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Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0767/'06

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and the Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the Emirates Management Agreement with Sri Lankan Airlines expires;
 - (ii) whether the agreement would be extended; and,
 - (iii) whether it is done through a tender procedure?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Agreement between Sri Lankan Airlines and Emirates was successful and profitable;
 - (ii) if so, for what reasons;
 - (iii) whether the Government is going to start a Budget Airline or any other form of a National Airline;
 - (iv) as to how the funds are provided to meet the capital;
 - (v) whether the article that appeared in the 'Sunday Leader' and 'The Nations' of 29 October 2006 stating that a person named Sajin de Vass Gunawardena is to be appointed as the CEO of this company, is correct?
- (c) if not, why?

1011/'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 inform this House—
 - (i) the total public debt and per capita debt as at 31st December, 1989;
 - (ii) the total of external and internal loans obtained by the Government from 1990 to-date separately;

- (iii) the total debt payable along with the interest and capital (local and foreign) separately and compared to GDP on percentage basis; and,
- (iv) the per capita debt on per year basis from 1990 to-date?
- (b) if not, why?

1145/07

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 for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 with regard to the Clause 3.5, page 53 of the Central Bank Report of 2006—
 - (i) the expenditure incurred for education and health under current and capital expenditure in constant prices separately,
 - (ii) the impact that the private sector has helped in education and health;
 - (iii) the expenditure they have incurred as a percentage of GDP for 2004, 2005 and 2006, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

0871/07

4.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Tourism,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action has been taken by the Ceylon Hotels Corporation in collaboration with a company called “Hoke Lanka” to construct a hotel on the bank of Nuwarawewa;
 - (ii) the amount of shares owned by the Ceylon Hotels Corporation in it;
 - (iii) in which year;
 - (iv) the extent of land acquired for this purpose; and,
 - (v) the basis on which the land was acquired?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent by the Ceylon Hotels Corporation for the Construction of this hotel which has been abandoned midway;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the company concerned?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the construction of this hotel has recently been entrusted to any institution or an individual;
 - (ii) if so, on what day and on what basis
- (d) Is he aware that, if it has not been so entrusted, this land is being illegally occupied by a certain group?
- (e) Will he state in this House whether action would be taken to utilize this land for a more fruitful purpose?
- (f) If not, why?

0932/07

5.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Co-operatives (non Cabinet) and Consumer Affairs (non Cabinet) and their personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained; and
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0933/07

6.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Disaster Relief Services (non Cabinet) and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

1027/07

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 Katuwana 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, and

- (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?

1028/07

8.

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 Weeraketiya 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, and
 - (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?

1067/07

9.

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

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

1425/07

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the house of Mr. K.M.C. Perera of No.80/1 in Pitiwella North Grama Seva Division in Galle, has cracked and become dangerous for occupation due to the Tsunami disaster that was caused by tidal waves on 26.12.2004; and
 - (ii) he has not been granted compensation or any other relief so far?

- (b) Will he take necessary action to provide Mr. Perera and his two children, who have been rendered without a permanent house and residing at a temporary abode at present, with the assistance required for building a house?
- (c) if not, why?

1133/07

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mrs. A.A. Costa of No.50/1, Palugama, Dompe, served in the Department of Broadcasting, having joined as an ordinary labourer in 1967; and,
 - (ii) having served successfully and obtained a promotion, too, she retired (A/PF1649/S5) as Office Work Assistant on 01.04.1996?
- (b) Will he admit that the other workers who worked with her and retired are receiving pensions under the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (Special Provisions) Act, No.08 of 1996?
- (c) Will he state in this House the names and designations of those who have served and retired from the Department of Broadcasting and are entitled to pensions?
- (d) Will he admit that measures have not been taken to give Mrs. A.A. Costa her pension?
- (e) If so, will he take the necessary steps to have her pension and arrears paid promptly?
- (f) If not, why?

1233/07

12.

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to distribute among some people, the land, adjacent to the Cemetery in Sandunpura Pedesa, Mattegoda Watta, which belongs to the Land Reforms Commission; and
 - (ii) if not, whether plans have been made to distribute it?

- (b) Will he state the basis on which the said land is scheduled to be distributed?
- (c) If not, why?

1257/07

13.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) an area has been set aside in the Wewala Karadiyana area belonging to the Kesbewa Urban Council for a garbage management project;
 - (ii) garbage is discarded in this area without a proper standard being followed;
 - (iii) this has led to an environment damage in the area; and
 - (iv) a garbage management project has still not been commenced?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether money has been allocated for the said project; and
 - (ii) If so, the amount of money?
- (c) if not, why?

1259/07

14.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. P. Bandularatne joined Lanka Airlines as a casual employee on 04.01.1963;
 - (ii) he was made permanent with effect from 30.10.1967; and
 - (iii) he was dismissed on political grounds on 31.12.1979?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) several requests have been made to grant the gratuity arrears entitled to Mr. Bandularatne;

- (ii) none of the past governments has paid the said money;
- (iii) approval was not granted to the Cabinet paper presented on 04.11.2004 for the payment of compensation to 374 employees so dismissed; and
- (iv) yet, justice should be done to these employees?
- (c) Will he state as to what steps should be taken to grant relief to this group including Mr. Bandularatne?
- (d) If not, why?

1237/07

15.

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

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

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,—Appropriation,—Bill to provide for the service of the financial year 2008; to authorise the raising of loans in or outside Sri Lanka, for the purpose of such service; to make financial provision in respect of certain activities of the Government during that financial year; to enable the payment by way of advances out of the Consolidated Fund or any other fund or moneys of or at the disposal of the Government, of moneys required during that financial year for expenditure on such activities; to provide for the refund of such moneys to the Consolidated Fund and to make provision for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) Bill—Second Reading

*2.

Conventions against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Bill—Second Reading.

*3.

Drug Dependant Persons (Treatment and Rehabilitation) Bill—Second Reading.

*4.

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

*5.

Regional Infrastructure Development Levy (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*6.

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

*7.

Special Commodity Levy Bill — Committee.

*8.

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.

*9.

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.

*10.

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.

*11.

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)

*12.

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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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)

*15.

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)

*16.

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 per month</u>
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)

*17.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Constitution (No.2),— It is determined by this Parliament that the allowances of the Chairman and Members of the National Police Commission established under Article 155a (1) of the Constitution shall be as set out below with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

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

Allowance	Rs. 30,000.00 per month
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It is further determined by this Parliament that while 50% of the increased allowances (excluding fuel allowances) in respect of the Chairman and Members of the National Police Commission shall be payable with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full amount from 01.01.2007. The allowances previously determined and adopted by Parliament as payable to the Chairman and the Members of the said Commission shall be substituted by allowances determined by this resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*18.

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)

*19.

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.

*20.

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

*21.

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

*22.

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

*23.

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

*24.

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

*25.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

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26.

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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27.

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.

28.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

29.

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

30.

Methsith Dharmadutha Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

31.

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

32.

Malwathu Maha Vihariya Tibbatuwawe Sri Siddhartha Sumangala Benevolent Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

33.

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

34.

Sri Saranankara Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

35.

Bambalapitiya Flats Buddhist Society (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

36.

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.”
