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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1010/07

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 05 years—
 - (i) the quantity of crude oil imported;
 - (ii) the countries imported from; and,
 - (iii) the average price?
- (b) Will he state the total quantity of petroleum products imported to the country by Petroleum Corporation and LIOC for the last 05 years separately?
- (c) Will he further state the total taxes, duties and other duties etc from the point of import, Production and retail for Petroleum Corporation and LIOC separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1199/07

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money invested in “Mihin Air” by the Government or Government institutions; and
 - (ii) the names of the directors and the share holders of “Mihin Air”;
- (b) Will he table—
 - (i) the corporate plan of “Mihin Air”; and

- (ii) the interim accounts from the inception and the balance sheet as at today?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of aircrafts “Mihin Air” possess;
 - (ii) whether it is acquired and on dry or wet lease together with the terms;
 - (iii) date of manufacture of these aircrafts and countries from which they were obtained; and
 - (iv) the destinations of flights?
- (d) Will he further state—
 - (i) the number of tonnage airlifted and the revenue obtained;
 - (ii) the number of passenger it has carried; and
 - (iii) the number of passengers airlifted per country ratio or passage local factor ratio?
- (e) Will he advice the committed cost or the overhead cost of the airlines on per month basis from the date of inception?
- (f) If not, why?

1210/07

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of “A” Grade roads in the country;
 - (ii) the number of Provincial Council roads along with the length in kilometers; and
 - (iii) the number of tertiary roads run by the Local Authorities?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the action taken by the Government to repair these roads to a proper condition;
 - (ii) the amount of money that have been allocated and the amount actually required;
 - (iii) the number of National Highways contemplated;
 - (iv) sources of funds; and

- (v) when are they going to be completed?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of flyovers that are contemplated in Colombo, Gampaha and Kandy Districts separately;
 - (ii) sources of funds; and
 - (iii) when are they going to be completed?
- (d) If not, why?

1067/07

4.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that a written commitment was submitted to the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka that the decisions made by the Cabinet of Ministers on 12.10.2001 concerning a group of teachers subjected to political victimization would be implemented exactly as stated in the relevant Cabinet Paper?
- (b) Will he inform this House what action would be taken concerning the responsible administrative officials in the Ministry of Education who have been omitting to comply with the determination of the Court for five years?
- (c) Will he take the necessary steps to grant to the group of teachers including the retired school teacher Mr. P.A.W. Peter Perera of No.158/1 Baseline Road, Amandoluwa, Seeduwa, their promotions with salaries in arrears which they were deprived of due to political victimization?
- (d) if not, why?

1121/07

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of money estimated for the Moragahakanda reservoir construction project;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for year 2007;
 - (iii) whether foreign loans or grants are given for this project;
 - (iv) the number of years in which this project is due to be completed; and

- (v) the amount of money expected to be allocated for each year?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families that will be displaced due to this project;
 - (ii) the location of the lands that are proposed to be given to them and the extent of land given for each family;
 - (iii) the other facilities that will be given to the displaced persons other than the lands?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether an Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared for this project;
 - (ii) if so, when; and
 - (iii) the recommendations of the aforesaid report?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the total amount of money that has been spent for the inaugural ceremony of this project?
 - (ii) the name of the company which was in charge of the publicity activities of that ceremony?
- (e) Will he submit this House, the amounts of money paid to the aforesaid company in respect of television advertisements, posters, newspaper advertisements, hoarding, and other publicity activities?
- (f) If not, why?

1133/07

6.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mrs. A.A. Costa of No.50/1, Palugama, Dompe, served in the Department of Broadcasting, having joined as an ordinary labourer in 1967; and,
 - (ii) having served successfully and obtained a promotion, too, she retired (A/PF1649/S5) as Office Work Assistant on 01.04.1996?
- (b) Will he admit that the other workers who worked with her and retired are receiving pensions under the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (Special Provisions) Act, No.08 of 1996?

- (c) Will he state in this House the names and designations of those who have served and retired from the Department of Broadcasting and are entitled to pensions?
- (d) Will he admit that measures have not been taken to give Mrs. A.A. Costa her pension?
- (e) If so, will he take the necessary steps to have her pension and arrears paid promptly?
- (f) If not, why?

1188/07

7.

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 Hikkaduwa 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?

1189/07

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 Bope Poddala 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?

1190/07

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 Akmeemana 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?

1212/07

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of 'Gama Neguma' Proposals that had been approved in the Kegalle district in the year 2006?
- (b) Will he present this House separately at the Divisional Secretariat division level, the number of proposals that were implemented, out of the aforesaid number of proposals?
- (c) Will he present this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for each proposal; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that was spent in implementing these proposals?
- (d) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether there are proposals that were approved in year 2006 but have not yet been implemented;
 - (ii) if so, what they are;
 - (iii) the reason for non-implementation of the aforesaid proposals; and
 - (iv) the amount of money allocated for the proposals that were not implemented?
- (e) If not, why?

1237/07

11.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the extent of lands belonging to the Coconut Cultivation Board separately in respect of each District?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of neat cattle and buffalos that are raised on those lands by the Coconut Cultivation Board separately;
 - (ii) the total number of animals living on those lands; and,
 - (iii) the total number of neat cattle and buffalos provided to farmers from 2004 up to now by the Coconut Cultivation Board for producing milk, separately in respect of each District?
- (c) If not, why?

1275/07

12.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been deducted from the salaries of the public servants in the years 2004 and 2005 for their insurance; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that was borne by the Treasury for the insurance of public servants in the years 2004 and 2005?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the institution and the number of the accounts to which the aforesaid amount of money was credited;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid amount, the amount of money paid for the public servants as benefits;
 - (iii) the balance after the benefits have been paid; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to give back the public servants the balance that has not been used for the payment of benefits as mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.50/07

1.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— Select Committee of Parliament to investigate and report allegations of bribery and corruption made in respect of the procurement of MiG 27 Aircraft for the Sri Lanka Air Force from Ukraine,—

Whereas serious allegations of bribery and corruption has been made in respect of the procurement of MiG 27 Aircraft for the Sri Lanka Air Force from Ukraine; and

Whereas it is also alleged that the Aircraft purchased under this deal have long expired their useful lifespan,

Whereas it is alleged that ‘front’ companies have been used in making these purchases; and

Whereas it is alleged that monies have been paid to these front companies, and

Whereas some of these front companies are now under investigation by the Government of Ukraine,

This House resolves that a Select Committee on Parliament be appointed:

- (i) To investigate into the truth of these allegations,
- (ii) To determine whether in fact a front company was used to make these purchases,
- (iii) To investigate to whom and when monies have been paid in respect of these transactions,
- (iv) To investigate whether illegal payment have been made to any parties,
- (v) To recommend what steps should be taken to prevent future occurrences,
- (vi) To recommend what steps should be taken to punish any person found guilty of wrongdoing.

2. (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist

of not more than twenty one (21) members.

3. That the Committee shall have the power to:

- (a) fix its quorum ;
- (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
- (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman or the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
- (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
- (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

4. The Committee shall make its Report within One Year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

P.03/'05

2.

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

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

P.04/'05

3.

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

P.05/'05

4.

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

P.07/'05

5.

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

P.08/'05

6.

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

P.09/'05

7.

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

P.10/'05

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Implementation of an Island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc.,— Since the usage of Polythene and Plastic material has rapidly increased in the island and large scale environmental pollution is taking place due to the indiscriminate disposal of such material, that this Parliament is of the opinion that an island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc, be implemented.

P.11/'05

9.

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

P.12/'05

10.

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

P.13/'05

11.

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

P.14/'05

12.

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

P.15/'05

13.

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

P.16/'05

14.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a Presidential Commission combining the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison,— That this Parliament resolves that a Presidential Commission be appointed the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison with the objective of minimizing crimes spreading in the society, to improve criminals laws be minimizing shortcomings, to dispose of backlog of cases including land matters piled up in courts and to provide a speedy service by modernizing the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison.

P.17/'05

15.

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

P.18/'05

16.

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

P.19/'05

17.

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

P.20/'05

18.

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

P.21/'05

19.

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

P.22/'05

20.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service only on marks of Limited Competitive Examinations,— That this Parliament resolves that recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service should be decided only on marks of limited competitive examinations and that only basic qualifications should be checked at the interview.

P.23/'05

21.

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

P.24/'05

22.

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

P.25/'05

23.

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

P.26/'05

24.

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

P.27/'05

25.

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

P.28/'06

26.

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

P.29/'06

27.

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

P.31/06

28.

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

P.32/06

29.

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

P.33/'06

30.

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

P.36/'06

31.

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

P.37/'06

32.

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

P.38/'06

33.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Introducing of Laws relating to Public Interest Litigation,— That this Parliament resolves that Laws be introduced in Parliament for the Public Interest Litigation in respect of violation of basic Human Rights of the poor, content or conduct of Government policy, compel Municipal Authorities to perform a public duty, violation of religious rights or other basic fundamental rights, and corruption which Leads to Higher Public Debt and additional Liability to the Citizen.

P.39/'06

34.

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

P.48/'07

35.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, – Establishment of a Common Fund for Buddhist Religious Affairs, –That, since the lack of involvements in Buddhist religious affairs in Sri Lanka most of the Buddhist shrines are maintained with the support of patrons and donors and since this is a deplorable situation when compared to the donations received from various sources for other religions and since the restrictions have been imposed on providing money from the decentralized funds of the Members of Parliament, that this Parliament resolves that a Common Fund be established for the conservation, development and maintenance of the Buddhist shrines which are rendering a invaluable service to the Buddha Sasana even at this poor condition.

*36.

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.

*37.

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.

*38.

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.

*39.

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.

*40.

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.

*42.

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.

*43

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.

*44.

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.

*45.

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)

*46.

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)

*47.

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)

*48.

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)

*49.

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

*50.

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.

*51.

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)

*52.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Constitution (No.1),— It is determined by this Parliament that the remuneration and the Allowances of the Chairman and the Members of the Public Service Commission established under Article 54 (1) of the Constitution shall be as set out below with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Remuneration	Rs. 65,000.00 per month
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> per month
Total	Rs. 79,400.00
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Members

Remuneration	Rs. 30,000.00 per month
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It is further determined by this Parliament that while 50% of the increased remuneration (excluding allowances) of the Chairman and Members of the Public Service Commission shall be payable with effect from 01.01.2006 and the balance with effect from 01.01.2007. The remuneration and the allowances previously determined and adopted by Parliament as payable to the said Chairman and Members of the Commission shall be substituted by the remuneration and allowances determined by this resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*53.

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)

*54.

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	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)

*55.

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.

*56.

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

*57.

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

*58.

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

*59.

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

*60.

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

*61.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

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62.

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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63.

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.

64.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

65.

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

66.

Methsith Dharmadutha Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

67.

Sri RathanaJothi Community Development and Social Foundation (Incorporation)
Bill — Second Reading.

68.

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

69.

Sri Saranankara Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

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