



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 158.]

**ORDER PAPER
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FOR**

Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1399/07

1.

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 Colombo-Central 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?

1400/07

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 Colombo-North 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?

1401/07

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 Colombo-West 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?

1422/07

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that an office is maintained at No. 256C, Wijanayake Lane, Boralesgamuwa, Eheliyagoda under the name of “United Labour Party”?

- (b) Will he inform this House of the reason as to why Sub Inspector Susantha of the Boralesgamuwa Police and another unidentified person visited this office on 05/03/2007 and questioned Mr. Sajith Sri Lakmal, the General Secretary?
- (c) If not, why?

1426/07

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Miss. A. Jasintha of No. 224, Gandhi Town, Trincomalee was appointed as a casual office worker in the Trincomalee Urban Council on 17.12.1992; and
 - (ii) she served as a Tamil typist in that office since then?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that although Miss. Jasintha sent in an application in terms of the Gazette Notification dated 19/06/1997 to the Provincial Public Service Commission through the Heads of Institution and appeared for the interview seeking confirmation in the Post, she has not been confirmed so far?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to confirm her in the post?
- (d) If not, why?

1450/07

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mrs. D.D.J.R. Nawaratne of “Ratna”, Malwatta road, Uggalboda, Kalutara North was appointed as a graduate teacher of Aesthetic subjects in the Western Provincial Public Service from 24/10/2005; and
 - (ii) she appeared for the interview held at the Kalutara Divisional Secretariat office on 08/06/2004 and Kalutara Education office on 16/10/2005 to get the above mentioned appointment?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to why she was interdicted on 08/05/2006 after serving in the aforesaid post for nearly 1½ years?
- (c) Will he take steps to reinstate Mrs. Navaratne who possesses all the required qualifications?
- (d) If not, why?

1457/07

7.

Hon. Samansiri Herath,— 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 Grama Niladhari Divisions that has been selected under the Gama Neguma project in the Chillaw Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) separately, the names of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions; and
 - (iii) separately, the projects that have been selected?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for each project; and
 - (ii) the number of projects that has been completed by now?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of projects that has not been completed; and
 - (ii) the reasons for not completing the aforesaid projects?
- (d) If not, why?

1458/07

8.

Hon. Samansiri Herath,— 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 Grama Niladhari Divisions that has been selected under the Gama Neguma project in the Chillaw-Madampe Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) separately, the names of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions; and
 - (iii) separately, the projects that have been selected?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for each project; and
 - (ii) the number of projects that has been completed by now?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of projects that has not been completed; and
 - (ii) the reasons for not completing the aforesaid projects?
- (d) If not, why?

1459/07

9.

Hon. Samansiri Herath,— 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 Grama Niladhari Divisions that have been selected under the Gama Neguma project in the Arachchikattuwa Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) separately, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions; and
- (iii) separately, the projects that have been selected?

(b) Will he state in this House—

- (i) the amount of money allocated for each projects; and
- (ii) the number of projects that has been completed by now?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the number of projects that has not been completed; and
- (ii) the reasons for not completing the work of the projects mentioned above?

(d) If not, why?

1466/07

10.

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Mr. D.M.A. Dissanayake, R.P.C. No. 26228, attached to the Diyathalawa Police Station was subjected to interdiction upon the case bearing No. B.R. 36/2006 at the Magistrate Court in Bandarawela; and

- (ii) the above mentioned Police Officer has been acquitted in the aforesaid case?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that the other police officer who was in connection with this case has been reinstated and employed in the Diyathalawa Police Station itself?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to reinstate Mr. D.M.A. Dissanayaka?
- (d) If not, why?

1519/07

11.

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a case had been filed under Case No. N.S. 07/2005 at the Moneragala District Court against Mr. M. Nandiyes and some other police officers who served at Dambagolla Police Station in the year 1992; and
 - (ii) all these persons were acquitted in that case?
- (b) Will he admit that while other police officers who were acquitted have been reinstated, the officer whose name has been mentioned above has not yet been reinstated?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to reinstate the aforesaid officer?
- (d) If not, why?

1472/07

12.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the foundation stone was laid for Matara-Karativu Road Development Project;
 - (ii) the place at which the aforesaid foundation stone was laid;

- (iii) the estimated amount pertaining to the aforesaid road development project; and
- (iv) the financial sources pertaining to the aforesaid project?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of hoardings that had been put up in connection with the aforesaid project;
 - (ii) the places at which the aforesaid hoardings had been put up;
 - (iii) the amount that was spent on those hoardings; and
 - (iv) the financial sources for those hoardings?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the construction work of that project has been started;
 - (ii) the extent to which the road has been developed by now; and
 - (iii) the year in which the work of the aforesaid project is scheduled to be completed?
- (d) If not, why?

1494/07

13.

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayaka,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether generators were received by the Ceylon Electricity Board under Tsunami aid;
 - (ii) if so, the countries from which they were received;
 - (iii) the number of generators and the capacity of each of the aforesaid generators; and
 - (iv) the local agent involved in the purchase of these generators?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) by whom the generators were cleared from the port;
 - (ii) the duties paid for them and how the money was received for that purpose; and
 - (iii) to whom their maintenance was handed over?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the districts to which these generators were distributed;

- (ii) the number of generators distributed as mentioned above;
 - (iii) if the aforesaid generators were returned to the Ceylon Electricity Board following the resettlement of those displaced by the Tsunami disaster, whether such assets have been documented in the Electricity Board; and
 - (iv) the value of generators returned as mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

1504/07

14.

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of roads that belong to the area of Matale Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (ii) the number of roads that have not been taken over and maintained by the Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (iii) the names of roads mentioned above; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to take over those roads to the Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (b) Will he admit that Sri Saranankara Road in Aluvihare, Matale is being reconstructed by a private land owner without adhering to proper standards and considering the requirements of the area?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to prevent the aforesaid reconstruction?
- (d) If not, why?

1538/07

15.

Hon. Anurudha Polgampala,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the year in which the 'Tea Shakthi' Fund was founded;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated by the Treasury for this Fund; and
 - (iii) the amount of money currently available in the aforesaid fund?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the amount of shares and its financial value obtained or purchased to date by tea societies or individuals from the 'Tea Shakthi' Fund through the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority annually since its inception;

- (ii) the dividends agreed to be paid for the aforesaid shares annually; and
- (iii) the duration which was agreed upon to pay dividends?
- (c) Will he inform this House the number of shareholders to whom the dividends have been paid to date and the amount of dividends paid to them annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the dividends agreed to be paid for shareholders could not be paid as agreed upon; and
 - (ii) if so, the reason for that?
- (e) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2008),— (Third Allotted Day) — Adjourned debate on Question (07th November).[1]

*2.

Commissions of Inquiry (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.

*3.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Supplementary Sum,—Head 240,— Programme 2,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Sixty One Thousand Eight hundred million (Rs. 61,800,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or monies of ,or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the Financial year beginning of the 1st January, 2007 and ending of the 31st December 2007 and that the said sum shall be expended as specified in the schedule hereto be approved:

Schedule

Head 240 —	Department of National Budget	
Programme 2 —	Development Activities	
	Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs. 34,800,000,000
	Capital Expenditure	= Rs. <u>27,000,000,000</u>
	Total	= Rs. <u><u>61,800,000,000</u></u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 10 of 2007 presented on 24th October, 2007.
Total of Supplementary Estimates No.1—9 Rs. 1,685,598,240

*4.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act (No.1),— 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	Rs.	—	14,000,000
		To	Rs.	—	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)

*5.

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
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| (ii) | Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the second Schedule to that Act. | From
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| (iii) | Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act. | From
To | Rs.
Rs. | —
— | 8,000,000
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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)

*6.

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.

*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 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)

*13.

The Minister of Industrial Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Cement Corporation for the year 2005,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Cement Corporation together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2005 and presented on 12.01.2007 under Section 14(3) 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)

*14.

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)

*15.

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)

*16.

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)

*17.

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)

*18.

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.

*19.

Defence Services Command and Staff College Bill - Second Reading.

*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. 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 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.

* *Indicates Government Business*

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