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Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1122/'07

1.

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

- (a) Will he state whether Air Lanka Company will be taken over by the government again after the agreement on which the management and a percentage of the shares of Air Lanka that belonged to the government were transferred to Emirates Company, has expired?
- (b) If not, why?

1127/'07

2.

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

- (a) Will he state the total amount of loans (including the Treasury Bills) that should be paid by the government as at 31st March 2007, indicating local and foreign loans separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of loans (including Treasury Bills) that has been borrowed by the government in each of the years during the period from 2000 to 2007; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount that was paid by the government as interest and loan installments for local and foreign loans in each of the aforesaid years?

(2)

- (c) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the names of the institutions from which these foreign loans were borrowed during the period of year 2006 and up to 31st March 2007;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of each of the aforesaid loans; and
 - (iii) rates of interest and other conditions followed in obtaining those loans?
- (d) If not, why?

1264/'07

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the net profit or loss of Ceylon Electricity Board from 1995 to date on per year basis?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the depreciation has been provided as per accepted accounting terms; and
 - (ii) if not the profit or loss with depreciation being provided?
- (c) Will he further state the short term, long term and the total debt of Ceylon Electricity Board as at 31st of December, in 2004, 2005, 2006 and as at today separately?
- (d) Will he inform this house—
- (i) the loans recovered through lending agencies over the last 4 years;
 - (ii) the amount and the interest rates; and
 - (iii) the debt amortization plan of the Ceylon Electricity Board along with interests and capital separately?
- (e) If not, why?

1272/'07

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the dates that the prices of petrol, diesel, kerosene oil, furnace oil and aviation fuel was increased from 2nd April, 2004 to date;
 - (ii) the VAT percentage for Petrol; and
 - (iii) the above value per liter?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total taxes for each petroleum product for the year 2006;
 - (ii) the purpose that this revenue has been used for; and
 - (iii) if all taxes are eliminated, what would be the price of petrol, diesel, kerosene oil, furnace oil and aviation fuel?
- (c) Will he admit—
 - (i) that increase in taxes were supposed to uplift the condition of the roads; and
 - (ii) after the taxes had been imposed the roads have got worse?
- (d) if it is so, what is the purpose of such taxes?
- (e) If not, why?

1413/'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—
 - (i) the amount of money collected by way of Cess from 30th June, 2002 to 30th June 2007 for various activities;
 - (ii) the specific activity and the amount; and

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- (iii) the percentage of the Cess collected from Tourism, Fisheries, Coconut, Tea, Rubber and Prawns?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the date that the money collected through Cess has been sent to each sector related Ministry; and
 - (ii) the amount that has been sent accordingly, for the last 05 years on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

1349/'07

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the office of the Minister of Rural Industries (Non-cabinet) 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?

1350/'07

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the office of the Minister of Livestock 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?

1351/'07

8.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and the Deputy Minister of Fisheries are housed in a government building?

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- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the addresses of the places, the addresses of the owners of the places and the date on which they were obtained if the relevant offices are 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 offices and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the spaces for the offices have been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
- (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the spaces for the offices 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 offices in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1458/'07

9.

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-Madampe 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?

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- (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?

1459/'07

10.

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 Arachchikattuwa Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) separately, the names of the 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 projects; 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 work of the projects mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

1462/'07

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total annual revenue of the Chillaw Urban Council in the Puttlam District; and

- (ii) separately, the sources of such income?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the amount incurred on the monthly allowances of the members of the Urban Council including the Chairman;
 - (ii) the amount incurred separately on the fuel/telephone allowances and other expenses of the Chairman;
 - (iii) the amount incurred monthly for the payment of allowances and salaries of the permanent and casual employees of the relevant Urban Council;
 - (iv) the number of casual employees and their periods of service; and
 - (v) the reason for them not being made permanent?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money left for development activities from the total annual revenue and other receivables after setting aside money for the salaries and other maintenance of the Urban Council; and
 - (ii) the action to be taken if money has been spent in violation of the relevant circulars or without the approval of the Urban Council?
- (d) If not, why?

1543/07

12.

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— 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—
 - (i) Mr. U.R. Jayasooriya residing at No. 50/A, Hulandawa (Left), Monaragala in the Monaragala Divisional Secretariat Division was a person selected as a Samurdhi beneficiary; and
 - (ii) it has been decided by the letter of the Samurdhi Commissioner General dated 15.08.2007 that Mr. U.R. Jayasooriya belongs to the middle / rich income group?
- (b) Will he admit that he is a person who should receive poor relief further in spite of the above mentioned decision?

- (c) Therefore, will he take the necessary steps to provide Mr. U.R. Jayasooriya with the Samurdhi assistance further?
- (d) If not, why?

1571/'07

13.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will she state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Empowerment 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 she 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 she 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?

1572/'07

14.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Power and Energy 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?

1578/'07

15.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Constitutional Affairs and National Integration,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Constitutional Affairs and National Integration 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?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Defence Services Command and Staff College Bill - Second Reading.

*2.

Api Wenuwen Api Fund Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

Commissions of Inquiry (Amendment) Bill,— Adjourned Debate on question — (09th January, 2008) [1]

*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.

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20.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
 Hon. P. Dayaratne
 Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
 Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera

Hon. W. B. Ekanayake
Hon. Lakshman Seneviratne
Hon. Dunesch 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.

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.”