



*[ Sixth Parliament - Second Session ]*

No. 138.]

**ORDER PAPER  
OF  
PARLIAMENT  
FOR**

**Friday, August 24, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

840/06

1.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the Clerical Service that existed in hospitals, Health Institutions and in the Health Ministry has been declared a separate Closed Service called the Health Clerical Service, through the Gazette Extraordinary No.177/11 dated 28.01.1982; and
  - (ii) the aforesaid Health Clerical Service was subsequently declared as the Health Management Assistance Service with Cabinet approval through the Gazette notification No.1355/15, dated 25.08.2004?
- (b) Will he inform this House, whether he would take action to absorb this Closed Service into the Public Management Assistance Service which has a minute different to that of the former, without consulting any segment of employees or a trade union?
- (c) Will he admit the fact that it would lead to frequent strikes in the health service, if action is taken without consulting the relevant parties in view of the repeated requests by the trade unions concerned?
- (d) Will he inform this House whether—
  - (i) he would take action to provide them an opportunity to discuss matters at a time when they face a crucial phase in their employment; and
  - (ii) he would take action to suspend the absorption of the Health Management Assistance Service into the Public Management Service until an agreement is reached?
- (e) If not, why?

0852/07

2.

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

- (a) Will he state in this House separately and at the Divisional Secretariat Division level—
  - (i) the number of low income families in the 18 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Galle district that receive Samurdhi benefits;
  - (ii) their names, addresses and the value of the Samurdhi benefit they receive;
  - (iii) the number of persons who have been granted Samurdhi benefits anew after the 2005 Presidential elections; and,
  - (iv) their names, addresses and the value of the Samurdhi benefit they receive?
- (b) Will he state in this House whether—
  - (i) approval has been obtained from the relevant Ministry when granting Samurdhi benefits to those new Samurdhi recipients;
  - (ii) an investigation is in progress by the Samurdhi Director General regarding the granting of Samurdhi benefits without the relevant approval; and,
  - (iii) if so, in regard to which Divisional Secretariat Divisions?
- (c) Will he state in this House as to what action would be taken by him against the officers involved in granting the Samurdhi benefits in an illegal manner?
- (d) Will he take steps to grant the Samurdhi benefits to the low income families which have been deprived of the Samurdhi benefits without the approval of the Ministry, by conducting legal investigation?
- (e) If not, why?

0870/07

3.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House the number of Cabinet Ministers in the present Government?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the specified number of persons that can be recruited as members of the personal staff and as advisors to a Cabinet Minister?
- (c) If not, why?

0874/07

4.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House the number of Deputy Ministers in the present Government?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the specified number of persons that can be recruited as members of the personal staff and as advisors to a Deputy Minister?
- (c) Will he state whether salaries or allowances are paid separately to the members of the personal staffs and advisors so recruited?
- (d) If not, why?

0919/07

5.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and the Deputy Minister of Fisheries 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?

1141/07

6.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that employees named I.M. Chandrasiri Hemakumara; W.G. Janaka Chandrakumara; Madushika Hewawitharana; Chandima Jayamali Adhikari; Chandima Seneviratne; Nadeera Rajapaksha and E.D. Abeysinghe who were serving at the Mahaweli Livestock and Agro Business (Private) Limited had been interdicted by its Chairman for a period of more than three months without notifying any charge?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether—
  - (i) the Chariman of the said Company has a special power to interdict employees in this manner without a charge sheet being served;
  - (ii) the Chairman or the General Manager or an authorized representative of that Company participated in the case filed by the interdicted employees in the Labour Tribunal?
- (c) Will he admit that it is a grave injustice to keep these employees under further interdiction without charge sheets being served?
- (d) Will he state as to what action he would take to reinstate the above employees?
- (e) If not, why?

1155/07

7.

Hon. Thilakarathna Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
  - (i) the names of schools that have been designated as “Isuru Schools” in the Galle District in 2007”;
  - (ii) the requirements that have to be fulfilled, for a school to be named as an “Isuru” school; and
  - (iii) if some schools that have not fulfilled the requirements have also been included in the above list, which they are?
- (b) Will he state what impediment is there to name G/Udugama Maha Vidyalaya, where there are approximately 1700 students studying, as an Isuru school in 2007?
- (c) Will he admit the fact that G/Udugama Maha Vidyalaya was not included in any school development project in the recent times?

- (d) Will he take action to include the above mentioned Udugama Maha Vidyalaya, which is a developing school in the area, in the “Isuru” school project for 2007?
- (e) If not, why?

1156/07

8.

Hon. Thilakarathna Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit in this House separately, the number of permits issued for sand mining in the Nagoda, Neluwa, Thawalama and Baddegama Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Galle District?
- (b) Will he inform this house—
  - (i) the names of those licence holders, their addresses and the date of issue of the licences;
  - (ii) under which provisions of the Environment Act such licences are issued; and
  - (iii) which establishment has recommended the licences so issued?
- (c) Will he state the procedure followed in issuing licences for the transportation of sand?
- (d) Will he admit that—
  - (i) issuing of licences by licence issuing centres without a receipt containing the particulars such as the date, time and quantity is illegal; and
  - (ii) a serious environmental impact has been caused on the Ginganga due to permits issued for mining and transport of sand, on various grounds?
- (e) if so, will he state whether he would take prompt action to issue licences, changing this situation by adhering to the relevant criteria in order to protect the Ginganga?
- (f) If not, why?

1178/07

9.

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the total annual revenue of the Nagoda Pradeshiya Sabha in Galle District; and
  - (ii) the sources of such revenue separately?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the sum of money spent on the monthly allowances for the Chairman and the Members of this Pradeshiya Sabha;
  - (ii) the sums of money spent every month on the fuel allowance, telephone charges and other expenses of the chairman; and
  - (iii) the sum of money spent every month on the allowances and the salaries of the permanent and non-permanent employees of the said Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the sum of money which is left for development activities after money is allocated for salaries and maintenance of the Pradeshiya Sabha out of its total annual revenue; and,
  - (ii) if any act has been done contravening the relevant Circulars or without the approval of the Pradeshiya Sabha, the steps that would be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1196/07

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this house the extent, the names of owners and the dates of acquisition of lands taken over by the Urban Development Authority for the Sacred Area City Development Plan of the Dambulla town and for all other development activities?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, the copies of the relevant gazette notifications?
- (c) Will he state in detail—
- (i) the present status and the purposes for acquisition of the lands so acquired;
  - (ii) whether the lands had been utilized for any other purposes other than those for which they were acquired; and
  - (iii) if so, what they are?
- (d) Will he state—
- (i) the names of owners and the extents of land, which had been released to the owners again out of the lands so acquired; and
  - (ii) the reason for such release?

- (e) Will he state—
- (i) whether compensation had been paid for the lands acquired;
  - (ii) if so, their names, the amount paid as compensation and the extent of such lands;
  - (iii) the names of those without compensation at present;
  - (iv) if compensation is to be paid to them, on which basis it will be done; and
  - (v) when it would be?
- (f) If not, why?

1217/07

11.

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Dr. Imitiyaz Lathif who has served on casual basis in the Government Homeopathy Hospital, Welisara and has been dismissed at present, has imported large quantities of Chlorine mixed globulus (globes) in an unauthorized manner;
  - (ii) a large amount of the drug Lactose too has been imported in excess of the required amount and the consignment of that drug is stored at Welisara hospital although its date of expiry is very near; and
  - (iii) there is a shortage of this drug in the Kurunegala, Matale and Dehiwala Free Homeopathy Dispensaries?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) according to the recent investigation report (C.S.R.), it has been found that the globulus (globes) contains Chlorine and therefore this drug would not cure the patients concerned; and
  - (ii) this doctor has caused damage to the property of the Homeopathy Medical Council and also committed a number of financial misappropriations?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to appoint a commission to investigate the above mentioned irregularities and corruption?
- (d) If not, why?

1218/07

12.

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the students of Raddolugama Pannananda National School are severely affected due to a teacher of that school, Mrs. Wasantha Nandani, suffering from a mental disease; and
  - (ii) she scolds and threatens the students within the school premises using abusive language?
- (b) Will he admit that—
  - (i) she has come to this school on transfer recently, after serving as a housemaid in America for 5 years on approved leave; and
  - (ii) so far, no steps have been taken regarding any of the complaints made to the principal against this teacher's improper conduct?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to initiate suitable legal action regarding this teacher and the principal?
- (d) If not, why?

1263/07

13.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anjan Umma,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the number of Sri Lanka Administrative Service - Class I posts approved by the Department of Management Service for all the Ministries, Departments and Provincial Councils?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
  - (i) the number of vacancies existing in each post in the aforesaid institutions; and,
  - (ii) the number of retired persons working on contract basis in those vacant positions?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether action would be taken to fill the vacancies in that Class by promoting the officers in Grade I of Class II to the vacant positions in Class I; and,
  - (ii) if so, in what way?
- (d) If not, why?

## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 17.01.2006, the hours of sitting this day shall be 09.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 01.00 p.m. to 04.30 p.m. At 03.30 p.m., Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

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## NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Urban Development Authority (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

\*2.

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

\*3.

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 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007 which was presented on 17.07.2007 be approved.

\*4.

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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006 which was presented on 17.07.2007 be approved.

\*5.

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 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006 which was presented on 17.07.2007 be approved.

\*6.

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 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006 which was presented on 17.07.2007 be approved.

\*7.

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 06<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 which was presented on 07.08.2007 be approved.

\*8.

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 06<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 which was presented on 07.08.2007 be approved.

\*9.

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 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 and amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1506/6 of 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2007 which was presented on 07.08.2007 be approved.

\*10.

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 05<sup>th</sup> March, 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,— 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 05<sup>th</sup> March, 2007, which were 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 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 05<sup>th</sup> March, 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 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 05<sup>th</sup> March, 2007, which were 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 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 05<sup>th</sup> 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 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 05<sup>th</sup> 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,— Determination under the Commission to investigate Bribery or Corruption Act,— That this Parliament hereby determines under Section 2(7) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No.19 of 1994, that the salary and allowances payable to the Chairman and the Members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption shall be as follows with effect from 01.01.2006.

**Chairman (Full time)**

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

**Members**

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

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*17.

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)

\*18.

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**

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|-----------|-------------------------|
| 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)

\*19.

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 |
|--------|-----------------------|

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)

\*20.

Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— Adjourned Debate on Question (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2006 which were presented on 05.09.2006, be approved.

\*21.

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

\*22.

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

\*23.

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

\*24.

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

\*25.

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

\*26.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

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27.

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 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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28.

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.

29.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

30.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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

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