



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 176.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Friday, December 07, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1121/07

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the total amount of money estimated for the Moragahakanda reservoir construction project;
- (ii) the amount of money allocated for year 2007;
- (iii) whether foreign loans or grants are given for this project;
- (iv) the number of years in which this project is due to be completed; and
- (v) the amount of money expected to be allocated for each year?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of families that will be displaced due to this project;
- (ii) the location of the lands that are proposed to be given to them and the extent of land given for each family;
- (iii) the other facilities that will be given to the displaced persons other than the lands?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether an Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared for this project;
- (ii) if so, when; and
- (iii) the recommendations of the aforesaid report?

- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the total amount of money that has been spent for the inaugural ceremony of this project; and
 - (ii) the name of the company which was in charge of the publicity activities of that ceremony?
- (e) Will he submit to this House, the amounts of money paid to the aforesaid company in respect of television advertisements, posters, newspaper advertisements, hoarding, and other publicity activities?
- (f) If not, why?

1268/07

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that is allocated per Member as decentralized budget expenses for the last 05 years to date on per year basis;
 - (ii) whether the money has been allocated every year;
 - (iii) if not what the reason is;
 - (iv) the above allocation as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP); and
 - (v) the purposes that the Decentralized Budget (DCB) could be used for?
- (b) If not, why?

1337/07

3.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and the Minister of Irrigation (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?

1372/07

4.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— 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 amount of money that has been allocated under the Gama Neguma / Gemi Isura programme, to the Angunakolapelessa Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007;
 - (ii) if the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division has received the aforesaid amount of money, the date of receipt; and
 - (iii) if not, the date on which the aforesaid amount of money will be received?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the development activities that are intended to be carried out using the aforesaid monies;
 - (ii) the name of the Grama Niladhari Division / village in which those activities will be carried out;
 - (iii) the estimated amount, the date of commencement, the date on which it is expected to be completed; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been released for the proposals on which the work has already been commenced?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the activities for which the involvement of the councilors / members of local government bodies is obtained in implementing these projects;
 - (ii) the criteria on which they are selected;

- (iii) their names?
- (d) Will he inform this House as to how the involvement of the relevant councilors / members is considered legal under the laws pertaining to the subject of Local Government and Provincial Councils?
- (e) if not, why?

1518/07

5.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— 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—
 - (i) the names of the foreign countries that he has toured up to now, since the new government came to power in 2004; and
 - (ii) separately, out of those foreign tours, what the official tours and private tours were?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) the names and designations of the officials who participated in those tours with him;
 - (ii) if officials of his personal staff participated in those tours, their names and designations; and
 - (iii) the air line and the air passenger class used by him and other officials in the aforesaid foreign tours?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the amount of money spent by the government on the officials including him in the aforesaid tours; and
 - (ii) separately, with reference to each of the aforesaid tours, the foreign aid, foreign loans, projects or any other benefits received by the country as a result of these foreign tours?
- (d) If not, why?

1524/07

6.

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the number of water supply connections and the length of the system of pipe lines of the Matale water supply system, which was completed in the year 1982, when it was taken over by the Water Supply and Drainage Board from the Matale Municipal Council on 08.01.2001?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of domestic water supply connection and the number of water supply connections given for commercial and government institutions by 2007;
 - (ii) the length of the system of pipelines used for the distribution of water; and
 - (iii) the number of water supply connections that are given monthly?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether any improvement has been done on the water purification plant during the past 25 years from the year 1982 to 2007?
 - (ii) the date on which the construction work on the proposed water tank will commence;
 - (iii) the date on which the above mentioned construction work will be completed; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been estimated for it?
- (d) If not, why?

1530/07

7.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the distance between the new building which is being constructed for the Dickwella Main Post Office and the Dickwella Bus Stand; and
 - (ii) the distance between the Bus Stand and the Post Office which is in use at present and situated close to the Dickwella Bus Stand?

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the date on which the land where the Post Office is being constructed was acquired;
 - (ii) the number of the title-deed of the aforesaid land; and
 - (iii) the names and designations of the officials who were involved in the relevant acquisition?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether, an agency post office is situated close to Dickwella Bus Stand at present; and
 - (ii) if not, whether any parties have applied to establish an agency post office there?
- (d) If not, why?

1560/07

8.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) of the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Disaster Management and Human Rights;
 - (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.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,—That the proceedings on Item 2 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 23.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Privilege,— That the question of alleged breach of privilege raised by Hon. (Dr.) Mervyn Silva, Minister of Labour on 20th September, 2007 in Parliament regarding the publication of false news items in the “Daily Mirror” and “Sirasa TV” damaging his reputation, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2008),— (Twenty first Allotted Day)— Committee— (Progress 06th December).

*2.

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Regulations under the Private Medical Institutions (Registration) Act,— That the “Private Medical Institutions (Registration) Regulations No.01 of 2007” made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition under Section 18 read with Section 3 of the Private Medical Institutions (Registration) Act, No.21 of 2006 which were published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1489/18 of 22nd March, 2007 and amended by Gazette Extraordinary No.1510/08 of 13th August, 2007 and Gazette Extraordinary No. 1521/26 of 02nd November, 2007 which were presented on 06.12.2007, be approved.

*3.

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.

*4.

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.

*5.

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.

*6.

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)

*7.

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)

*8.

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)

*9.

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.

*10.

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

*11.

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.

*12.

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)

*13.

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 |
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| (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.

28.09.2007

Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*14.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Supplementary Sum,—Head 137,—Programme 2,—†That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees two hundred and eighty seven million seven hundred and fifty two thousand nine hundred and eighty eight (Rs. 287,752,988) 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 on the 31st December, 2007 and that the said sum shall be expended as specified in the schedule hereto be approved:

Schedule**Head 137 —**

Ministry of Nation Building and Estate

Infrastructure Development

Programme 2 —

Development Activities

Recurrent Expenditure = Rs. 287,752,988Total = Rs. 287,752,988

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 11 of 2007 presented on 03rd December, 2007.

Total of Supplementary Estimates No.1—10 Rs. 62,639,598,240

*15.

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

*16.

Defence Services Command and Staff College Bill - Second Reading.

*17.

Api Wenuwen Api Fund Bill — Second Reading.

*18.

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

*19.

Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*20.

University of Vocational Technology 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.

*27.

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.

*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	<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)

*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 per month</u>
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)

*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

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</u> Monthly
Total	Rs. 79,400.00

Members

Salary	Rs. 30,000.00 Monthly
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This Parliament further resolves that 50% of the enhanced salary (excluding the Allowances) be paid with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full salary with the balance 50% with from 01.01.2007 and such Salaries and Allowances as were determined by this Resolution be substituted for the salaries and allowances previously determined by Parliament.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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. Ajith 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.

British Education Representatives Association, 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.”
