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Thursday, September 20, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1088/07

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the Ministry of Disaster Management and Human Rights had informed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that a delegation of American Ambassador, German Ambassador, Italian Ambassador, Japanese Ambassador and the European Union Head were going to the East (Batticaloa) on the 27th February, 2007?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Batticaloa landing strip in cleared area was controlled by the Government;
 - (ii) if so, how the LTTE mortars were able to attack on the landed helicopter;
 - (iii) whether it is correct that the Deputy Inspector General Nimal Lewke had confirmed that aforesaid attack took place at 7.45 a.m. and 7.52 a.m. before the delegation landed;
 - (iv) if so, the reason for going further and landing;
 - (v) whether it is correct that the helicopter was circling in the air for 20 minutes before landing; and
 - (vi) as to what the investigation proven to date on this recent misshappen of the foreign diplomats?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the Sunday Times, the Sunday Leader, the Nation, the Sunday Island news papers of 4th March 2007 stated that the Minister of Foreign Affairs had not been informed and the Minister of disaster Management and Human Rights must take the full responsibility of this incident; and
 - (ii) if so, had he apologized to the Ambassadors concerned?
- (d) If not, why?

1148/07

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Public Recreation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the expenses incurred for the Sri Lanka Cricket Board and its officials, representatives and others sent by the Sri Lanka Cricket Board for the Cricket World Cup - 2007 held in Caribbean/West Indies (i.e. air fare, accommodation, local transfers out of pocket allowance, match tickets etc.);
- (ii) the expenses incurred by Sri Lanka Cricket Board for Parliamentarians, Cabinet and non-Cabinet Ministers for the above event; and
- (iii) the expenses incurred by ICC or any other sports body for any Sri Lanka Cricket Board official or its nominee or recommended persons?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the cost for the players, support services of the team and the management (i.e. contract, allowance, match bonus, match wins etc.); and
- (ii) the budgetary allocations for the world cup 2007 by Sri Lanka Cricket Board together with their approvals and the method of payments?

(c) If not, why?

1150/07

3.

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 from 01.01.1970 to 31.12.1994 and 01.01.1995 to date—

- (i) the number of flying aircraft companies registered to operate flights in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the name of the company, ownership, capital invested, number of staff, number of aircrafts owned on dry lease; and
- (iii) the number of aircrafts on wet lease?

(b) Will he state for the last three years to date—

- (i) the number of Aircraft Operating Certificate (AOC) licences issued; and
- (ii) their date of application, the date that the trial flight done and the date it was approved along with the corroborated evidence?

- (c) Will he further state the reason for other Airline companies take such a long time to obtain AOC Licences when the Mihin Air has obtained the same in 48 hours?
- (d) If not, why?

1118/07

4.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he state this House—
 - (i) when the Cabinet approval was granted for the “Mihin Air” air line, which commenced recently;
 - (ii) who the chairman, the Chief Executive Officer and other Chief Officials of that “Mihin Air” air line are?
- (b) will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the total strength of the staff of this Company including the Chairman, the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer;
 - (ii) their designations, qualifications obtained and the criteria of recruitment?
- (c) Will he state separately, the salary scale applicable to each member of the staff including the Chairman, the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer?
- (d) If not, why?

1119/07

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he submit this House—
 - (i) the number of aircraft that were purchased for the airline Mihin Air;
 - (ii) when the said aircraft were purchased;
 - (iii) whether the formal tender procedure was followed in this regard;
 - (iv) if so, what it was; and,
 - (v) the relevant period?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the countries or companies who tendered their offers; and,
 - (ii) what prices were offered by each such body?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the company to which the aircraft thus purchased had belonged to;
- (ii) the year of manufacture of the aircraft;
- (iii) whether there was a technical evaluation committee for the purchase of these aircraft; and,
- (iv) if so, the names of the members of that committee?

(d) If not, why?

1120/07

6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money allocated for the “Mihin Air” Air Line for the year 2006 and 2007 separately;
- (ii) the total expenditure incurred as at 31.03.2007; and,
- (iii) for what purpose?

(b) Will he state in this House—

- (i) whether these moneys were allocated only from the Treasury; and
- (ii) if moneys were obtained from other institutions what those institutions are?

(c) If not, why?

1177/07

7.

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the types of fertilizer used for tea cultivation in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) separately, the current selling prices of aforesaid types of fertilizer at public companies and at private companies;

- (b) Will he submit this House, separately, the prices of types of fertilizer used for tea cultivation from year 2000 up to now?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money given as subsidy for a 50kg sack of fertilizer; and
 - (ii) the current price of a 50kg sack of fertilizer given to tea smallholders after the aforesaid subsidy is granted;
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether necessary steps will be taken to grant the subsidy that should be paid for selling a 50kg sack of fertilizer used for tea cultivation for a price of Rs. 950.00 which was the previous price of the same; and
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken to uplift the living standards of the tea-smallholders and their families?
- (e) If not, why?

1245/07

8.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the number of Zonal Education Offices in Matara District;
 - (ii) the number of acting Zonal Directors of Education serving in these Zonal Education Offices;
 - (iii) since when they were appointed to the respective posts;
 - (iv) out of them, the names of those who have exceeded 55 years of age; and,
 - (v) The educational qualifications of such directors?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the educational and professional qualifications required for the Zonal Director of Education; and,
 - (ii) the names of those Zonal Directors of Education who have not fulfilled such qualifications?
- (c) If not, why?

1246/07

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a housing project was completed with aid from the Government of Turkey, within the Weligama Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara District and transferred to the people's ownership?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of houses constructed under the said project;
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent on the project;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent for constructing one house;
 - (iv) the floor area and the number of rooms of a house constructed; and,
 - (v) the name and address of the institute that conducted the construction work?
- (c) Is he aware that the occupants of these houses staged several demonstrations as the houses had not been constructed according to standards?
- (d) Will he state by whom the supervision of the construction work was done?
- (e) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the supervision has not been done properly; and,
 - (ii) the condition of the houses has reached an uninhabitable level?
- (f) Will he submit this House the reasons that have caused this condition?
- (g) If not, why?

1290/07

10.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— 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 of the names and addresses of the local and foreign non-governmental organizations that took action to provide relief to the people who were affected by the Tsunami in the Southern Province?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of houses that were constructed by the aforesaid non-governmental organizations;

- (ii) the areas in which they were constructed;
 - (iii) the names, addresses and designations of the persons who were offered foreign tours by the aforesaid non-governmental organizations; and
 - (iv) the countries for which the aforesaid tours had been offered and the number of dates and the number of trips relevant to the aforesaid foreign tours?
- (c) If not, why?

1280/07

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mrs. Katugahage Kanthilatha of no.272, Balagolla, Kengalle is due to retire at the end of this year; and
 - (ii) she has been transferred to the Ukuwela Primary school by the letter of Director of Zonal Education, Kandy bearing No. සප/අයද/මහ/තුරු/අ/07?
- (b) Will he accept that she has submitted an appeal requesting to cancel the transfer and permit her to serve in the same school where she is serving at present because she is suffering from high blood pressure since 1993 and is still being treated?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to cancel this transfer?
- (d) If not, why?

1282/07

12.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the boat and the fishing gear belonged to Mr. T.H. Sunil residing at no.2191, Abayapura, Trincomalee, have been destroyed by the Tsunami waves occurred on 26.12.2004;
 - (ii) although he has been given an entitlement card for compensation he has not been compensated by any institution?
- (b) Will he take necessary action to provide him with a multi-day or one-day boat as compensation?
- (c) If not, why?

1283/07

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Pirivena In-service Advisors have been recruited on an irregular basis by the Pirivena Inspector of Matara from February 2007?
- (b) As this has caused a great injustice to the Pirivena teachers with higher educational qualifications, will he take necessary steps to cancel these appointments and make the recruitment in a proper manner?
- (c) If not, why?

1286/07

14.

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) teachers have been recruited on the Graduate Trainee basis, from 1989 to 1994 and from 1994 to 2006; and
 - (ii) the teachers recruited after 1994 have been confirmed with effect from the date on which they were first appointed as trainees by the circulars 2001/12 and 2001/12/1, and all arrears have been paid?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) teachers who got trainee appointments from 1989 to 1994 have not been paid arrears with effect from the date on which they were first appointed; and
 - (ii) thereby, the said teachers have been subjected to an injustice?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to cause justice to the aforesaid group of teachers?
- (d) If not, why?

1297/07

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for the road development project which is due to be launched in the year 2008 under the Asian Development Bank credit line;
 - (ii) whether roads have been selected for this purpose;

- (iii) if so, what those roads are;
- (iv) the measures to be taken for the expansion of roads?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) most of the projects carried out under this project earlier were not completed within the scheduled period;
 - (ii) some roads could not be completed to the level upto which they should be developed;
 - (iii) electricity posts remain where they were, before the widening of roads?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether funds have been allocated from this project for the removal of said electricity posts and to improve the condition of roads?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,—That the proceedings on Item 2 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 23.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.49/'07

1.

Hon. Sripathi Sooriyaarachchi,— Parliamentary Select Committee to look into the a secret pact alleged to have been entered into, between the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Ealam (LTTE) and some other persons,—

Whereas questions have been raised both in Parliament and outside regarding a secret pact alleged to have been entered into between the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Ealam (LTTE) and some other persons during the Presidential Election held in 2005,

And whereas it is reported that this agreement related to the outcome of the said Presidential Election,

And whereas large sums of money are reported to have been paid to the LTTE on this account,

And whereas large sums of money are reported to have been paid to the LTTE from the Consolidated Fund through a discrete maneuver before and/or after the Mavilaru anicut incident,

And whereas these allegations are causing serious concern among the citizens and all those interested in fair play and good governance,

And whereas if these allegations are not investigated it will result in unpleasant repercussions,

And whereas it is therefore necessary that this matter be fully investigated, examined and reported upon at the highest levels,

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to investigate and report on:

- (i) Whether in fact there was such an agreement as set out above and,
 - (ii) If so, who were the persons representing the different parties,
 - (iii) What sums were paid, and,
 - (a) who paid these sums?
 - (b) who received these sums?
 - (iv) What were the contents of this alleged agreement, and,
 - (v) what effect had it have on the Presidential Election of 17th November, 2005,
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 - (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.
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 produce 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 Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and,
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

*2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—The amendment in respect of the motion moved by Hon. Sripathi Sooriyaarachchi requesting the appointment of a Parliamentary Select Committee to look into a secret pact alleged to have been entered into, between the terrorists, of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Ealam (LTTE) and some other persons,—

The first phrase of the aforesaid motion shall be amended by inserting the words “alleged pacts entered into by the Presidents and the Prime Ministers of the Republic of Sri Lanka with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Ealam and financial, material and other forms of assistance granted from the 1st January 1989 upto date (20.09.2007)” prior to the words “in 2005” mentioned at the beginning of the aforesaid motion.

*3.

The Minister of Posts and Telecommunication ,— Rule under the Post Office Ordinance,— That the rule made by the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance under Sections 12, 21, 25, 27, 81, 62, 06, 39, 49, 44, 68, 67, 40, 24, 59, 60, 35, 59, 67 and 64 of the Post Office Ordinance (Chapter 190) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1494/10 of 25th April 2007 which was presented on 17.07.2007 be approved.

*4.

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Phamaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation 2005,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Phamaceuticals 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)

*5.

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Phamaceuticals Corporation 2005,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Phamaceuticals 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)

*6.

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)

*7.

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)

*8.

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)

*9.

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)

*10.

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
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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)

*11.

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

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)

*12.

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.

*13.

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

*14.

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

*15.

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

*16.

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

*17.

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

*18.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

19.

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 produce 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 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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20.

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 produce 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.

21.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

22.

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

23.

Methsith Dharmadutha Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

24.

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

25.

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

26.

Sri Saranankara Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

27.

Bambalapitiya Flats Buddhist Society (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

28.

Central Ceylon Muslim Ladies Union (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

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