.

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 Sections 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.

*8.

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.

*9.

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.

*10.

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.

*11.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No.13 of 1989, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1500/21 of 06th June, 2007 which was presented on 07.08.2007 be approved.

*12.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Value Added Tax Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2A of the Value Added Tax Act, No.14

of 2002 as amended by Act, No.6 of 2005, relating to Value Added Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1500/20 of 06th June, 2007 which was presented on 07.08.2007 be approved.

*13.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Regulations under Economic Service Charge Act,—That the Regulations made by the President under Section 12 of the Economic Service Charge Act, No.13 of 2006 as amended by the Amendment Act, No.15 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, relating to Economic Service Charge, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1502/10 of 20th June, 2007 and amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1506/6 of 18th July, 2007 which was presented on 07.08.2007 be approved.

*14.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Notice under Inland Revenue Act,— That the Notice issued by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 7 (b) (xvii) of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006, relating to Income Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1487/4 of 05th March, 2007, which was presented on 07.08.2007 be approved.

*15.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Regulations Under Inland Revenue Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 212 read with Section 17 of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006, relating to Income Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1487/7 of 05th March, 2007, which were presented on 07.08.2007 be approved.

*16

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Inland Revenue Act,— That the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 18 of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006, relating to Income Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1487/8 of 05th March, 2007, which was presented on 07.08.2007 be approved.

*17.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Regulations Under Inland Revenue Act,— That the Regulations made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 212 read with Section 26 of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006, relating to Income Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1487/6 of 05th March, 2007, which were presented on 07.08.2007 be approved.

*18

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Notice under Inland Revenue Act,— That the Notice

issued by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 108 (1) (b) of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006, relating to Income Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1487/5 of 05th March, 2007, which was presented on 07.08.2007 be approved.

*19.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Regulations Under Inland Revenue Act,— That the Regulations made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 212 read with Section 217 of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006, relating to Income Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1487/3 of 05th March, 2007, which were presented on 07.08.2007 be approved.

*20.

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)

*21.

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)

*22.

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)

*23.

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	<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)

*24.

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.

*25.

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

*26.

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

*27.

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

*28.

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

*29.

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

*30.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

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31.

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. 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 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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32.

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.

33.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

34.

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

35.

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

36.

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

37.

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

38.

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

39.

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

40.

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

41.

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

42.

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

43.

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.”
