



[ Sixth Parliament - Second Session ]

No. 180.]

**ORDER PAPER  
OF  
PARLIAMENT  
FOR**

**Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

1114/07

1.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
  - (i) a housing project known as ‘Jaya Lanka’ is in operation;
  - (ii) Cabinet approval has been granted for a housing project known as ‘Jaya Lanka’ for the displaced people in the North East areas and for other people; and,
  - (iii) if so, when?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
  - (i) by which institution the said housing project is managed;
  - (ii) the total estimated cost of the relevant project; and,
  - (iii) the amount that has been paid out of this?
- (c) if not, why?

1146/07

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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 from 2001 to 2006 in accordance with the page 55, Chart 3.10 of the Central Bank Report 2006—
  - (i) the number of families in respect of whom the subsidies already given, had been reduced;

- (ii) whether it means that the poverty of the country has been reduced;
  - (iii) the real expenditure in constant prices; and
  - (iv) the cost incurred against the GDP for this period?
- (b) If not, why?

1285/07

3.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— 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 Mr. Tennegedara Upul Priyantha Ranwala and the members of his family, Mr. Abeysinghe Mudiyanse Seneviratne and the Members of his family, Mr. Nipunachari Ganithayalage Prema Ranjith and Mr. Jayasinghe Arachchige Dinesh Priya Suranga who are residents of the Peniweraluwa village of the Pahala Labbala Grama Niladhari Division bearing No.1574 residing respectively at Premises No. 430/76/01, Premises No.430/129, Premises No.430/232 and Premises No.930/217 have obtained dual registration by also registering at Premises No.430/176, Premises No.430/243, Premises No.430/165 and Premises No.430/63/01 respectively in the Electoral List 2004?
- (b) Will he admit that—
  - (i) this will enable the same person to cast his vote twice; and
  - (ii) an injustice is caused to several political parties or a candidate due to this reason?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether an investigation has been carried out on complaints made in this regard;
  - (ii) whether the officers responsible have been identified at the investigation; and
  - (iii) if they have been identified, the disciplinary action taken against them?
- (d) If action has not been taken against them, will he take measures to initiate disciplinary action against the officers responsible in the future?
- (e) If not, why?

1316/07

4.

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayaka,— 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) whether there are foreigners and natives in Sri Lanka who possess dual citizenship as at first of June 2007;
  - (ii) separately the names of the foreigners and natives who possess dual citizenship; and
  - (iii) their addresses?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the name of the country in which each of the Sri Lankan mentioned above has obtained dual citizenship?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the natives who possess dual citizenship as mentioned above are employed in Ministries, Departments, Statutory bodies, Authorities and other public institutions in our country; and
  - (ii) if they are employed, the posts they hold and the names of the relevant institutions?
- (d) If not, why?

1341/07

5.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower and the Minister of Labour (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?

1376/07

6.

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 Okewela 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; and
  - (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?

1520/07

7.

Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Public Estate Management and Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a decision has been taken to sell the Hanthana Estate which belongs to the Janatha Estate Development Board, by dividing it into small plots; and
  - (ii) if such a decision has been taken, the policy that will be adopted with regard to the future of the service of the labourers of that estate?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the reason as to why the membership fees collected from the members of the Janatha Estate Development Board have not been paid for the trade unions;
  - (ii) the date on which this money will be paid to the Union;
  - (iii) the reason for the non-payment of bank loans and other loans deducted from the salaries of the aforesaid members to the respective institutions; and
  - (iv) the date on which action will be taken to pay this money to the relevant institutions?

- (c) Will he submit to this House the reason for the non-payment of gratuity since 2002 for the members of Janatha Estate Development Board who went on retirement?
- (d) Will he state—
  - (i) the reason for the non-payment of Employees Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund by the Janatha Estate Development Board for the respective institutions for many years; and
  - (ii) whether steps will be taken to bring this matter to the attention of the Minister of Labour?
- (e) If not, why?

1567/07

8.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will she state in this House—
  - (i) of the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Youth Affairs;
  - (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 she state—
  - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings 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 buildings separately?
- (c) If not, why?

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### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2008),— (Twenty Fifth Allotted Day)— Committee—  
(Progress 12<sup>th</sup> December).

\*2.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Local Treasury Bills Ordinance,— That this Parliament resolves that a sum not exceeding Rupees Seventy five thousand million (Rs.75,000,000,000) may in addition to sums authorized by the resolution in that behalf, be borrowed by the issue in Sri Lanka of Sri Lanka Government Treasury Bills and that, for such purpose, the Minister of Finance and Planning be granted all requisite authority under Section 2(1) of the Local Treasury Bills Ordinance (Chapter 417).

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*3.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No.13 of 1989, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1522/17 of 07<sup>th</sup> November, 2007, which was presented on 11.12.2007, be approved.

\*4.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties, which was presented on 11.12.2007, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No.1522/19 of 07<sup>th</sup> November, 2007)

\*5.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Notification under Excise Ordinance (No.1),— That the Notification made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning under Sub Section (1) of Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1526/1 of 03<sup>rd</sup> December, 2007, which was presented on 11.12.2007, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 901)

\*6.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Notifications under Excise Ordinance (No.2),— That the Notifications made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Sub Section (1) of Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1520/11 of 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2007, which was presented on 11.12.2007, be approved.

(Excise Notifications Nos. 897, 898, 899 and 900)

\*7.

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 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2007 and ending of the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007 and that the said sum shall be expended as specified in the schedule hereto be approved:

#### Schedule

|                      |                               |                                    |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Head 240 —</b>    | Department of National Budget |                                    |
| <b>Programme 2 —</b> | 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 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2007.  
Total of Supplementary Estimates No.1—9 Rs. 1,685,598,240

\*8.

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 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2007 and ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2007 and that the said sum shall be expended as specified in the schedule hereto be approved:

#### Schedule

|                      |                                        |                                 |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Head 137 —</b>    | Ministry of Nation Building and Estate |                                 |
|                      | Infrastructure Development             |                                 |
| <b>Programme 2 —</b> | Development Activities                 |                                 |
|                      | Recurrent Expenditure                  | = Rs. <u>287,752,988</u>        |
|                      | Total                                  | = Rs. <u><u>287,752,988</u></u> |

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 11 of 2007 presented on 03<sup>rd</sup> December, 2007.  
Total of Supplementary Estimates No.1—10 Rs. 62,639,598,240

\*9.

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 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2007, which were presented on 05.11.2007 be approved.

\*10.

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)

\*11.

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<br>specified in Column II of the<br>second Schedule to that Act. | From | Rs. | — | 45,000,000  |
|      |                                                                                               | To   | Rs. | — | 140,000,000 |
| (ii) | Minimum limit of receipts specified<br>in Column III of the second<br>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)

\*12.

The Minister of Export Development and International Trade,— Order under Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Export Development and International Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No.40 of 1979, with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning relating to Cess levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1525/1 of 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2007, which was presented on 11.12.2007, be approved.

\*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.

University of Vocational Technology Bill — Second Reading.

\*19.

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

\*20.

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

\*21.

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

\*22.

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

\*23.

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

\*24.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

\*25.

Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— Adjourned Debate on Question (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2006 which were presented on 05.09.2006, be approved.

\*26.

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 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007 which was presented on 17.07.2007 be approved.

\*27.

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)

\*28.

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 |
|--------------|-------------------------|

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)

\*29.

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 |
|-----------|-------------------------|

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)

\*30.

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

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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31.

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 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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32.

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.

33.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

34.

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

35.

Parliamentary Staff Buddhist Association (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

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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.”

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