



No. 152.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1101/07

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(4)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the all bilateral agreements signed between Sri Lanka and the rest of the world from the 1st January 2006 to-date;
- (ii) whether those agreements were signed on government to government basis or as private institutions controlled by foreign grants with the Sri Lankan Government; and
- (iii) the benefits received by the country to-date in accordance with those bilateral agreements?

(b) If not, why?

1389/07

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 number of Samurdhi recipients as at 30th June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Kotte electorate in Colombo District; and
- (ii) the categories of the above families according to the amount they received?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the value of inflation for the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007;
- (ii) the value in real terms they received in the subsequent years upto 2007 when discount the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
- (iii) whether it shows that the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients has been reduced; and
- (iv) as a result whether the poverty has been increased among such recipients?

(c) If not, why?

1390/07

3.

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 number of Samurdhi recipients as at 30th June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Kolonnawa electorate in Colombo District; and
- (ii) the categories of the above families according to the amount they received?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the value of inflation for the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007;
- (ii) the value in real terms they received in the subsequent years upto 2007 when discount the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
- (iii) whether it shows that the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients has been reduced; and
- (iv) as a result whether the poverty has been increased among such recipients?

(c) If not, why?

1125/07

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the extent of land allocated by the Urban Development Authority to individuals and institutions from 01st January 2005 to 31st March 2007?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the persons and institutions who were allocated the lands and the extents of such land so allocated, separately, and
 - (ii) the basis on which the persons and institutions concerned were selected for the allocation of such lands?
- (c) Will he state the basis of allocation of such lands (whether freehold or lease) and the prices?
- (d) If not, why?

1126/07

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— 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 amount of money printed for each year from year 2000 to year 2006; and
 - (ii) the said amount of money as a percentage of the amount of money that existed in each of the aforesaid years?
- (b) Will he state this House the value of the currency notes issued upto 31st March in the year 2007?
- (c) If not, why?

1428/07

6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of jobs given by the Ministry of Constructions and Engineering Services and the institutions coming under it, within the period from 01st February 2007 to 30th June 2007;
 - (ii) the institutions where the above mentioned jobs have been given; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of jobs that have been given and the relevant positions, in each of the aforesaid institutions?

- (b) Will he submit this House—
 - (i) the approved cadre for the aforesaid positions;
 - (ii) whether jobs have been given extraneous to the approved cadre; and
 - (iii) the recruitment procedure which was followed to recruit them?
- (c) If not, why?

1253/07

7.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the reconstruction work of the Dharmapala Park belonging to the Galle Municipal Council has been started by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) when the reconstruction work was started;
 - (ii) from which institute, financial aid was obtained; and
 - (iii) who has undertaken the contract in this regard?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a plan has been prepared by the Galle Municipal Council for this construction work;
 - (ii) if so, by whom was it made; and,
 - (iii) if estimates have been prepared, what the estimated amount is and who prepared it?
- (d) Will he table the plan concerned in this House?
- (e) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether the plan and estimate were approved at the relevant Committees of the Municipal Council and at a General Meeting of the Municipal Council;

- (ii) if not, the reasons for it;
 - (iii) what procedure should be followed by the Mayor in developing a Municipal property; and,
 - (iv) what course of action will be taken if the Mayor has not adopted the aforesaid formality?
- (f) If not, why?

1254/07

8.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) what institute of which country provides financial aid for the Koggala-Habaraduwa Water Project (KHW) implemented by the Ministry of Water Supply and Drainage;
 - (ii) what its estimated cost is; and,
 - (iii) what institute undertakes the relevant contract?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the date on which the said project was started and the date on which it is scheduled to be completed;
 - (ii) to what extent the work has been completed at present;
 - (iii) the area covered by this project for the supply of water;
 - (iv) whether the Habaraduwa town will be provided with water under this project; and
 - (v) if water is not supplied to the Habaraduwa town, which is a main town within the area where the Koggala-Habaraduwa Water Project (KHW) spreads, the reason for preparing the relevant plan?
- (c) Will he admit that there is a shortcoming in the initial plans of this project if water is not provided to the Habaraduwa town?
- (d) If so, will he take steps to amend the project proposal and its initial plan and provide water to the Habaraduwa town?

- (e) If not, why?

1255/07

9.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of official vehicles, the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor of Galle are entitled to;
 - (ii) the number of vehicles used by the present Mayor and the Deputy Mayor of Galle by now;
 - (iii) the make and number of those vehicles and whether they are vehicles belonging to the Municipal Council or those obtained from another government institution;
 - (iv) if vehicles officially not entitled to have been obtained, whether approval for that has been obtained from the Commissioner of Local Government or at the Municipal Council meeting or from the Minister of Local Government; and
 - (v) what steps will be taken, if vehicles are used without proper approval?
- (b) Will he state in this House separately, the make, number and monthly rent, if vehicles have been obtained on rent basis?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the monthly fuel expenses obtained by the present Mayor and the Deputy Mayor, since the day they were elected, separately;
 - (ii) whether the relevant fuel expenses have been approved by the Municipal Council; and
 - (iii) if not, if monies are spent for fuel illegally, what steps will be taken?
- (d) If not, why?

1284/07

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a reservoir called 'Kekiriobada' is to be built by joining the two mountains that are situated across the Grama Niladhari divisions namely

Velandagoda and Kekiriobada that come under Walasmulla Divisional secretariat Division in Hambantota district?

- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) Kekiriobada mountain has been subjected to land slides on seven occasions since 1969 to date; and
 - (ii) as a result of constructing a reservoir in a risky site like this, 36 families that reside in the neighbourhood will be subjected to danger?
- (c) Will he take steps to provide alternate land and housing for the 36 families that would be displaced due to the construction of this reservoir?
- (d) If not, why?

1421/07

11.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that action has been taken to distribute lands of high value facing the stretch of the A-9 highway between the Madatugama town and the Kailapathana town belonging to the Mahaweli H Zone, only among a certain group of persons in a surreptitious manner?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reason for not putting up notices or calling for applications stating that a land Kachcheri would be held for the distribution of said lands?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to cancel this land kachcheri and to hold a proper land kachcheri?
- (d) If not, why?

1423/07

12.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the names of technical equipments and tools that were purchased from January 2005 to June 2007 by the Selacine Television Institute that comes under the relevant Ministry; and
- (ii) separately, the value of said equipments and tools?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the establishment from which the aforesaid equipments were purchased;
 - (ii) the names of the establishments which made bids, if tenders had been called in purchasing the aforesaid equipments;
 - (iii) the dates on which the aforesaid bidding was done;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent on computer links purchased by this institution; and
 - (v) the establishment which carried out this task?
- (c) If not, why?

1291/07

13.

Hon. Anuruddha Polgampola,— 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) at the level of Grama Niladhari Division, the proposals have been selected for the development plan proposed for years 2006 and 2007 under the “Gama Neguma” development programme in each Divisional Secretariat division in Kegalle District; and
 - (ii) separately, the amounts of money allocated for each proposal?
- (b) Will he submit this House—
 - (i) the proposals that have been completed by now;
 - (ii) the proposals that have not been implemented; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the non-implementation of the aforesaid proposals?
- (c) If not, why?

1292/07

14.

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

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

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,— Defence Services Command and Staff College,— Bill to provide for the establishment of a Defence Services Command and Staff College; to identify the objectives and functions of, and to provide for the management and administration of, the Defence Services Command and Staff College; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That Friday 09th, Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th, Friday 16th and Monday 19th November, 2007 be allotted day for the consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2008)”.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament - (No.1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 70(2), the hours of sitting on Allotted Days for the consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2008)” from 09th to 19th November, 2007 shall be 09.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 01.30 p.m. to 06.30 p.m. At 06.00 p.m. paragraphs (5) and (6) of Standing Order 7 shall operate.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.2),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 17.01.2006, the hours of sitting on 05th November 2007 shall be 09.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 01.00 p.m. to 04.30 p.m. At 03.30 p.m. paragraphs (5) and (6) of Standing Order 7 shall operate.

5.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament - (No.3),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 09.30 a.m. on Monday, 05th November 2007.

6.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to investigate and recommend steps to be taken to prevent man-made disasters,— That in terms of Standing Order No.96, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on 20th July 2006 to investigate and recommend steps to be taken to prevent and/or mitigate and/or respond to and recover from man-made disasters in order to protect the life or the community from such disasters and for providing relief to those affected and displaced by such disasters, an extension of time till 20th May 2008 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by the Parliament on 08th May, 2007.

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Nirupama Rajapakse,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Indigenous Venom Poison Eradication Society”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2008) — Second Reading.

*2.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Customs Ordinance,— That the resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties which was presented on 12-10-2007 be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1511/01 of 20th August.2007)

*3.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act (No.01),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006 and specified in the order No.03 hereto, be approved.

ORDER**Appropriation Act. No.47 of 2006****Order No.03 under Section 8**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006, I, Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 31002 “Government Factory Stores Advance Accounts” Government Factory of the Second schedule to that Act.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the second Schedule to that Act.	From	.	14,000,000
		To		45,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. —	145,000,000
		To	Rs. —	45,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. —	-
		To	Rs. —	8,000,000
(iv)	Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2007 only)

Sgd. RANJITH SIYAMBALAPITIYA

Acting Minister of Finance and Planning.

28.09 .2007

Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*4.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act, (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006, and specified in the order No.04 hereto, be approved.

ORDER
Appropriation Act. No.47 of 2006
Order No.04 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006, I, Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 31003 “Government Factory Work Done Advance Account” Government Factory of the Second schedule to that Act.

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| (i) | Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the second Schedule to that Act. | From . | 45,000,000 |
| | | To | 140,000,000 |
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| (ii) | Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the second Schedule to that Act. | From Rs. — | 45,000,000 |
| | | To Rs. — | 145,000,000 |
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| (iii) | Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act. | From Rs. — | 8,000,000 |
| | | To Rs. — | - |
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| (iv) | Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act. | | Not Revised |

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2007 only)

Sgd. RANJITH SIYAMBALAPITIYA
Acting Minister of Finance and Planning.

28.09 .2007

Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*5.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources under Section 61 read with paragraph (c) of Section 8 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No.2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1493/18 of 20th April 2007 which were presented on 09.10.2007, be approved.

*6.

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.

*7.

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)

*8.

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)

*9.

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)

*10.

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)

*11.

The Minister of Industrial Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Cement Corporation for the year 2004,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Cement Corporation together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2004 and presented on 12.01.2007 under Section 30(1) 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 Industrial Development)

*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	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)

*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
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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)

*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 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)

*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. 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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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.

- 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.

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.

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

29.

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

30.

Sri Saranankara Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

31.

Bambalapitiya Flats Buddhist Society (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

32.

Dhaarul Uloom Al-Meezaniyyah Arabic College, Kurugoda, Akurana (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

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