



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 159.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1092/07

1.

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasingha,— To ask the Minister of Export Development and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the types and quantities of agricultural products that were imported in each of the years in the period from year 2000 to 2006;
 - (ii) the quantity of each of the aforesaid products, out of the total amount of imports;
 - (iii) separately, the payments made annually for each of the aforesaid products; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that was spent on each of the aforesaid products, out of the total expenditure incurred on imports?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the annual expenditure on imports from the year 2000;
 - (ii) the goods for which imports expenditure has increased;
 - (iii) the amount of foreign exchange that has been spent annually, after subtracting the income from exports from the expenditure on imports;
 - (iv) the 20 types of imports that incur the largest import expenditure; and
 - (v) the amount of expenditure for each of the aforesaid types of imports out of the total expenditure on imports?
- (c) If not, why?

1122/07

2.

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

- (a) Will he state whether Air Lanka Company will be taken over by the government again after the agreement on which the management and a percentage of the shares of Air Lanka that belonged to the government were transferred to Emirates Company, has expired?
- (b) If not, why?

1127/07

3.

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

- (a) Will he state the total amount of loans (including the Treasury Bills) that should be paid by the government as at 31st March 2007, indicating local and foreign loans separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of loans (including Treasury Bills) that has been borrowed by the government in each of the years during the period from 2000 to 2007; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount that was paid by the government as interest and loan installments for local and foreign loans in each of the aforesaid years?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the names of the institutions from which these foreign loans were borrowed during the period of year 2006 and up to 31st March 2007;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of each of the aforesaid loans; and
 - (iii) rates of interest and other conditions followed in obtaining those loans?
- (d) If not, why?

1402/07

4.

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-East 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 discounting 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?

1403/07

5.

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 Borella 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 discounting 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?

1404/07

6.

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 families received the Samurdhi subsistence dole from the Government as at 30th June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Puttalam 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 discounting the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
- (iii) whether there is a drastic drop in the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients owing to the mishandling of the economy resulting a high inflation?

(c) If not, why?

1451/07

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. S. Sunil Ananda of Nagadaranewa, Punewa has served as the special Commissioner of the Vavuniya South Sinhale Pradeshiya Sabha from 16/01/2003 to 07/02/2007?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reason which led to the removed of Mr. Ananda from this post with immediate effect from 17.02.2007 by the Governor of the Northern Province?
- (c) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) he being a grade I Community Development Officer carried out affairs of the Pradeshiya Sabha without any defect till 31/12/2006 and has also completed the Audit Queries; and

- (ii) the Assistant Local Government Commissioner of Vavuniya has made submissions to the effect that his service is commendable?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he has been removed from service on political victimization; and
 - (ii) if so, will he take steps to reinstate him in the post?
- (e) If not, why?

1453/07

8.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Justice and Law Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. D. Upali Kodikara of No.46C, Sri Indrajothi Road, Ratmalana has retired on 22.02.2005 after 35 years of service as an Engineering Assistant and a Training Officer of the Department of Irrigation?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) Mr. Kodikara has been appointed as a mediator of the Mediation Board of Ratmalana with effect from 15.09.2005; and
 - (ii) his post of mediator has been suspended with effect from 25.09.2005?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to reappoint Mr. Kodikara to this post?
- (d) If not, why?

1454/07

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. R.G. Sirisena, the caretaker of the circuit bungalow at Polgolla which belongs to the Mahaweli Authority, has built a house on an adjoining land belonging to the Mahaweli Authority and given it on rent to another person?
 - (ii) he has used electricity from the circuit bungalow to operate machines which were used to make door frames and windows for the aforesaid house; and
 - (iii) as a result, the electricity bill has increased extraordinarily from January 2007?

- (b) Will he state as to why Mr. Sirisena who possesses two freehold houses and a number of acres of Tea, has been given a land belonging to the Mahaweli Authority?
- (c) Will he admit that providing a land belonging to the Mahaweli Authority in this manner is an injustice caused to the senior officers, when employees of Mahaweli have been given marshy lands?
- (d) Will he take steps to look into this matter and inform this House of the true state of affairs in this regard?
- (e) If not, why?

1461/07

10.

Hon. Samansiri Herath,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total capacity of the water tank erected at the center of the Bangadeniya town in the Arachchikattuwa Divisional Secretariat division;
 - (ii) the period of time during which water was provided to the people of the area from this tank; and
 - (iii) the number of Houses that have obtained the water supply connection during that period?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the reasons for the complete stoppage of water supply from the said water tank by now; and
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to provide water for the houses that obtained water supply from the aforesaid tank?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the institution that maintains the drainage system and the pump house;
 - (ii) the number of times on which the maintenance work has been carried out so far; and
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated for the purpose mentioned above?
- (d) Will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken to fulfil the need for drinking water of the people the area?
- (e) If not, why?

1462/07

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total annual revenue of the Chillaw Urban Council in the Puttalam District; and
 - (ii) separately, the sources of such income?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the amount incurred on the monthly allowances of the members of the Urban Council including the Chairman;
 - (ii) the amount incurred separately on the fuel/telephone allowances and other expenses of the Chairman;
 - (iii) the amount incurred monthly for the payment of allowances and salaries of the permanent and casual employees of the relevant Urban Council;
 - (iv) the number of casual employees and their periods of service; and
 - (v) the reason for them not being made permanent?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money left for development activities from the total annual revenue and other receivables after setting aside money for the salaries and other maintenance of the Urban Council; and
 - (ii) the action to be taken if money has been spent in violation of the relevant circulars or without the approval of the Urban Council?
- (d) If not, why?

1463/07

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total annual revenue of the Chillaw Pradeshiya Sabha in the Puttalam District; and
 - (ii) separately, the sources of such income?

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the amount incurred on the monthly allowances of the members of the Pradeshiya Sabha including the Chairman;
 - (ii) the amount incurred separately on the fuel/telephone allowances and other expenses of the Chairman;
 - (iii) the amount incurred monthly for the payment of allowances and salaries of the permanent and casual employees of the relevant Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (iv) the number of casual employees and their periods of service; and
 - (v) the reason for them not being made permanent?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money left for development activities from the total annual revenue and other receivables after setting aside money for the salaries and other maintenance of the Pradeshiya Sabha; and
 - (ii) the action to be taken if money has been spent in violation of the relevant circulars or without the approval of the Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (d) If not, why?

1543/07

13.

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. U.R. Jayasooriya residing at No. 50/A, Hulandawa (Left), Monaragala in the Monaragala Divisional Secretariat Division was a person selected as a Samurdhi beneficiary; and
 - (ii) it has been decided by the letter of the Samurdhi Commissioner General dated 15.08.2007 that Mr. U.R. Jayasooriya belongs to the middle / rich income group?
- (b) Will he admit that he is a person who should receive poor relief further in spite of the above mentioned decision?
- (c) Therefore, will he take the necessary steps to provide Mr. U.R. Jayasooriya with the Samurdhi assistance further?
- (d) If not, why?

1547/07

14.

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) on 27.05.2007 the persons by the names of D.D. Jayatilake and S.H. John, who are employees of Sevanagala Sugar Factory, were assaulted in the presence of the Officer In Charge of Sevenagala Police Station himself; and
- (ii) the employees who were assaulted as mentioned above were admitted to Sevanagala Hospital and provided treatment there?

(b) Will he admit that action has not been taken so far to arrest the persons who assaulted the two individuals mentioned above?

(c) Will he take necessary steps to take legal action regarding this matter?

(d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2008),—(Fourth 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>61,800,000,000</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 | From | Rs. | — | 14,000,000 |
| second Schedule to that Act. | To | Rs. | — | 45,000,000 |
- (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified
- | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|-----|---|-------------|
| in Column III of the second | From | Rs. | — | 145,000,000 |
| Schedule to that Act. | 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.

- (i) Maximum limit of expenditure
specified in Column II of the
second Schedule to that Act.
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| From | Rs. | — | 45,000,000 |
| To | Rs. | — | 140,000,000 |
- (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified
in Column III of the second
Schedule to that Act.
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|------|-----|---|-------------|
| From | Rs. | — | 45,000,000 |
| To | Rs. | — | 145,000,000 |

(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance

specified in Column IV of the	From	Rs.	—	8,000,000
Second Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs.	—	—

(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities

Not Revised

specified in Column V of the

Second Schedule to that Act.

(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 Phamaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation 2005,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Phamaceuticals 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</u> Monthly
Total	Rs. 80,400.00
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Members

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

*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 Monthly</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

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. Dunesh Gankanda

Hon. Johnston Fernando

Hon. P. Radhakrishnan

Hon. R. M. Dharmadasa Banda

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna

Hon. Neomal Perera,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into the resignation of Mr. Sunil Mendis and the appointment of Mr. Ajit Niward Cabral as the Governor of the Central Bank,—

- (1) Whereas the Central Bank is one of the most important financial institutions of a country responsible for managing its economy.
- (2) Whereas the Governor of the Central Bank Mr. Sunil Mendis abruptly resigned under mysterious circumstances and
- (3) Whereas it is reported that Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral, who
 - (a) was a Member of the Western Provincial Council.
 - (b) formerly contested Colombo District Parliamentary Elections and,
 - (c) was a one time political organizer.
- (4) And whereas several reports in newspapers indicate that he has been involved in unsavory financial transactions more particularly Pyramid Schemes.
- (5) This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into:
 - (a) the circumstances under which Mr. Sunil Mendis resigned
 - (b) the suitability of Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral to hold the position of the Governor of the Central Bank.
 - (c) whether the appointment of an individual such as Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral will seriously affect the creditability of the Central Bank and have disastrous effects on the country's economy.
- (6)
 - (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
- (7) That the Committee shall have the power to :
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to produce any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;

- (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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27.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya,— Select Committee of Parliament on Electoral Reforms,— That a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed pursuant to the Committee appointed by Hon. Speaker during the Second Session of the Fifth Parliament which submitted its interim report on the 23rd of January, 2004 to further consider Reforms to the current system of Parliamentary and Local Authority Elections and other matters connected therewith and to make recommendations in respect of further changes considered necessary to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the existing election laws and to report together with their observations and recommendations on the amendments necessary to the said laws.

- 2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Hon. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
- 3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to produce any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialist and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

28.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

29.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*

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