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Tuesday, October 09, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0757/'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 inform this House—

- (i) the number of Samurdhi family units in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the present earning capacity of these family units from 1995 to date on per year basis;
- (iii) the number of families moved out of Samurdhi per year from 1995 to date, as they earn than the registered in poverty threshold; and,
- (iv) the number of new families registered in Samurdhi network from 1995 on per year basis?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount obtained by each family of each category per month;
- (ii) the number of families fall into each category separately; and
- (iii) percentage to the total Samurdhi families?

(c) If not, why?

1002/'07

2.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the quantities of ethanol alcohol (spirits) that have been imported to the country for the last ten years on per year basis;

- (ii) the names of those who had been given licences to import such ethanol alcohol base and the names of 15 biggest importers;
 - (iii) the amount of money earned by the government through the recovery on the imposition of duty, excise duty, VAT or BTT;
 - (iv) the purpose for which such imports of ethanol alcohol (spirits) were used and the names of three commonly used products;
 - (v) whether there is a local production; and,
 - (vi) if so, the quantity on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

1087/07

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 state this House—
- (i) when the 13th Parliament was elected;
 - (ii) the number of Ministers, Non-cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers at the formation of the Government;
 - (iii) their names and the positions they are holding now?
- (b) Will he state that—
- (i) the date on which the Government changes took place (Cabinet reshuffle or reshuffles) and the reason for the changes;
 - (ii) the names of Ministers, Non-cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers after the changes;
 - (iii) the cost effected due to that change?
- (c) If not, why?

0840/06

4.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Clerical Service that existed in hospitals, Health Institutions and in the Health Ministry has been declared a separate Closed Service called the Health Clerical Service, through the Gazette Extraordinary No.177/11 dated 28.01.1982; and

- (ii) the aforesaid Health Clerical Service was subsequently declared as the Health Management Assistance Service with Cabinet approval through the Gazette notification No.1355/15, dated 25.08.2004?
- (b) Will he inform this House, whether he would take action to absorb this Closed Service into the Public Management Assistance Service which has a minute different to that of the former, without consulting any segment of employees or a trade union?
- (c) Will he admit the fact that it would lead to frequent strikes in the health service, if action is taken without consulting the relevant parties in view of the repeated requests by the trade unions concerned?
- (d) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) he would take action to provide them an opportunity to discuss matters at a time when they face a crucial phase in their employment; and
 - (ii) he would take action to suspend the absorption of the Health Management Assistance Service into the Public Management Service until an agreement is reached?
- (e) If not, why?

1024/07

5.

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 Beliatta 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?

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6.

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 Okewela 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?

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7.

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 Walasmulla Divisional Secretariat Division, under identified 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 in 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?

1137/07

8.

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. S.B. Dissanayake of Butawatta, Thalathuoya has retired having served as a principal?
- (b) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) eventhough the verdict of the Case numbers 453/99, 454/97, 362/99 and 390/99 delivered on the fundamental rights of the principals enables the retired Principals to be entitled to Pension arrears it has not been paid to this Principal; and,

- (ii) eventhough the Principals who retired after 1996 were able to obtain the pension arrears, this Principal has not been able to obtain the pension arrears under the salary steps?
- (c) Will he state whether arrangements would be made to pay the pension arrears to this retired Principal Mr. S.B. Dissanayake who is spending the latter part of his life now?
- (d) if not, why?

1155/07

9.

Hon. Thilakarathna Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the names of schools that have been designated as “Isuru Schools” in the Galle District in 2007;
 - (ii) the requirements that have to be fulfilled, for a school to be named as an “Isuru” school; and
 - (iii) if some schools that have not fulfilled the requirements have also been included in the above list, which they are?
- (b) Will he state what impediment is there to name G/Udugama Maha Vidyalaya, where there are approximately 1700 students studying, as an Isuru school in 2007?
- (c) Will he admit the fact that G/Udugama Maha Vidyalaya was not included in any school development project in the recent times?
- (d) Will he take action to include the above mentioned Udugama Maha Vidyalaya, which is a developing school in the area, in the “Isuru” school project for 2007?
- (e) If not, why?

1156/07

10.

Hon. Thilakarathna Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—(2)

- (a) Will he submit in this House separately, the number of permits issued for sand mining in the Nagoda, Neluwa, Thawalama and Baddegama Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Galle District?
- (b) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) the names of those licence holders, their addresses and the date of issue of the licences;

- (ii) under which provisions of the Environment Act such licences are issued; and
- (iii) which establishment has recommended the licences so issued?
- (c) Will he state the procedure followed in issuing licences for the transportation of sand?
- (d) Will he admit that—
 - (i) issuing of licences by licence issuing centres without a receipt containing the particulars such as the date, time and quantity is illegal; and
 - (ii) a serious environmental impact has been caused on the Ginganga due to permits issued for mining and transport of sand, on various grounds?
- (e) if so, will he state whether he would take prompt action to issue licences, changing this situation by adhering to the relevant criteria in order to protect the Ginganga?
- (f) If not, why?

1157/07

11.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether there were electricity extensions proposed under the Asian Development Banks' Rural Electrification 6 project in the Galle District?
- (b) If so, will he state in this House the names of the said proposals and the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division along with the names of the Member of Parliament or proposer concerned?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the estimated plan which was surveyed and prepared under the direction of the Member of Parliament and the proposer has been amended without the approval of the Member of Parliament concerned; and
 - (ii) if so, what those proposals are?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the proposals in respect of which work has been completed by now;
 - (ii) whether the proposer, Member of Parliament who proposed the projects had been given an opportunity when the completed projects were handed over to the public ownership;

- (iii) if not so, the reason for not giving him such opportunity; and
- (iv) whether the opportunity of handing over the completed electricity projects to the public ownership will be given only to the proposer, Member of Parliament who proposed the projects?
- (e) If not, why?

1195/07

12.

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— 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 Regional Development Banks of Ruhuna, North-West, Up country, Sabaragamuwa and Uva have signed a collective agreement with the Bank of Ceylon Employees Union for a period of three years from 01.01.2006 to 31.12.2008?
- (b) Will he submit a copy of the said agreement this House?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether there are any obstacles to legalize the above said agreement?
- (d) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Labour Commissioner has rejected to publish the said collective agreement as the gazette saying that the conditions related to the volunteer service as per that agreement are illegal;
 - (ii) the General Managers of the Development Banks have taken action to cut the allowances entitled to the workers even when the Commissioner of Labour has pointed out that conditions relating to the volunteer service are illegal?
- (e) Will he inform this House of the steps that would be taken to restore the rights of the workers who have been denied such rights and of the steps that would be taken against the General Managers who act illegally on this manner?
- (f) If not, why?

1217/07

13.

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Dr. Imitiyaz Lathif who has served on casual basis in the Government Homeopathy Hospital, Welisara and has been dismissed at present, has imported large quantities of Chlorine mixed globulus (globes) in an unauthorized manner;

- (ii) a large amount of the drug Lactose too has been imported in excess of the required amount and the consignment of that drug is stored at Welisara hospital although its date of expiry is very near; and
 - (iii) there is a shortage of this drug in the Kurunegala, Matale and Dehiwala Free Homeopathy Dispensaries?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) according to the recent investigation report (C.S.R.), it has been found that the globulus (globes) contains Chlorine and therefore this drug would not cure the patients concerned; and
 - (ii) this doctor has caused damage to the property of the Homeopathy Medical Council and also committed a number of financial misappropriations?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to appoint a commission to investigate the above mentioned irregularities and corruption?
- (d) If not, why?

1218/07

14.

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the students of Raddolugama Pannananda National School are severely affected due to a teacher of that school, Mrs. Wasantha Nandani, suffering from a mental disease; and
 - (ii) she scolds and threatens the students within the school premises using abusive language?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) she has come to this school on transfer recently, after serving as a housemaid in America for 5 years on approved leave; and
 - (ii) so far, no steps have been taken regarding any of the complaints made to the principal against this teacher's improper conduct?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to initiate suitable legal action regarding this teacher and the principal?
- (d) If not, why?

1196/07

15.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this house the extent, the names of owners and the dates of acquisition of lands taken over by the Urban Development Authority for the Sacred Area City Development Plan of the Dambulla town and for all other development activities?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, the copies of the relevant gazette notifications?
- (c) Will he state in detail—
 - (i) the present status and the purposes for acquisition of the lands so acquired;
 - (ii) whether the lands had been utilized for any other purposes other than those for which they were acquired; and
 - (iii) if so, what they are?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of owners and the extents of land, which had been released to the owners again out of the lands so acquired; and
 - (ii) the reason for such release?
- (e) Will he state—
 - (i) whether compensation had been paid for the lands acquired;
 - (ii) if so, their names, the amount paid as compensation and the extent of such lands;
 - (iii) the names of those without compensation at present;
 - (iv) if compensation is to be paid to them, on which basis it will be done; and
 - (v) when it would be?
- (f) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Conventions against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances,— Bill to give effect to the United Nations Convention and the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation Convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, to which the Government of Sri Lanka has become a party; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

2.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Drug Dependant Persons (Treatment and Rehabilitation),— Bill to make provision for the treatment and rehabilitation of drug dependent persons and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

3.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR),— Bill to give effect to certain articles in the International Covenant (ICCPR) on Civil and Political Rights relating to human rights which have not been given recognition through legislative measures and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,—That the proceedings on Item 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 23.

5.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 17.01.2006, the hours of sitting this day shall be 09.30 a.m. to 04.30 p.m. At 04.30 p.m., Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance,— That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959, Law No. 6 of 1978, and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from 02nd October 2007, be approved.

*2.

Finance (Amendment) Bill (No.257)— Committee.

*3.

Regional Infrastructure Development Levy (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*4.

Excise (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill— Committee.

*5.

Special Commodity Levy Bill — Committee.

*6.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order ,— Regulation under Finance Leasing Act,— That the Regulation made by the President under Section 35 read with Subsection (2) of Section 44A of the Finance Leasing Act, No.56 of 2000 and with paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution prescribing the minimum issued and paid up capital required to obtain registration under Section 44A of the Finance Leasing Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1493/1 of 16th April 2007 which was presented on 18.09.2007 be approved.

*7.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order ,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Sections 4(3), 14 and 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No.1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No.48 of 1985 and Act, No.28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1512/15 of 31st August, 2007 which was presented on 20.09.2007 be approved.

*8.

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.

*9.

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)

*10.

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)

*11.

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)

*12.

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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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
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Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> per month
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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)

*15.

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)

*16.

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)

*17.

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.

*18.

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

*19.

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

*20.

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

*21.

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

*22.

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

*23.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

24.

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 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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25.

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.

26.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

27.

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

28.

Methsith Dharmadutha Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

29.

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

30.

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

31.

Sri Saranankara Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

32.

Bambalapitiya Flats Buddhist Society (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

33.

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.”
