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Wednesday, January 09, 2008 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1034/07

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Sooriyawewa Divisional Secretariat Division, under identified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;
 - (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money; and
 - (iii) if not, when the money would be received?
- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations would be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility would be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
 - (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that can be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

1381/'07

2.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self Employment Promotion—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money allocated by the relevant Ministry to the Tissamaharamaya Divisional Secretariat Division for starting new industrial villages;
- (ii) if the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division has received the aforesaid money, the date of the receipt; and
- (iii) if not, the date on which the above mentioned money will be given?

(b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each project—

- (i) the number of industrial villages expected to be started in the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) the amount of money estimated for it;
- (iii) the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions / villages in which the aforesaid industrial villages will be started;
- (iv) the date on which the aforesaid industrial villages were started and the date on which the work related to above mentioned villages is due to be completed; and
- (v) the amount of money that has been released for the villages in which work has already been commenced?

(c) If not, why?

1232/'07

3.

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 number of TV stations that are in operation in the country;
- (ii) the number of licences issued to operate TV Stations that have still not come into operation; and

(3)

- (iii) the frequency of their telecasting TV stations?
- (b) Is he aware that the Government had introduced taxes to discourage the foreign TV films flowing to the country with the intention of assisting the local film industry?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it has achieved its objective;
 - (ii) if so, where and how these benefits have been obtained; and
 - (iii) the amount that has been paid by each station per month since the tax was imposed to-date?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) the other taxes that have been imposed on these TV Stations; and
 - (ii) the amount earned by the Government for the last 12 months separately?
- (e) If not, why?

1241/'07

4.

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 three worst periods of inflation (minimum of three continuous months to be consolidated as a period) of this country since the Central Bank was enacted;
 - (ii) the amount of inflation; and
 - (iii) the action taken by the Central Bank to ameliorate the situation?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason attributed to such a high inflation trend; and
 - (ii) the impact to the National Economy in running into such high inflationary trends?

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- (c) Will he submit to this House a comparison of inflation trends during the same periods with India, Pakistan, Thailand, Singapore and Dubai?
- (d) If not, why?

1252/'07

5.

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, for the last 08 years to date—
 - (i) the performance of the National Lotteries Board; and
 - (ii) the sales to cost percentage, advertising expenditure as a percentage of total cost, commission paid to agents as a percentage of expenditure?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of agents appointed by the National Lotteries Board;
 - (ii) the cost paid to them for advertising etc.;
 - (iii) the name of the person who prints the Instant Scratch Tickets and the Normal Tickets;
 - (iv) whether they have been awarded through tenders;
 - (v) if so, the date of the last tender;
 - (vi) the value of all the printing given without the tender procedure; and
 - (vii) the date given so, and the reason?
- (c) Will he inform—
 - (i) the action taken for the list of online lotteries;
 - (ii) the total loss;
 - (iii) the name of the person who has given that approval; and
 - (iv) the legal action been taken against the company who was running this online operation?

- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether there was a duplicate issue of tickets allocated to a lottery agent in Kotte on 20th May, 2007; and
 - (ii) whether this grave error has been happened and how?
- (e) If not, why?

1290/'07

6.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— 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 of the names and addresses of the local and foreign non-governmental organizations that took action to provide relief to the people who were affected by the Tsunami in the Southern Province?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of houses that were constructed by the aforesaid non-governmental organizations;
 - (ii) the areas in which they were constructed;
 - (iii) the names, addresses and designations of the persons who were offered foreign tours by the aforesaid non-governmental organizations; and
 - (iv) the countries for which the aforesaid tours had been offered and the number of dates and the number of trips relevant to the aforesaid foreign tours?
- (c) If not, why?

1606/'07

7.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of metric tons of raw fish which was exported annually during the period of last 05 years and the value of the aforesaid amounts of fish; and

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- (ii) the number of metric tons of raw fish which was imported annually during the above mentioned period and the monetary value of the amounts of fish so imported?
- (b) Will he state whether the importation of fish in the aforesaid manner is done as the local fish production is not sufficient?
- (c) Will he admit that the local fish production can be increased if the government provides relief to the fishermen?
- (d) If not, why?

1658/'07

8.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources uses the vehicles of the Ministry of Fisheries;
 - (ii) if so, the number of vehicles used as mentioned above; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on fuel during the period of past eight months?
- (b) If not, why?

1346/'07

9.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

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

(7)

- (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?

1347/07

10.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Community Development and Social Inequity Eradication,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the office of the Minister of Community Development and Social Inequity Eradication is housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?

- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1348/'07

11.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Youth Empowerment and Socio Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the office of the Minister of Youth Empowerment and Socio Economic Development is housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1565/'07

12.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;

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- (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
- (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the building 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 the 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?

1566/'07

13.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Mass Media and Information is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
 - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
 - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and

- (iii) whether the building 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 the 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?

1568/07

14.

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Land and Land Development is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
 - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
 - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the building 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 the 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?

1655/07

15.

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunaratne,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately and in detail—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been allocated to the Ibbagamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha by the Central Government, the relevant provincial council and other financial institutions within the period from the year 2002 to 01.08.2007; and
 - (ii) the income received by the aforesaid Pradeshiya sabha within the aforesaid period?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of projects that has been carried out by the aforesaid institution within the period mentioned above and the amount of money that has been spent on those projects; and
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid projects have been carried out in compliance with the accepted rules and regulations?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether monies have been obtained by the authorities of the relevant Pradeshiya Sabha for the purposes which are not the activities carried out for the benefit of the public, except for the aforesaid projects; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken against the aforesaid relevant authorities?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. S.K. Subasinghe,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Library Association ”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1.
Commissions of Inquiry (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.
- *2.
Defence Services Command and Staff College Bill - Second Reading.
- *3.
Api Wenuwen Api Fund Bill — Second Reading.
- *4.
Termination of Employment of Workmen (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *5.
Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *6.
University of Vocational Technology Bill — Second Reading.
- *7.
Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (04th April, 2006) [1]
- *8.
Safeguard Measures Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (04th April, 2006) [1]
- *9.
Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18th July, 2006) [1]
- *10.
Non-performing Assets (Recovery) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18th July, 2006) [1]
- *11.
Gaming (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18th July, 2006) [1]
- *12.
Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.
- *13.
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.

*14.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— 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.

*15.

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</u> Monthly
Total	<u>Rs. 80,400.00</u>

Members

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

*16.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Constitution (No.1),— It is determined by this Parliament that the remuneration and the Allowances of the Chairman and the Members of the Public Service Commission established under Article 54 (1) of the Constitution shall be as set out below with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Remuneration	Rs. 65,000.00 per month
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> per month
Total	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

Members

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

*17.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Constitution (No.2),— It is determined by this Parliament that the allowances of the Chairman and Members of the National Police Commission established under Article 155a (1) of the Constitution shall be as set out below with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Allowance	Rs. 65,000.00 per month
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> per month
Total	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

Members

Allowance	Rs. 30,000.00 per month
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It is further determined by this Parliament that while 50% of the increased allowances (excluding fuel allowances) in respect of the Chairman and Members of the National

Police Commission shall be payable with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full amount from 01.01.2007. The allowances previously determined and adopted by Parliament as payable to the Chairman and the Members of the said Commission shall be substituted by allowances determined by this resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*18.

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)

*19.

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.

20.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. P. Dayaratne

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera

Hon. W. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Lakshman Seneviratne

Hon. Dunes 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.
- 21.
Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading
- 22.
Abolition of the Temporary Amalgamation of the Northern and Eastern Provinces (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.
- 23.
Wadduwa Vivekarama Community Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill,—
Consideration.
- 24.
Sri Rathanaiothi Community Development and Social Foundation (Incorporation) Bill,—Consideration.

* Indicates Government Business

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