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Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0904/07

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Land and Land Development and the Deputy Minister of Land and Land Development and their 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 Vocational and Technical Training,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Deputy Minister of Vocational Training 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 Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is an excess in the paddy production of this country;
 - (ii) if so, in what years;
 - (iii) for what purpose, this excess paddy was used?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the excess paddy or rice was exported in the years 2005 and 2006;
 - (ii) if so, to which country, in what quantities and at what prices?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether an excess paddy harvest is expected in the year 2007 or in future years;
- (ii) if so, for which purpose it is expected to utilize such harvests?

(d) if not, why?

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4.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Tangalle Divisional Secretariat Division, under indentified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;
- (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money,
- (iii) if not, when the money would be received?

(b) Will he state this House the manner in which the allocations would be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility would be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
- (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that could be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
- (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and,
- (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?

(d) if not, why?

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5.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,—To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Beliatta Divisional Secretariat Division, under indentified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;
 - (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money,
 - (iii) if not, when the money would be received?
- (b) Will he state this House the manner in which the allocations would be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility would be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
 - (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that could be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

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6.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,—To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Okewela Divisional Secretariat Division, under indentified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;

- (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money,
- (iii) if not, when the money would be received?
- (b) Will he state this House the manner in which the allocations would be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility would be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
 - (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that could be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

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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 Baddegama 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 Yakkalamulla 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. 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 Niyagama 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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10.

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— 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 Mr. R.M. Jayantha Bandara of 'Bambarapane Gedara', Pubuduwevagama, Handapanagala, Weherayaya, in the Wellawaya Divisional Secretariat Division was brutally assaulted by a group of police officers of the Buttala Police Station while he was working on a farm land belonging to the Pelawatta Sugar Company and arrested and produced before the Wellawaya Magistrate?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) as a result of this assault on 19.12.2006 he was admitted to Welawaya District Hospital on 20.12.2006 and was subsequently transferred to Badulla General Hospital due to severe ear damage and was retained for 08 days for checkup and treatment; and,
 - (ii) a complaint has been lodged at the office of the Senior Superintendent of Police, Monaragala, regarding the severe physical damage caused to him as a result of this assault on 01.01.2007?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether an investigation would be carried out in this regard and compensation be paid to Mr. Jayantha Bandara for the damage caused to him; and,
 - (ii) whether he would take action to initiate disciplinary action against those officers involved in this assault?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Finance (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Finance Act, No.5 of 2005.

2.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Finance (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Finance Act, No.11 of 2004.

3.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Regional Infrastructure Development Levy (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Regional Infrastructure Development Levy Act, No.51 of 2006.

4.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Excise (Special Provisions) (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No.13 of 1989.

5.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Special Commodity Levy,— Bill to provide for the imposition of a composite levy on certain specified commodity items in lieu of the amount chargeable on such commodity items as a tax, duty, levy, cess or any other charge in order to overcome the complexities associated with the application and administration of multiple taxes on such specified commodity items; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

6.

Hon. Kabir Hashim,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Al Haj S.M.M. Hussain Charitable Trust and to provide for all matters connected therewith or incidental thereto”

7.

Hon. Kabir Hashim,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Overseas Muslim Educational Trust of Sri Lanka”

8.

Hon. Kabir Hashim,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Zam Trust”

9.

Hon. Kabir Hashim,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.4),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Dehiwela, Kawdana Islamic Cultural Foundation”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

Chemical Weapons Convention (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*3.

Urban Development Authority (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*4.

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

*5.

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

*6.

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.

*7.

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.

*8.

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.

*9.

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.

*10.

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.

*11.

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.

*12.

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.

*13.

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.

*14.

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.

*15

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.

*16.

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.

*17

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.

*18.

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.

*19.

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)

*20.

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)

*21.

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
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Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> per month
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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)

*22.

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
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Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> Monthly
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Total	Rs. 79,400.00
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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)

*23.

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.

*24.

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

*25.

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

*26.

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

*27.

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

*28.

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

*29.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

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30.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. P. Dayaratne

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera

Hon. W. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Lakshman Seneviratne

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda

Hon. Johnston Fernando

Hon. P. Radhakrishnan

Hon. R. M. Dharmadasa Banda

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna

Hon. Neomal Perera,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into the resignation of Mr. Sunil Mendis and the appointment of Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral as the Governor of the Central Bank,—

- (1) Whereas the Central Bank is one of the most important financial institutions of a country responsible for managing its economy.
- (2) Whereas the Governor of the Central Bank Mr. Sunil Mendis abruptly resigned under mysterious circumstances and
- (3) Whereas it is reported that Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral, who
 - (a) was a Member of the Western Provincial Council.
 - (b) formerly contested Colombo District Parliamentary Elections and,
 - (c) was a one time political organizer.
- (4) And whereas several reports in newspapers indicate that he has been involved in unsavory financial transactions more particularly Pyramid Schemes.
- (5) This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into:
 - (a) the circumstances under which Mr. Sunil Mendis resigned
 - (b) the suitability of Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral to hold the position of the Governor of the Central Bank.
 - (c) whether the appointment of an individual such as Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral will seriously affect the creditability of the Central Bank and have disastrous effects on the country's economy.
- (6)
 - (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
- (7) That the Committee shall have the power to :
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Commission may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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31.

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.

32.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

33.

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

34.

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

35.

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

36.

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

37.

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

38.

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

39.

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

40.

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

41.

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

42.

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."
