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**ORDER PAPER
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FOR**

Friday, September 21, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0834/06

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House, on per year basis from 1995 to date—
 - (i) the total tonnage handled by Air at the Bandaranaike International Airport;
 - (ii) the fresh trans-shipment cargo tonnage gone through “Sri Lanka on a new or fresh Master Air Way Bill Ex” Colombo;
 - (iii) the countries that they come from and the breakup; and
 - (iv) as (i) above, the breakup of Import and Export tonnage?
- (b) Will he state the total revenue and the profit earned from the inward and outward cargo tonnage at Bandaranaike International Airport for the last 10 years?
- (c) If not, why?

1089/07

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amounts paid to the Cabinet Ministers, Non-Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers as at 01.03.2005 and 01.03.2007;

- (ii) whether it is correct that they are paid a salary of Rs. 75,000/- plus MP's salary, housing allowance of Rs. 200,000/-, two vehicles or Rs. 250,000/- per month per vehicle, overseas allowance of Rs.25,000/- per trip, fuel allowance of Rs. 65,000/- per month for outstation MPP of Rs. 125,000/- and received 5 telephones at Rs. 34,000/- each, entertaining allowance of Rs. 75,000/-, 5 staff members along with vehicles and two mobile phones up to Rs. 100,000/= per phone as benefits;
 - (iii) if not, what the correct figures are;
 - (iv) the number of staff, they are entitled to have and the total benefits they receive as at 01.03.2005; and,
 - (v) the total cost per month as at 01.03.2007?
- (b) if not, why?

1249/07

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development and Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the Trustees of the Mahapola Fund as at today;
 - (ii) the unutilised provisions available at Mahapola Fund for the last 10 years as at 31st December of each year;
 - (iii) the number of students and the that had been amount paid monthly for the last 05 years on per year basis;
 - (iv) the number of students and the amount that is being paid to them as of today; and
 - (v) the cash flow in and out for the last 06 years to date?
- (b) Will he state the amount of money received been from the President's Fund from 01st January to 31st December for the last 08 years to date on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

1023/07

4.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Tangalle Divisional Secretariat Division, under indentified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;
 - (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money,
 - (iii) if not, when the money would be received?
- (b) Will he state this House the manner in which the allocations would be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility would be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
 - (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that could be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and,
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

1112/07

5.

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

- (a) Will he state this House—
 - (i) when the foundation stone was laid for the proposed Hambantota Air Port;

- (ii) whether a feasibility study was carried out in respect of this air port; and
- (iii) if so, when?
- (b) Will he submit this House, the feasibility report concerned?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the approval of the Central Environmental Authority was obtained for the proposed airport;
 - (ii) whether an environment study report was proposed; and
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of land that would be covered by this airport; and
 - (ii) the extent of paddy lands that would go under this airport?
- (e) Will he submit in this House the total amount of compensation that would be paid in respect of such lands and houses that would be lost?
- (f) If not, why?

1113/07

6.

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, the total estimated cost of the proposed Hambantota Air Port;
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) how the construction of that Airport would be financed;
 - (ii) if it would be foreign loans or grants, what they are;
 - (iii) from which foreign institutes; and
 - (iv) if these moneys were to be obtained from the Treasury, what that amount is?
- (c) Will he state this House the number of years within which it is expected to complete this project?
- (d) Will he submit to this House separately the local and foreign components of funds expected to be utilized in each year?
- (e) if not, why?

1114/07

7.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— 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 whether—
 - (i) a housing project known as ‘Jaya Lanka’ is in operation;
 - (ii) cabinet approval has been granted for a housing project known as ‘Jaya Lanka’ for the displaced people in the North East areas and for other people; and,
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) by which institution the said housing project is managed;
 - (ii) the total estimated cost of the relevant project; and,
 - (iii) the amount that has been paid out of this?
- (c) if not, why?

1207/07

8.

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the monthly salaries of the General Manager and the Deputy General Manager of the Ceylon Electricity Board; and
 - (ii) the monthly allowances entitled to them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names and designations of officers of the Ceylon Electricity Board who are entitled to official quarters in Colombo District;
 - (ii) the names and the designations of officers who are in quarters in respect of which the rent is paid by the Ceylon Electricity Board; and,
 - (iii) separately, the monthly rent paid by the Ceylon Electricity Board for each of such official quarters?
- (c) If not, why?

1213/07

9.

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— 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 the number of 'Gama Neguma' projects approved in the Kandy District for 2006?
- (b) Will he state this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of projects implemented out of them, at Divisional Secretariat Division level;
 - (ii) the amount of money apportioned for each project; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent in implementing the said projects?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are projects which were approved in 2006 but not implemented;
 - (ii) if so, what they are; and,
 - (iii) the reasons for the non-implementation of those projects?
- (d) Will he state, separately in respect of each project, the amount of money allocated for projects that were not implemented?
- (e) If not, why?

1284/07

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a reservoir called 'Kekiriobada' is to be built by joining the two mountains that are situated across the Grama Niladhari divisions namely Velandagoda and Kekiriobada that come under Walasmulla Divisional secretariat Division in Hambantota district?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) Kekiriobada mountain has been subjected to land slides on seven occasions since 1969 to date; and
 - (ii) as a result of constructing a reservoir in a risky site like this, 36 families that reside in the neighbourhood will be subjected to danger?
- (c) Will he take steps to provide alternate land and housing for the 36 families that would be displaced due to the construction of this reservoir?
- (d) If not, why?

1313/07

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mrs. Selveshwari Sellaiya, who had been serving as the Principal of Mo/Tennekumbura Tamil Vidyalaya of the Uva Provincial Council has been interdicted with effect from 11.06.2006?
- (b) Will he admit that an injustice has been caused to Mrs. Sellaiya, who reached 60 years of age on 11.11.2006, as she has been interdicted even without being served a charge sheet?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to conclude the inquiry about her quickly and provide relief to Mrs. Sellayya, who has been caused an injustice as a result of being interdicted on a false allegation?
- (d) If not, why?

1314/07

12.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Cooperatives and Consumer Services,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the service of the person named L.W. Pushpa Kumara of Maberiya Junction, Teldeniya, who had been working at the Teldeniya Multi-purpose Co-operative Society, was suspended on 01.07.1993; and
 - (ii) he was called back to service on 20.01.1996?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reason for not paying the arrears of his salary in respect of the period from 01.07.1993 to 20.01.1996 although arrears of salary has been paid in respect of the period from 30.11.1995 to 20.01.1996 pertaining to the period in which his service was suspended?
- (c) Will he state the reason as to why the Co-operative Service Commission has taken two contradictory decisions by absolving the person named S.A.H. Siriwardhana, the accountant whose service was suspended along with the suspension of service of the aforesaid Pushpakumara, of the only charge against him while condemning the person named Pushpakumara?
- (d) Will he take the necessary steps to get him paid the full arrears with salary increments for the period from 01.07.1993 to 20.01.1996, the period in which his service remained suspended, by the Teldeniya Multi-purpose Co-operative Society?
- (e) If not, why?

1292/07

13.

Hon. Anuruddha Polgampola,— 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 licences issued for beer and liquor shops from the year 2005 to May 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, the year in which the aforesaid licences, were issued, the relevant District, Divisional Secretariat division, the full name, the address and the occupation of the licence holder, and if the licence has been issued to a society or a club, the name and address of that society or club?
- (c) If not, why?

1293/07

14.

Hon. Y.M. Navarathne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit this House—
 - (i) whether any goods/items received as Tsunami relief were stored in Districts that were not affected by Tsunami;
 - (ii) if so, what those Districts are;
 - (iii) the addresses of such places where aforesaid goods/items were stored;
 - (iv) the reason for storing the aforesaid goods/items in the above mentioned districts; and
 - (v) the name of person who gave permission to do so?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the person who gave the order to store “Tsunami relief” at Vocational Training Centre at the Kundasale Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kandy District;
 - (ii) the name of the person who received aforesaid relief;
 - (iii) the goods that were there;
 - (iv) whether, the remaining stock of goods is equal to the stock of goods that was given; and

- (v) if that relief has been dispatched from the aforesaid store the names of persons who dispatched relief and the name of the persons who received it?
- (c) Will he state the courses of action that he will follow if any fraud has taken place?
- (d) If not, why?

1294/07

15.

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—
(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Sub-Post Offices in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) whether all of the Sub-Post Masters who serve at the aforesaid Sub-Post Offices have been confirmed in service;
 - (iii) the number of Sub-Post Masters who are working on acting basis; and
 - (iv) the reasons for not confirming them in service up to now?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the persons who have been appointed as acting Sub-Post Masters have fulfilled the required educational qualifications; and
 - (ii) whether action be taken to absorb all of them into the permanent service?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.

*2.

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)

*3.

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)

*4.

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)

*5.

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)

*6.

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)

*7.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

Members

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

*8.

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)

*9.

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)

*10.

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.

*11.

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

*12.

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

*13.

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

*14.

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

*15.

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

*16.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

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17.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. P. Dayaratne

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera

Hon. W. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Lakshman Seneviratne

Hon. Dunes Gankanda

Hon. Johnston Fernando

Hon. P. Radhakrishnan

Hon. R. M. Dharmadasa Banda

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna

Hon. Neomal Perera,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into the resignation of Mr. Sunil Mendis and the appointment of Mr. 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 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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18.

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.

19.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

20.

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

21.

Methsith Dharmadutha Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

22.

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

23.

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

24.

Sri Saranankara Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

25.

Bambalapitiya Flats Buddhist Society (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

26.

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.”
