



No. 141.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, September 06, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1068/07

1.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a land Kachcheri was conducted at the Shalika Hall in Dehiattakandiya on 10.06.2003 for the purpose of distributing Mahaweli lands?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the names and addresses of the people who had been called to this land Kachcheri?
- (c) Will he state the names of the persons who were identified by the land Kachcheri for granting lands?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a letter was sent to the person named H.G. Peter of Courts Road, Hasalaka, calling him to attend this Kachcheri;
 - (ii) if so, the reason why he was not selected for a grant of a land; and
 - (iii) the reason why the Manager of Girandurukotte Division has sent his letter dated 27.06.2005 bearing reference HA/C/BM/PK/L22 to Mr. H.G. Peter?
- (e) Will he take the necessary steps to grant him a Mahaweli land?
- (f) If not, why?

1073/07

2.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Livestock Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. Ravindra Rupasingha of Katupitiya Grama Seva Division No.747 in Mallawapitiya Divisional Secretary's Division in Kurunegala has been maintaining an animal farm with approximately 2000 animals for about 12 years now;

- (ii) a decision has been taken by the Mallawapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha to close down that animal farm?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) if this farm is closed down, he will not be able to nurture his children and wife since he has no other source of income; and
 - (ii) he would not be able to repay the bank loans and other loans borrowed from his friends?
- (c) If this farm would be closed down, will he take action to give him Rs.50 lakhs for the money he has obtained from responsible institutions for the farm; Rs.50 lakhs for the waste of potential ability in producing livestock products and an employment that will ensure the earning of Rs. 60,000/= per month as his daily earnings was Rs. 2000/-?
- (d) If not, why?

1100/07

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that personal file of Mrs. Malathie R.G. Thirimanna, who retired having served as Assistant Officer in charge of the Rural Development Training and Research Institute (pension No. 616394) which is required for the revision of her pension and which is at present in the Ministry of Local Government, has been misplaced?
- (b) Will he issue necessary instructions to locate this file?
- (c) Will he state the length of time it would take to locate the file?
- (d) if not, why?

1101/07

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the all bilateral agreements signed between Sri Lanka and the rest of the world from the 1st January 2006 to-date;

- (ii) whether those agreements were signed on government to government basis or as private institutions controlled by foreign grants with the Sri Lankan Government; and
 - (iii) the benefits received by the country to-date in accordance with those bilateral agreements?
- (b) If not, why?

1209/07

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the action taken to ameliorate the garbage problem in this country;
 - (ii) whether it is in operation?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabha have been given lands for “Land fill Operations”;
 - (ii) if so, the locations of such lands and the Local Councils for which they are used for the entire country and Western Province separately;
 - (iii) whether the government would give the money to the Local Authorities for garbage disposal; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount allocated to each council?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether the garbage dump yard in Bloemendhal road is still in operation; and
 - (ii) if not so, the location of the alternative site?
- (d) If not, why?

1123/07

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the amount of goods transported by the government to the Northern Province by ships within the period of the year 2006 and 31st March 2007 and the types of goods so transported, on an annual basis?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) to which Shipping Company the ships that were used to transport these goods, belonged;
 - (ii) the capacity of each ship and the amount of money paid to the Shipping Company for a single journey, separately; and
 - (iii) the total amount of money paid to each Shipping Company?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether a proper purchasing procedure was followed when these goods and ships were secured for transportation?
- (d) If not, why?

1125/07

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the extent of land allocated by the Urban Development Authority to individuals and institutions from 01st January 2005 to 31st March 2007?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the persons and institutions who were allocated the lands and the extents of such land so allocated, separately,
 - (ii) the basis on which the persons and institutions concerned were selected for the allocation of such lands?
- (c) Will he state the basis of allocation of such lands (whether freehold or lease) and the prices?
- (d) If not, why?

1185/07

8.

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 Karandeniya 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 in spending public funds, the steps that would be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1186/07

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 Balapitiya 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 in spending public funds, the steps that would be taken in that regard?

(d) If not, why?

1187/07

10.

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 Ambalangoda 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 in spending public funds, the steps that would be taken in that regard?

(d) If not, why?

1253/07

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the reconstruction work of the Dharmapala Park belonging to the Galle Municipal Council has been started by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) when the reconstruction work was started;
 - (ii) from which institute, financial aid was obtained; and
 - (iii) who has undertaken the contract in this regard?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a plan has been prepared by the Galle Municipal Council for this construction work;
 - (ii) if so, by whom was it made; and,
 - (iii) if estimates have been prepared, what the estimated amount is and who prepared it?
- (d) Will he table the plan concerned in this House?
- (e) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether the plan was approved at the relevant Committees of the Municipal Council and at a General Meeting of the Municipal Council;
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for it;
 - (iii) what procedure should be followed by the Mayor in developing a Municipal property; and,
 - (iv) what course of action will be taken if the Mayor has not adopted the aforesaid formality?
- (f) If not, why?

1254/07

12.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) what institute of which country provides financial aid for the Koggala-Habaraduwa Water Project (KHW) implemented by the Ministry of Water Supply and Drainage;
- (ii) what its estimated cost is; and,
- (iii) what institute undertakes the relevant contract?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the said project was started and the date on which it is scheduled to be completed;
 - (ii) to what extent the work has been completed at present;
 - (iii) the area covered by this project for the supply of water;
 - (iv) whether the Habaraduwa town will be provided with water under this project; and
 - (v) if water is not supplied to the Habaraduwa town, which is a main town within the area where the Koggala-Habaraduwa Water Project (KHW) spreads, the reason for preparing the relevant plan?
- (c) Will he admit that there is a shortcoming in the initial plans of this project if water is not provided to the Habaraduwa town?
- (d) If so, will he take steps to amend the project proposal and its initial plan and provide water to the Habaraduwa town?
- (e) If not, why?

1255/07

13.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of official vehicles, the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor of Galle are entitled to;

- (ii) the number of vehicles used by the present Mayor and the Deputy Mayor of Galle by now;
 - (iii) the make and number of those vehicles and whether they are vehicles belonging to the Municipal Council or those obtained from another government institution;
 - (iv) if vehicles officially not entitled to have been obtained, whether approval for that has been obtained from the Commissioner of Local Government or at the Municipal Council meeting or from the Minister of Local Government; and
 - (v) what steps will be taken, if vehicles are used without proper approval?
- (b) Will he state in this House separately, the make, number and monthly rent, if vehicles have been obtained on rent basis?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the monthly fuel expenses obtained by the present Mayor and the Deputy Mayor, since the day they were elected, separately;
 - (ii) whether the relevant fuel expenses have been approved by the Municipal Council; and
 - (iii) if not, if monies are spent for fuel illegally, what steps will be taken?
- (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 06.00 p.m. At 06.00 p.m., Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

2.

Hon. Lakshman Seneviratne,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Labour Officers’ Association Welfare Fund”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Finance (Amendment) Bill (No.256)— Second Reading

*2.

Finance (Amendment) Bill (No.257)— Second Reading

*3.

Regional Infrastructure Development Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*4.

Excise (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading

*5.

Special Commodity Levy Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

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.

*7.

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.

*8.

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.

*9.

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.

*10.

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.

*11.

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.

*12.

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.

*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 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.

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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.

*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 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.

*16

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.

*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 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.

*18.

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation 2005,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2005 and presented on 03.04.2007 under Section 30 (2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No.49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Healthcare and Nutrition)

*19.

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation 2005,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2005 and presented on 12.01.2007 under Section 30 (2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No.49 of 1957, and Section 14 (3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Healthcare and Nutrition)

*20.

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital 2005,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2005 and presented on 11.05.2007 under Section 30 (2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No.49 of 1957, and Section 14 (3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Healthcare and Nutrition)

*21.

The Minister of Science and Technology,— Annual Report of the National Engineering Research and Development Centre of Sri Lanka 2004,— That the Annual Report of the National Engineering Research and Development Centre of Sri Lanka with the observations of Auditor General for the year 1st January 2004 to 31st December 2004, and presented on 08.02.2007, under Section 40 (3) of Science and Technology Development Act, No.11 of 1994 and Section 14 (3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Science and Technology)

*22.

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

*23.

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.

*24.

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	Rs. 80,400.00

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Members

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

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

*25.

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

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)

*26.

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)

*27.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act,— That this Parliament determines that the Salaries and Allowances of the Chairman and Members of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka established under the Section 8 of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No.21 of 1996, be as follows with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Salary	Rs. 65,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> Monthly
Total	Rs. 79,400.00
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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)

*28.

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.

*29.

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

*30.

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

*31.

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

*32.

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

*33.

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

*34.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

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35.

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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36.

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.

37.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

38.

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

39.

Methsith Dharmadutha Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

40.

Green Movement of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

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