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**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, October 11, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0946/'07

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Urban Development (non Cabinet) and his 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?

1224/07

2.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the lands in the Shasthrawelliya Village in the Ipalogama and Kekirawa Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Anuradhapura District which had been reserved for the Forest Conservation Department and were used by the farmers in the area for cultivation, have been given to any person or any institution; and
- (ii) of the basis on which this land, which was a catchment area of a number of tanks in the area and was inhabited by wild animals including elephants, was given away?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the extent of land which has been given to a person or an institution for cultivation purposes or any other purpose in this area; and
- (ii) if so, the basis on which it was given and the period for which it was given?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether these lands have been obtained in an irregular manner; and
- (ii) if so, the actions intended to be taken against it?

(d) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether arrangements have been made to modernise the Thambuttegama, Rajangana, Puttlam junction road in the Anuradhapura District;
- (ii) if arrangements have been made to modernise this road, when the work on it commenced; and

- (iii) if work was commenced, by whom?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the length and the estimated cost of the road which is under repair;
 - (ii) the extent repaired so far;
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been paid to an individual or an institution for the extent so repaired; and
 - (iv) at the time when repair work was entrusted to the contractor, the agreed dates of commencement and completion of the work?
- (c) Is he aware that the repair work on this road has been abandoned half way?
- (d) Will he state whether he will take action to repair this road speedily since a large number of vehicles ply daily on this road?
- (e) If not, why?

1005/07

4.

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 the total business generated through credit cards in Sri Lanka;
- (b) Will he state on per year basis for the last 05 years, the percentage of bad debts on credit card transactions;
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) the amount remitted out for franchises used for external credit cards; and,
 - (ii) their names separately?
- (d) if not, why?

1019/07

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 07 years on per year basis—
 - (i) the number of Casino Clubs in the country;

- (ii) the amount of money earned by the government from Casinos; and,
 - (iii) the amount of foreign exchange inflowed to and outflowed from the country through these Casino operations;
- (b) if not, why?

1111/07

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of universities registered and operating in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of students sit for the Advanced Level Examination annually from 2005 to-date;
 - (iii) the number of students who get sufficient marks to pursue the university education;
 - (iv) out of them, the number of students who enter the university?
 - (v) the future of the students who cannot enter the university; and,
 - (vi) what the Government commitment is to help them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankans go overseas to pursue the university education; and,
 - (ii) the anticipated exchange loss to the country?
- (c) Will he further state the number of private sector universities operating in Sri Lanka?
- (d) if not, why?

1029/07

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 Angunakolapelessa 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 can 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?

1143/07

8.

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne,— 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 six persons i.e.; Messrs Liyana Mohottilage Thushara Madhusanka (16), and Liyana Mohottilage Dayananda Cabraal (33) of Maspetha; Thorahenegedara Prasanna Ranjith Abeykoon (24) of Mahiyangana; T. Wijethunga (17) and Dhanapala (50) of Maduru Oya and V. Chandrasiri (45) of Kelaniya who were relief workers engaged in construction activities of buildings, damaged by the Tsunami in Batticaloa were shot and hacked to death by an armed gang at Mailambavali in Eravur on the night of April 01, 2007?
- (b) Will he state whether it has been established to which group those Killers belong?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any money has been given by the government for their funerals;
 - (ii) if so, the names and the relationship between the recipients and the dead persons; and
 - (iii) the amount so given?
- (d) If not, why?

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9.

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne,— 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) whether any compensation other than the funeral expenses will be paid in respect of the deaths of Sinhala volunteer workers namely Messrs. Liyanamohottilage Thushara Madushanka and Liyanamohottilage Dayananda Cabraal of Maspotha, Thorahenagedara Prasanna Ranjith Abeykoon of Mahiyangana, T. Wijethunga and Danapala of Maduruoya and V. Chandrasiri of Kelaniya, who were shot and hacked to death on the night of 01 April 2007 at Mailambaweli in Erawur while being engaged in building construction activities;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that would be paid; and,
 - (iii) whether any action has been taken at present in that regard;
- (b) Will he inform this House the reason for not giving any relief in respect of Mr. Thorahenagedara Prasanna Ranjith Abeykoon of No.12 Elhenpitiya, Hebarawa, Mahiyangana, who was murdered?
- (c) Will he state this House the course of action intended to be taken by the government regarding these people?
- (d) If not, why?

1188/07

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total annual revenue of the Hikkaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha in Galle District; and,
 - (ii) the sources of such revenue separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the sum of money spent on the monthly allowances for the Chairman and the Members of this Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (ii) the sums of money spent every month on the fuel allowance, telephone charges and other expenses of the chairman; and,

- (iii) the sum of money spent every month on the allowances and the salaries of the permanent and non-permanent employees of the said Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the sum of money which is left for development activities after money is allocated for salaries and maintenance of the Pradeshiya Sabha out of its total annual revenue; and,
 - (ii) if any act has been done contravening the relevant Circulars or without the approval of the Pradeshiya Sabha in spending public funds, the steps that would be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1189/07

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total annual revenue of the Bope Poddala Pradeshiya Sabha in Galle District; and,
 - (ii) the sources of such revenue separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the sum of money spent on the monthly allowances for the Chairman and the Members of this Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (ii) the sums of money spent every month on the fuel allowance, telephone charges and other expenses of the chairman; and,
 - (iii) the sum of money spent every month on the allowances and the salaries of the permanent and non-permanent employees of the said Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the sum of money which is left for development activities after money is allocated for salaries and maintenance of the Pradeshiya Sabha out of its total annual revenue; and,

- (ii) if any act has been done contravening the relevant Circulars or without the approval of the Pradeshiya Sabha in spending public funds, the steps that would be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

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12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total annual revenue of the Akmeemana Pradeshiya Sabha in Galle District; and,
 - (ii) the sources of such revenue separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the sum of money spent on the monthly allowances for the Chairman and the Members of this Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (ii) the sums of money spent every month on the fuel allowance, telephone charges and other expenses of the chairman; and,
 - (iii) the sum of money spent every month on the allowances and the salaries of the permanent and non-permanent employees of the said Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the sum of money which is left for development activities after money is allocated for salaries and maintenance of the Pradeshiya Sabha out of its total annual revenue; and,
 - (ii) if any act has been done contravening the relevant Circulars or without the approval of the Pradeshiya Sabha in spending public funds, the steps that would be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1212/07

13.

Hon. Anurudha Polgampala,— 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 'Gama Neguma' Proposals that had been approved in the Kegalle district in the year 2006?

- (b) Will he present this House separately at the Divisional Secretariat division level, the number of proposals that were implemented, out of the aforesaid number of proposals?
- (c) Will he present this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for each proposal; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that was spent in implementing these proposals?
- (d) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether there are proposals that were approved in year 2006 but have not yet been implemented;
 - (ii) if so, what they are;
 - (iii) the reason for non-implementation of the aforesaid proposals; and
 - (iv) the amount of money allocated for the proposals that were not implemented?
- (e) If not, why?

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14.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— 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 separately—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been deducted from the salaries of the public servants in the years 2004 and 2005 for their insurance; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that was borne by the Treasury for the insurance of public servants in the years 2004 and 2005?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the institution and the number of the accounts to which the aforesaid amount of money was credited;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid amount, the amount of money paid for the public servants as benefits;
 - (iii) the balance after the benefits have been paid; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to give back the public servants the balance that has not been used for the payment of benefits as mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

1328/07

15.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he present to this House separately in respect of each district—
 - (i) the number of employees who retired after serving in the Sri Lanka Central Transport Board, during the last 05 years;
 - (ii) out of those retired the number of employees who have been paid gratuity;
 - (iii) the years from which the gratuity has to be paid?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reason for the delay in paying gratuity?
- (c) Will he state the time period within which the payment of the aforesaid gratuity will be completed?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Privilege (No.1) ,— That the question of privilege raised by Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs, on 07th August, 2007. in Parliament to the effect that the privileges of the Parliament have been infringed by a businessman called Charles Gnanakoon by proposing to offer a great deal of money as a bribe to any MP who agrees to vote against the present government at a very crucial occasion in order to topple it, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Privilege (No.2) ,— That the question of privilege raised by Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Minister of Posts and Telecommunication, on 04th September, 2007. in Parliament to the effect that the privileges of the Parliament have been infringed by publishing the headline of the “The Island” newspaper of 30th August, 2007, as “Legislature before Judiciary shortly”, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

Regional Infrastructure Development Levy (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*3.

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

*4.

Special Commodity Levy Bill — Committee.

*5.

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.

*6.

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.

*7.

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.

*8.

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)

*9.

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)

*10.

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)

*11.

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)

*12.

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	<u>Rs. 80,400.00</u>

Members

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

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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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)

*15.

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
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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)

*16.

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.

*17.

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

*18.

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

*19.

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

*20.

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

*21.

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

*22.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

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23.

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. 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 Niwad 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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24.

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.

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 - (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.

25.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

26.

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

27.

Methsith Dharmadutha Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

28.

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

29.

Malwathu Maha Vihariya Tibbatuwawe Sri Siddhartha Sumangala Benevolent 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.”
