



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 169.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1030/07

1.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(5)

- (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 Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat Division, under identified 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 in 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 can 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?

1186/07

2.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total annual revenue of the Balapitiya 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 sum 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?

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3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total production capacity of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC);
 - (ii) all the products manufactured;
 - (iii) the production cost, gross profit and the costs related to administration, distribution and marketing separately; and
 - (iv) the selling price of above products and the margins marked up?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) all the taxes subject to CPC in buying producing and selling of all products given above;
- (ii) the import and selling cost of the items if such products are not manufactured by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
- (iii) the total labour employed by CPC and other related companies; and
- (iv) the profit or loss of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as a group and LIOC for the last 4-5 years?

(c) If not, why?

1310/07

4.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House whether the office of the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare is 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?

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5.

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— 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 separately—

- (i) the date on which the salaries and cadre commission was established;

- (ii) whether the commission, which is identified by the above mentioned name at present, functioned under the name of Mr. Tissa Devendra;
 - (iii) the names of the chairmen of those commissions; and
 - (iv) the names of the members who represented the commission in each year from the date of its establishment up to now?
- (b) Will he present to this House—
- (i) the number of employees in the salaries and cadre commission including the members who bear the responsibility of the chairmen;
 - (ii) separately, the salaries, allowances and other payments that are paid to each of the above mentioned employees; and
 - (iii) the vehicles and other facilities that have been provided to the members in the aforesaid commission?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the amounts of money that have been allocated for salaries and cadre commission for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 and 2007 respectively;
 - (ii) separately, the amounts of money that have been spent out of the amounts mentioned above;
 - (iii) whether the expenditure exceeded the allocated amount; and
 - (iv) the sections for which the aforesaid expenditure incurred?
- (d) If not, why?

1430/07

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, the amounts of the capital grants allocated for each university for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether a decision has been taken to reduce any percentage from the aforesaid capital grants, and
 - (ii) if so, the percentage that was reduced as mentioned above by the Ministry of Finance and the resultant amounts of money in respect of each university?
- (c) Will he state the amounts of capital grants made available to each university as at 30th June 2007?
- (d) If not, why?

1460/07

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of land that belongs to the Kolaeliya tank and the tank reserve situated in the Pallama Divisional Secretariat division; and
 - (ii) the total extent of paddy land that can be cultivated by using water from this tank?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the extent of marshy land that was identified as an area that would be submerged by being part of the tank bed, before the reconstruction of the Kolaeliya tank in 1984; and
 - (ii) the names of the owners of the above mentioned lands?
- (c) Is he aware that action has been taken to grant alternative lands legally for the aforesaid indentified persons, prior to the reconstruction work at the tank?
- (d) Will he state separately, the list of names of the recipients who received such alternative lands, the total extent of lands granted the date on which it was done and the names of the officers of the institutions which took part in the aforesaid process?
- (e) Will he admit that even after granting of alternative lands, no legal action has been taken to remove the few persons who claim the ownership for the marshy lands that would be submerged by being a part of the tank bed?
- (f) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not removing these people despite the fact that alternative lands have been granted to them; and
 - (ii) as to how the unlawful constructions and laying of electric wires were done in these lands?
- (g) If not, why?

1551/07

8.

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) of the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Livestock Development;

- (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the buildings in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in building belonging to private owners as aforesaid;
 - (ii) the names of the owners of such buildings; and
 - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Kabir Hashim,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Jama’ath Ansaris Sunnathil Mohammadiyya of Sri Lanka”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2008),— (Fourteenth Allotted Day)— Committee— (Progress 27th 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 Plantation Industries,— Regulations under the Rubber Replanting Subsidy Act,— That the “Cess on Natural Rubber Regulations, No.01 of 2007” made by the Minister of Plantation Industries under Section 7 of the Rubber Replanting Subsidy Act (Chapter 437) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1512/8 of 30th August, 2007 and corrected by Gazette Extraordinary No.1518/18 of 10th October, 2007 which were presented on 15.11.2007 be approved.

*5.

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.

*6.

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Regulations under the Food Act (No.1),— That the “Food (Control of Import, Labelling and Sale of Genetically Modified Foods) Regulations—2006” made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No.26 of 1980 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1456/22 of 03rd August, 2006, which were presented on 15.11.2007 be approved.

*7.

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Regulations under the Food Act (No.2),— That the “Food (Colouring Substances) Regulations—2006” made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No.26 of 1980 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1472/19 of 23rd November, 2006, which were presented on 15.11.2007 be approved.

*8.

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Regulations under the Food Act (No.3),— That the “Food (Vinegar Standards) Regulations—2007” made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No.26 of 1980 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1503/8 of 27th June, 2007, which were presented on 15.11.2007 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.

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.

*13.

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

*14.

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.

*15.

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	From	Rs.	—	—
Second Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs.	—	8,000,000

- (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)

*16.

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	From	Rs.	—	45,000,000
second Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs.	—	140,000,000

(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified

in Column III of the second	From	Rs.	—	45,000,000
Schedule to that Act.	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

specified in Column V of the				Not Revised
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)

*17.

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

*18.

Defence Services Command and Staff College Bill - Second Reading.

*19.

Api Wenuwen Api Fund Bill — Second Reading.

*20.

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

*21.

Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*22.

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

*23.

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

*24.

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

*25.

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

*26.

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

*27.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*28.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

Salary	Rs. 65,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 12,000.00 Monthly</u>
Total	Rs. 77,000.00
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The Parliament further resolves that 50% of the increased salary (excluding allowances) should be paid with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full salary inclusive of the balance 50% with effect from 01.01.2007 and that the salaries and allowances to be determined by Parliament by this resolution should be substituted for the salaries and allowances determined by resolutions previously passed in Parliament in respect of Chairman and Members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*29.

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)

*30.

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)

*31.

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)

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32.

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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33.

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.

34.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

35.

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

36.

Government Services Buddhist Association (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *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.”
