



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 143.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0836/06

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 state—

- (i) the number of statutory boards as at today;
- (ii) the number of commercial corporations which are in operation;
- (iii) the capital allocated at the inception and the net asset value as of today; and,
- (iv) the number of fully-owned companies of the Government?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of subsidiary companies in which the Government has shares;
- (ii) the percentage of shares and the profit for the last 3 years on per year basis;
- (iii) whether the dividends have been paid;
- (iv) if so, the amount received;
- (v) the number of Government Institutions privatized along with the percentage of Privatization for the last 10 years per year basis; and
- (vi) the dividends that have been received from the privatized entities in which the government hold shares?

(c) Will he inform this House, the capital employed, number of employment and the profit before and after tax and levies with regard to (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) in part (a) individually and collectively?

(d) If not, why?

1103/07

2.

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 10 years to date—
 - (i) the amount of loans, grants and commercial loans that have been given by the Government of China to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) interest rates and the duration of the loans;
 - (iii) the amount of loans, grants and commercial loans given by the Government controlled institutions or private companies to the Government of Sri Lanka or Government institutions; and,
 - (iv) the interest rates and the duration to pay the loans?
- (b) Will he state the value in US Dollars of exports and imports between China and Sri Lanka separately, for the last 10 years to date?
- (c) If not, why?

1147/07

3.

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 in accordance with the page 43 of the Central Bank Report of 2006 which has been included expenditure incurred on economic services and social services for the years of 2004, 2005 and 2006—
 - (i) the main projects and social activities such money has been spent;
 - (ii) the amount of money actually spent; and,
 - (iii) whether the money has been allocated from Government earnings or from soft term loans or from Government commercial borrowings?
- (b) Will he state the cost incurred in constant prices for the last 05 years?
- (c) If not, why?

0873/07

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of tanks in the Anuradhapura District that were selected for reconstruction in year 2006;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid selected tanks, the number of tanks of which the reconstruction work is over?
- (b) Will he present to this House separately the number of tanks selected from each Divisional Secretariat Division in Anuradhapura district along with the name and the location of each tank?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money estimated for the reconstruction of each of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (ii) the amount of money paid out of the estimated money; and
 - (iii) the names of the persons and the institutions that were entrusted with the task of reconstructing the aforesaid tanks?
- (d) if not, why?

1223/07

5.

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 inform this House—
 - (i) on the basis of each year, the total amount of loans, exceeding one million that have been granted to the borrowers by the Bank of Ceylon from year 1996 to year 2006;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been recovered along with the interest from the aforesaid loans in each year;
 - (iii) the amount of money that was considered as bad debts in each year?
- (b) Will he present to this House the names and addresses of the borrowers and the institutions who have obtained the loans that cannot be recovered as mentioned above and the amount of loans that have been obtained by them?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) out of the amount of loans that have been granted as mentioned above, the amount of loans that has been written off as bad debts; and
 - (ii) if loans have been written off as mentioned above the names and addresses of the persons and institutions whose loans have been written off?

(d) Will he submit in this House the courses of action that have been followed in order to recover the loans that couldn't be recovered and considered as bad debts?

(e) if not, why?

1191/07

6.

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 Habaraduwa 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?

1192/07

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 Baddegama 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?

1193/07

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 Yakkalamulla 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?

1202/07

9.

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) in terms of a decision taken at the Cabinet meeting held on 9th October 2002, approval has been granted to antedate the date of absorbing the Public Health field officers to the Middle Level Technical Service, as 01-05-1977 from 02-08-1989 by the Cabinet Paper Number 02/1602/118/142 of 16-10-2002; and,
 - (ii) in response to the directive of the Secretary to the Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition, the Western, North Western, North Central, North Eastern and Sabaragamuwa Provincial Councils have made the relevant antedates and placed the employees on the salary scales and promotions too have been given?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Public Health Field Officers of the Uva Province have been placed on the salary scales after antedating and granting of relevant promotions; and,
 - (ii) if so, the reason as to why Mr. G.M. Wikramaratne of No.32, Senevipura, Mahiyangana who is serving as the Public Health Field Officer of the Anti-Malaria unit of the Uva Province, has not been placed on the salary scales with the relevant promotions following the antedating being made?
- (c) Will he state whether any course of action has been taken against the relevant officers in the Uva Provincial Council in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1234/07

10.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Walldaisin Villas housing complex in Pepiliyana is in the Boralesgamuwa Postal Service area; and
 - (ii) however, the distribution of letters is done by the postal workers who belong to the Nugegoda Postal Service area?
- (b) Will he inform this House the reason for the distribution of letters in an area which does not come under the relevant postal service area on the payment of over-time?
- (c) Will he state whether steps will be taken to rectify this?
- (d) If not, why?

1236/07

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that nearly 150 vehicles have been sold through the tenders called in March 2006 by Mahaweli Livestock and Agro Enterprises?
- (b) Will he inform this House, the registration numbers, makes, selling prices, conditions and the names and addresses of the buyers of the aforesaid vehicles?
- (c) Will he state the reason for the relevant officers of the Mahaweli Authority to refuse the issue of the legal documents pertaining to those vehicles to the persons who have purchased the aforesaid vehicles?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether, necessary action will be taken to give the legal documents pertaining to those vehicles to the persons who have purchased them; and
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (e) If not, why?

1276/07

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that on 19.08.2006, Mr. Sanath Kumara Kulawardhana, the leader of Opposition of the Walikanda Pradeshia Sabha has been taken into custody by the Criminal Investigation Department?
- (b) Will he inform this House the reasons for keeping him in custody without any allegation levelled against him?
- (c) Does he admit that a violation of human rights has taken place as a result of keeping him in custody without any allegation levelled against him?
- (d) If not, why?

1298/07

13.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources gives permission to foreign fishing vessels companies, to use our fisheries harbours;
 - (ii) if so, the number of foreign fishing vessels companies that have been given permissions as mentioned above?
- (b) Will he submit in this House, the names, addresses, registered numbers and the dates of registration of such foreign fishing vessels companies that have been given permission in the aforesaid manner?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the country to which the foreign fishing company named “Bonbridge” belongs; and
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the Board of Directors of the aforesaid company?
- (d) If not, why?

1299/07

14.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he present this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources has made financial allocations for the construction work in the Weligama Urban Council; and,
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money and the year in which it was done?
- (b) Will he inform this House the basis on which the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources allocated money for the aforesaid construction work which does not come under the subject of fisheries?
- (c) Will he admit that it is wrong to spend the money that should be utilized for the benefit of the fishing community, for other purposes?
- (d) If not, why?

1300/07

15.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Urubokka area in Matara district is not a fishing zone?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources allocated money to build an educational, sports and cultural centre in Urubokka; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money and the year in which the money was allocated?
- (c) Will he admit that it is correct to allocate money that should be utilized for the benefit of the fishing industry and the fishing community, for other purposes?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Future World Organization”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

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.

*3.

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.

*4.

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.

*5.

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.

*6.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Regulations Under Inland Revenue Act (No.1),— 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.

*7.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Regulations Under Inland Revenue Act (No.2),— 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.

*8.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Regulations Under Inland Revenue Act (No.3),— 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.

*9

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.

*10.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Notice under Inland Revenue Act (No.1),— 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.

*11

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Notice under Inland Revenue Act (No.2),— 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.

*12.

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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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)

*15.

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)

*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 Monthly</u>
Total	Rs. 80,400.00
	=====

Members

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

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	Rs. 79,400.00
	=====

Members

Remuneration	Rs. 30,000.00 per month
--------------	-------------------------

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
	=====

Members

Allowance	Rs. 30,000.00 per month
-----------	-------------------------

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	Rs. 79,400.00
	=====

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 (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.

*21.

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

*22.

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

*23.

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

*24.

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

*25.

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

*26.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

P.34/'06

27.

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. Ajit Niward Cabral as the Governor of the Central Bank,—

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

- (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

P.6/'04

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.

31.

Methsith Dharmadutha Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

32.

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

33.

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

34.

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.”
