



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 181.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Friday, December 14, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1197/07

1.

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—
 - (i) the names of the owners and the directors of the casino clubs operating in the country; and,
 - (ii) the locations of these casino clubs?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of taxes paid by each entity in various forms for the last 04 years;
 - (ii) all forms of taxes that are imposed on casino clubs; and
 - (iii) whether the casino clubs are legal?
- (c) Will he further state for the last 07 years to-date—
 - (i) the revenue expected as per the budget;
 - (ii) the total of above revenue and the company revenue; and
 - (iii) the total revenue from all forms of taxes imposed on casino clubs and revenue of each company?
- (d) If not, why?

1293/07

2.

Hon. Y.M. Navarathne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether any goods/items received as Tsunami relief were stored in Districts that were not affected by Tsunami;

- (ii) if so, what those Districts are;
 - (iii) the addresses of such places where aforesaid goods/items were stored;
 - (iv) the reason for storing the aforesaid goods/items in the above mentioned districts; and
 - (v) the name of person who gave permission to do so?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the name of the person who gave the order to store “Tsunami relief” at Vocational Training Centre at the Kundasale Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kandy District;
 - (ii) the name of the person who received aforesaid relief;
 - (iii) the goods that were there;
 - (iv) whether, the remaining stock of goods is equal to the stock of goods that was given; and
 - (v) if that relief has been dispatched from the aforesaid store the names of persons who dispatched relief and the name of the persons who received it?
- (c) Will he state the courses of action that he will follow if any fraud has taken place?
- (d) If not, why?

1342/07

3.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House whether the office of the Minister of Youth Affairs is housed in a government building?
- (b) Will she 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 she 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 she take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1377/07

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 Beliatta 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?

1435/07

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 whether—
 - (i) a grand national state function known as “East Reawakening” was held by the government to celebrate the mission of the government forces in liberating the Eastern province from the L.T.T.E.;
 - (ii) any amount of money was spent by the Sri Lanka police and three forces on this grand state function and its rehearsal; and
 - (iii) if so, the amounts of money so spent, separately?
- (b) Will he submit to this House whether—
 - (i) the government took action to deduct a days salary from the pay of the public servants and the employees of the state corporations / statutory bodies for this function;
 - (ii) arrangements were made by the government to distribute National flags among the schools and houses in the Island to be hoisted to mark this occasion; and
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money spent on it?
- (c) Will he state the reliefs and services provided by the government to the officers of the Army, Navy and Air Force and the police officers who took part, were injured or killed in this operation to liberate the Eastern province from the clutches of the L.T.T.E.?
- (d) If not, why?

1457/07

6.

Hon. Samansiri Herath,— 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 number of Grama Niladhari Divisions that has been selected under the Gama Neguma project in the Chillaw Divisional Secretariat Division;

- (ii) separately, the names of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions; and
- (iii) separately, the projects that have been selected?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for each project; and
 - (ii) the number of projects that has been completed by now?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of projects that has not been completed; and
 - (ii) the reasons for not completing the aforesaid projects?
- (d) If not, why?

1569/07

7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Public Estate Management and Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) of the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Public Estate Management and 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?
- (c) Will he 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?
- (d) If not, why?

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8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a person named Chandrasiri Manchanayake who went to Kuliyaipitiya Police Station on 04th August, 2007 to lodge a complaint was handcuffed, assaulted and taken into custody;

- (ii) he obtained residential treatment at hospital as a result of this assault; and
 - (iii) the owner of the institution where the person named Chandrasiri Manchanayake is employed, was summoned and the Police officers scolded him with obscene language in a threatening manner ordering him to settle a certain matter?
- (b) Will he admit that the separate complaints which were lodged with the Senior Superintendent of Police with regard to this incident have not yet been investigated into?
- (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 notwithstanding the motion agreed to by Parliament on 29th November, 2007 the proceedings on Items 1 to 11 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Orders 7, 70(2) and 70(3).

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 09.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 08th January, 2008.

3.

Hon. Kabir Hashim,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Institute of Al-Jamiathul Ghawshiyyah”

4.

Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Social Service Foundation of Wickramashila Dharmayathenaya in Bandaragama”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2008),— (Twenty Sixth Allotted Day)— Committee— (Progress 13th 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 07th 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 07th 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 03rd 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 24th 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 1st January, 2007 and ending of the 31st December 2007 and that the said sum shall be expended as specified in the schedule hereto,

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

*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 1st January, 2007 and ending on the 31st December, 2007 and that the said sum shall be expended as specified in the schedule hereto,

Schedule

Head 137 —	Ministry of Nation Building and Estate
	Infrastructure Development

Programme 2 —	Development Activities		
	Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>287,752,988</u>
	Total	= Rs.	<u>287,752,988</u>

(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

*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 27th 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	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 Schedule to that Act.
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| 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.
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| 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.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	45,000,000
		To	Rs.	—	140,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	45,000,000
		To	Rs.	—	145,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	8,000,000
		To	Rs.	—	—
(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)

*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 26th 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 — (04th April, 2006) [1]

*20.

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

*21.

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

*22.

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

*23.

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

*24.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*25.

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.

*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 25th 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	Rs. 80,400.00

Members

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

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

*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</u> per month
Total	Rs. 79,400.00

Members

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

*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
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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)

*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 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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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. 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.

32.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

33.

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

34.

Parliamentary Staff 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.”
