



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 161.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Friday, November 16, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1388/07

1.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House in detail, the number of projects selected for the third round of the Community Water Supply and Sanitation project in the Gampaha District and the areas covered by those projects?
- (b) Will he state the reasons for naming a project for the area of Aluthgama Bogamuwa North in Gampaha under the aforesaid project and cancelling the same without being implemented despite the fact that field work had already been started in the area and even the field officers had been appointed?
- (c) Will he inform this House the course of action that will be followed with regard to the injustice caused to the people of the aforesaid area by cancelling this project, which was selected after a study for which the relevant officers spent their time immensely, in order to get petty political advantage?
- (d) If not, why?

1440/07

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that all the doors that can be used to enter the 747 New Hanger in a case of a sudden fire have been blocked by the new building that has been annexed to the aforesaid 747 New Hanger by the Sri Lankan Airlines?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) this is a serious unauthorized construction; and
 - (ii) permission has not been obtained from the Civil Aviation Authority for the construction of this building and it does not comply with the international standards that should be maintained in an airport?

- (c) Will he inform this House whether action is being taken to demolish this building which was built by spending crores of rupees?
- (d) Will he state the steps that will be taken with regard to this type of a waste of crores of rupees that has been committed without adhering to the standards and obtaining the proper permission of the Civil Aviation Authority?
- (e) If not, why?

1444/07

3.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the indemnity received by the Foreign Employment Bureau to be paid to the emigrants from the year 2001 to year 2005;
 - (ii) the reason for the non-payment of the aforesaid compensation to them; and
 - (iii) the names of the persons who are responsible for the aforesaid non-payment of compensation?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money received in the aforesaid manner from the year 2005 up to date; and
 - (ii) whether the Bureau will take necessary action to pay the compensation received as mentioned above to the relevant persons without any delay?
- (c) If not, why?

1408/07

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 families received the Samurdhi subsistence dole from the Government as at 30th June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Kurunegala 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?

1409/07

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 families received the Samurdhi subsistence dole from the Government as at 30th June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Badulla 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?

1410/07

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 Anuradhapura 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?

1434/07

7.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udaya Shantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the Circular under which it was decided to transfer all residual jungles belonging to the government to the Department of Forest Conservation; and
 - (ii) of the Circular under which it was decided that those residual jungles which were transferred to the Department of Forest Conservation under the aforesaid Circular be transferred back to the Divisional Secretaries?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the Methodology and criteria employed in identifying the lands to be released to the Divisional Secretaries in terms of the Ministry Circular No. 02/2006?
- (c) Will he present to this House a comprehensive report of the lands so identified in each Divisional Secretariat Division in Moneragala District alone?
- (d) Will he state whether proposals have been submitted to make use of the lands so identified for the development activities of the public or private sector?
- (e) If there are any projects submitted as mentioned above, will he submit to this House a comprehensive report about them?
- (f) If not, why?

1469/07

8.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that foreign companies engaged in fishing have been registered under a B.O.I. project?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of above mentioned companies so registered; and
 - (ii) the names addresses and the years of registration of the aforesaid companies?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the names and addresses of the boards of directors of those companies?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether agreement signed with the fishing company named Bonbridge has been breached by that company; and
 - (ii) if so, whether a case has been filed against it by the Ministry of Fisheries?
- (e) If not, why?

1470/07

9.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of ice plants that were owned by the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation;
 - (ii) the places where the aforesaid ice plants were stationed;
 - (iii) the number of ice plants owned by the Fisheries Corporation at present; and
 - (iv) the places where they are?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a leasing out or a sale of the ice plants that were owned by the Fisheries Corporation has been done;

- (ii) if so, the names of the persons to whom they have been leased out or sold or the name of the institution to which they have been leased out or sold; and
- (iii) whether it has been decided to sell ice plants in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

1471/07

10.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether funds of the Ministry of Fisheries had been allocated for the Buddhist Temple which has been constructed in the sea near the Matara bus stand;
 - (ii) if so, the amount so allocated; and
 - (iii) the year in which the funds were allocated as mentioned above?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Fisheries allocated funds for the activities that have no connection with fishing during the last year ; and
 - (ii) if so, for what those activities are?
- (c) If not, why?

1492/07

11.

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, the number of employees recruited to the posts of manager, engineer, technician, labourer, clerks and parallel grades in the Road Development Authority during the period from year 2004 to year 2007?
- (b) Out of the aforesaid employees, will he state the number of employees who hold permanent, temporary and casual posts?
- (c) If not, why?

1493/07

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of pile machine (pile drivers) purchased by the state Engineering Corporation in the year 2006;
 - (ii) as to when the tenders were called for this purpose;
 - (iii) whether it was done according to the accepted tender procedure: and
 - (iv) whether the machines purchased as mentioned above were brand new or reconditioned machines?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money paid for the above machines; and
 - (ii) the name of the country from which they were purchased?
- (c) Is he aware that reconditioned machines have been purchased when the pile machines were purchased as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he admit that some irregularity has taken place in purchasing these machines?
- (e) If not, why?

1495/07

13.

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to when the advisors were appointed to the Departments / institutions coming under the Ministry of Highways;
 - (ii) the positions held by them in the Ministry at present; and
 - (iii) whether they hold any position in a government institution or a public representative body?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether they have been provided with vehicles;

- (ii) whether those vehicles belong to the institution or whether they have been obtained on rent by the institution; and
- (iii) the amount of time spent by the aforesaid advisors in performing the responsibilities entrusted upon them?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the types of allowances paid to these advisors including fuel allowances and monthly allowances in the months of May, June and July respectively; and
 - (ii) whether other things in the form of materials or goods were provided to them in addition to money?
- (d) If not, why?

1501/07

14.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,—To ask the Minister of Industrial Development, Co-operative,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that 102 local factories have been closed down according to the report appeared in the 'Lankadeepa' newspaper on 17.03.2007 under the headline "Deshiya Rasa Kevili" nipayum kamhal 102 (ekasiya deka) wesei"?
- (b) Will he take action to impose a higher tax on foreign products in order to encourage the local manufacturers through the tax procedure which is adopted when various types of confectioneries are imported to the country?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the local confectionery production will be protected through such a procedure;
 - (ii) whether imported confectioneries are tested to ascertain if they are beneficial to the health of the people; and
 - (iii) as to what steps should be taken to market the products of high quality, since low quality imported confectioneries injurious to health are being sold in the local market?
- (d) Will he state as to what relief will be granted to reopen local confectioners which have been closed down as a result of imported confectioneries?
- (e) Will he take necessary steps to make available the required technology to test whether foreign and local products are of high quality and to manufacture high quality products?
- (f) If not, why?

1548/07

15.

Hon. Y.M. Nawarathna Banda,—To ask the Minister of Livestock Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether the Livestock Development Board implemented a Circular for retirement, on voluntary retirement basis;
 - (ii) if so, the year in which it was implemented and the period of time for which it was implemented;
 - (iii) the special conditions mentioned in it and the privileges entitled to persons who retired under the aforesaid Circular?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of employees who retired in terms of the aforesaid Circular; and
 - (ii) whether those employees who retired in terms of that Circular have been provided with all due entitlements?
- (c) Is he aware that although it was agreed to provide duty free vehicle permits to those retired as mentioned above, so far those permits have not been provided to them despite a lapse of nearly 10 years?
- (d) If so, will he state the reasons for it?
- (e) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd, Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th and Friday 30th November, 2007 be Allotted Days for the consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2008)”.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— 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 20th to 30th November, 2007 shall be 09.30 a.m. to 05.30 p.m. At 05.00 p.m. paragraphs (5) and (6) of Standing Order 7 shall operate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2008),— (Sixth 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,— Regulations under Payment and Settlement Systems Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 43 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, No.28 of 2005, read with Sections 11, 17 and 20 (2) of the aforesaid Act and with paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution in order to clarify the powers vested in the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to regulate the supplies of services of money, payments, clearing and settlement and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1503/11 of 27th June, 2007, which were presented on 05.11.2007 be approved.

*5.

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)

*6.

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
To | Rs.
Rs. | —
— | 45,000,000
140,000,000 |
| (ii) | Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the second Schedule to that Act. | From
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145,000,000 |
| (iii) | Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act. | From
To | Rs.
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)

*7.

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.

*8.

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.

*9.

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)

*10.

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)

*11.

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)

*12.

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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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)

*15.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Determination under the Commission to investigate Bribery or Corruption Act,— That this Parliament hereby determines under Section 2(7) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No.19 of 1994, that the salary and allowances payable to the Chairman and the Members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption shall be as follows with effect from 01.01.2006.

Chairman (Full time)

Salary	Rs. 66,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> Monthly
Total	Rs. 80,400.00

Members

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

The Parliament further resolves that 50% of the increased salary (excluding allowances) should be paid with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full salary inclusive of the balance 50% with effect from 01.01.2007 and that the salaries and allowances to be determined by Parliament by this resolution should be substituted for the salaries and allowances determined by resolutions previously passed in Parliament in respect of Chairman and Members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*16.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Constitution (No.1),— It is determined by this Parliament that the remuneration and the Allowances of the Chairman and the Members of the Public Service Commission established under Article 54 (1) of the Constitution shall be as set out below with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

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

Members

Remuneration	Rs. 30,000.00 per month
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It is further determined by this Parliament that while 50% of the increased remuneration (excluding allowances) of the Chairman and Members of the Public Service Commission shall be payable with effect from 01.01.2006 and the balance with effect from 01.01.2007. The remuneration and the allowances previously determined and adopted by Parliament as payable to the said Chairman and Members of the Commission shall be substituted by the remuneration and allowances determined by this resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*17.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

*18.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act,— That this Parliament determines that the Salaries and Allowances of the Chairman and Members of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka established under the Section 8 of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No.21 of 1996, be as follows with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Salary	Rs. 65,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00 Monthly</u>
Total	<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)

*19.

Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— Adjourned Debate on Question (3rd October, 2006),— Motion made and question proposed,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition under Section 19 read with Section 72 of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) in consultation with the Sri Lanka Medical Council and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1458/16 of 17th August, 2006 which were presented on 05.09.2006, be approved.

*20.

Defence Services Command and Staff College Bill - Second Reading.

*21.

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

*22.

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

*23.

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

*24.

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

*25.

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

*26.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

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27.

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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28.

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.

29.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

30.

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.”
