



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 166.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Friday, November 23, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1025/07

1.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(4)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Okewela Divisional Secretariat Division, under indentified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;

(ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money, and

(iii) if not, when the money would be received?

(b) Will he state this House the manner in which the allocations would be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility would be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?

(c) Will he state—

(i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;

(ii) the number of new drinking water connection that could be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;

(iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and

(iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?

(d) if not, why?

1183/07

2.

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

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

1195/07

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Regional Development Banks of Ruhuna, North-West, Up country, Sabaragamuwa and Uva have signed a collective agreement with the Bank of Ceylon Employees Union for a period of three years from 01.01.2006 to 31.12.2008?
- (b) Will he submit a copy of the said agreement to this House?

- (c) Will he inform this House whether there are any obstacles to legalize the above said agreement?
- (d) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Labour Commissioner has rejected to publish the said collective agreement as the gazette saying that the conditions related to the volunteer service as per that agreement are illegal;
 - (ii) the General Managers of the Development Banks have taken action to cut the allowances entitled to the workers even when the Commissioner of Labour has pointed out that conditions relating to the volunteer service are illegal?
- (e) Will he inform this House of the steps that would be taken to restore the rights of the workers who have been denied such rights and of the steps that would be taken against the General Managers who act illegally on this manner?
- (f) If not, why?

1208/07

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of square kilometers in the country;
 - (ii) the square kilometers in each province, district and electorate separately; and
 - (iii) the extent of land available for agricultural, construction and forestry purpose separately on district basis?
- (b) Will he state on per district basis, the extent of land privately owned and vested with the Central Government Separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1307/07

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion and the Minister of Enterprise Development (Non-cabinet) are housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and

- (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1515/07

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided to the Minister of Health in the Central Provincial Council;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid residence belongs to the Provincial Council or the Central Government;
 - (iii) if not, whether it has been obtained on the basis of rent; and
 - (iv) of the name of the owner of the house and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the Minister concerned;
 - (ii) the registration numbers and the makes of those vehicles;
 - (iii) whether they belong to the Provincial Council; and
 - (iv) if not, the name of the owner and the monthly rent of each of the aforesaid vehicles?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the relevant Ministry of Health, their registration numbers and makes;

- (ii) the officials to whom those vehicles have been given;
 - (iii) whether those vehicles belong to the Provincial Council or if not, whether they have been obtained on the basis of rent; and
 - (iv) if so, their owners and the monthly rent?
- (d) If not, why?

1546/07

7.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that—
- (i) Mrs. Karuna Liyanagamage was subjected to an interdiction while she was serving at the Colombo city office of the Housing Development Authority;
 - (ii) the reason for the aforesaid interdiction was the misplacement of a sum of Rs. 57,287.45;
 - (iii) eight charges had been filed against her, and she was punished only under the charge of omission of duty; and
 - (iv) she was acquitted of the other charges?
- (b) Will she admit that—
- (i) Mrs. Karuna Liyanagamage was acquitted in the case that had been filed in this regard at the Magistrate Court under case No.61622/01; and
 - (ii) the first officer in charge of the key, Senior Manager, Mr. Wasantha Wijerathna, who should be made responsible for this charge has been granted salary arrears, increments and promotions?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether the duty, the omission of which was the reason for subjecting Mrs. Liyanagamage to the aforesaid punishment, is relevant to her list of duties?
- (d) Will he state the reasons for not granting salary arrears, the lost increments and promotions to Mrs. Karuna Liyanagamage under the above mentioned circumstances?
- (e) If not, why?

1634/07

8.

Hon. (Ven.) Alawwe Nandaloka Thero,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Is he aware that the running of buses on the Gampaha-Veyangoda route which bears route No.206 does not take place according to a proper time table?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of buses that are being operated by the Regional Transport Board for the transportation of passengers on this route;
 - (ii) the number of private buses that have been given licences; and
 - (iii) the registration number, the name of the owner and the date on which the licence was issued of each of the aforesaid private buses?
- (c) if permission for running buses on this route has been granted according to an approved time table, will he submit that time table to this House?
- (d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2008),— (Eleventh Allotted Day)— Committee— (Progress 22nd November).

*2.

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)

*3.

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.

*4.

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.

*5.

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)

*6.

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Phamaceuticals Corporation 2005,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Phamaceuticals 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)

*7.

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)

*8.

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.

*9.

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

*10.

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.

*11.

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.

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(Cabinet approval signified)

*12.

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 | 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. | 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.

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(Cabinet approval signified)

*13.

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

*14.

Defence Services Command and Staff College Bill - Second Reading.

*15.

Api Wenuwen Api Fund Bill — Second Reading.

*16.

Termination of Employment of Workmen (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*17.

Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*18.

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

*19.

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

*20.

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

*21.

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

*22.

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

*23.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*24.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

Members

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

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

*25.

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	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

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)

*26.

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	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

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)

*27.

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)

*28.

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)

*29.

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)

30.

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 Niwad Cabral to hold the position of the Governor of the Central Bank.
 - (c) whether the appointment of an individual such as Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral will seriously affect the creditability of the Central Bank and have disastrous effects on the country's economy.
- (6) (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
- (7) That the Committee shall have the power to :
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to produce any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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31.

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.

32.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

33.

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

34.

Association of Former Members of the Staff of Parliament of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

* *Indicates Government Business*

NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on “Appropriation Bill (2008)” — See separate Paper “Supplement to the Orders of the Day”.

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