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Friday, January 11, 2008 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1327/'07

1.

Hon. Anuruddha Polgampala,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that the Chinese Government has agreed to provide for the construction of the proposed coal power plant in Norochcholai;
 - (ii) the basis on which the aforesaid amount of money has been granted;
 - (iii) if the aforesaid amount of money has been granted on the basis of a repayable loan, the number of installments of loan and interest and the period for repayment?
- (b) Will he state the period of time within which the construction work of the proposed power plant will be completed?
- (c) Will he submit to this House a progress review report on the construction work that has been completed by now?
- (d) If not, why?

1352/'07

2.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils and the Minister of Local Government (Non-cabinet) are housed in a government building?

(2)

- (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 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 offices in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1353/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the office of the Deputy Minister of Land and Land 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

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- (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?

1354/'07

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the office of the Deputy Minister of Higher Education 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?

1414/'07

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a 2nd International Airport is being constructed; and

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- (ii) if so, whether the Environment Impact Assessment report, Cost Benefit Analysis report and feasibility report have been submitted after approval?
- (b) Will he table the above three reports in this House?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the amount of compensation agreed to be paid to the people who have to be relocated; and
 - (ii) the total number of people and a list of all the names along with the amounts to be paid?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the foundation stone was laid along with the date to be completed;
 - (ii) the Airlines agreed to fly into this Airport; and
 - (iii) whether the International Air Transport Association (IATA) has agreed and approved it?
- (e) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether this Airport is going to be owned by the Government;
 - (ii) the amount to be spent and who is going to finance it; and
 - (iii) the terms and conditions of the loan?
- (f) If not, why?

1415/'07

6.

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 total cost incurred by the Government for the helicopters used by the His Excellency the President, the Hon. Prime Minister, Advisors to His Excellency the President and the Ministers separately, during 1st January, 2006 to 30th June 2007; and
 - (ii) a detailed break-up in respect of the advisors to His Excellency the President and the Ministers?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the Air Force helicopters have been used without any bill to the Government;
 - (ii) the number of times and the persons who used the helicopters except His Excellency the President and the Prime Minister;
 - (iii) whether the private company helicopters have been used for the above persons; and
 - (iv) if so, the cost and the names of the persons?
- (c) If not, why?

1417/'07

7.

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 accounts of the Institute of Government Accountants and Finance for the last five years;
 - (ii) the number of persons that have been trained and the spheres of activity;
 - (iii) the number of students in each activity; and
 - (iv) what the actual intention of this particular Institute is?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the names of the Board of Governors and the Directors of this Institute;
 - (ii) whether there is an Institute of Public Management and Development Accountancy as well;
 - (iii) the number of persons that have been trained; and
 - (iv) that their purpose and role?
- (c) Will he also state whether—
- (i) it is correct that the above Institute of Public Management and Development Accountancy which was determined to obtain Chartered status and was stopped in 2003;

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- (ii) they are trying to resuscitate this intention once again; and
- (iii) it is planning to take over the running of the Institute of Government Accountants and Finance?
- (d) If not, why?

1440/07

8.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that all the doors that can be used to enter the 747 New Hanger in a case of a sudden fire have been blocked by the new building that has been annexed to the aforesaid 747 New Hanger by the Sri Lankan Airlines?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) this is a serious unauthorized construction; and
 - (ii) permission has not been obtained from the Civil Aviation Authority for the construction of this building and it does not comply with the international standards that should be maintained in an airport?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether action is being taken to demolish this building which was built by spending crores of rupees?
- (d) Will he state the steps that will be taken with regard to this type of a waste of crores of rupees that has been committed without adhering to the standards and obtaining the proper permission of the Civil Aviation Authority?
- (e) If not, why?

1444/07

9.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the indemnity received by the Foreign Employment Bureau to be paid to the emigrants from the year 2001 to year 2005;
 - (ii) the reason for the non-payment of the aforesaid compensation to them; and
 - (iii) the names of the persons who are responsible for the aforesaid non-payment of compensation?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money received in the aforesaid manner from the year 2005 up to date; and
- (ii) whether the Bureau will take necessary action to pay the compensation received as mentioned above to the relevant persons without any delay?

(e) If not, why?

1463/07

10.

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 Pradeshiya Sabha 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 Pradeshiya Sabha 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 Pradeshiya Sabha;
- (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 Pradeshiya Sabha; and
- (ii) the action to be taken if money has been spent in violation of the relevant circulars or without the approval of the Pradeshiya Sabha?

(d) If not, why?

1464/07

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 Arachchikattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha in the Puttlam District; and
 - (ii) separately, the sources of the above mentioned income?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the amount incurred on the allowances of the members of this Pradeshiya Sabha including the Chairman;
 - (ii) separately, the amount incurred 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 Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (iv) the number of casual employees and their periods of service up to now; and
 - (v) the reason for not making them 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 Pradeshiya Sabha; and
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken if money has been spent in violation of the relevant Circulars or without the approval of the Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (d) If not, why?

1500/07

12.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that forests are being destroyed in the Kokwewa embankment reserve close to the Mee Oya and the Siyambalangamuwa Oya and in the areas of Nanneriya, Wannu Amuna Kola, Pothangama, Mottapeththewa and Karuwalagaswewa in the Galgamuwa electorate as stated in the 'Irida Lankadeepa' newspaper on the 10th July 2007 under the headline "Panduru Pakkudam Walata Ratata Vina katina Nila Baladhariyo"?
- (b) Will he take steps to apprehend the racketeers involved in the destruction of forests as mentioned above?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether an investigation will be conducted to find out whether these timber racketeers are being assisted by public officers?
- (d) Will he state the steps that can be taken to prevent aforesaid destruction of forests?
- (e) If not, why?

1579/07

13.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Science and Technology,—(1)

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

1582/07

14.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Housing and common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Will she state in this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Housing and Common Amenities 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 buildings 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?

1583/'07

15.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Social Services and Social Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Social Services and Social Welfare 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 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 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?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.1),—That notwithstanding provisions of Standing Order 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 17.01.2006, the hours of sitting this day shall be 09.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 01.00 p.m. to 04.30 p.m. At 03.30 p.m. Standing Order 7 (5) shall operate.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.2),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 09.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 05th February 2008.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to assess the present condition of the parliamentary complex,— That in terms of Standing Order No.96, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on the 08th of February 2005, to assess the present condition of the parliamentary complex, further extension of time till 31st of August 2008 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by Parliament on the 10th of August 2007.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.03/'05

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Prevention of the President and the Prime Minister from holding Cabinet Portfolios,—Adjourned debate on question (06th July 2007)

Motion made and question proposed,—“That this Parliament is of the opinion that the President and the Prime Minister be prevented from holding any cabinet portfolio in order to have a very effective administration and to critically review performances of their ministers”.

P.04/'05

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Registration of weapons,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that all weapons in Sri Lanka should be registered and thereafter, if anyone is found with an unlicensed weapon, he should be charged with breach of criminal law and a mandatory imprisonment of 20 years be enforced.

P.05/'05

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Banking hours,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that Banking hours should be extended from 9:00 hours till 16:00 hours in order to increase the economic activities in the country.

P.07/'05

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Closing down of all taverns in the Kotte electorate,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that legislation be made to close down all taverns in Kotte electorate because sale of liquor very freely has certainly degraded the moral values in the country.

P.08/'05

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting permission to journalists to attend all meetings held under Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE), Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and Consultative Committees,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that journalists must be permitted to attend all meetings held under the Committee on Public Enterprises, Public Accounts Committee and Consultative Committees as this will make the discussions more effective, meaningful and transparent.

P.09/'05

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting Agricultural Loans to farmers who are self employed in Agriculture,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that farmers who are self employed in agriculture be granted Agricultural loans to a maximum of Rs. 25,000 at a reduced Interest Rate of 5%.

P.10/'05

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Implementation of an Island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc.,— Since the usage of Polythene and Plastic material has rapidly increased in the island and large scale environmental pollution is taking place due to the indiscriminate disposal of such material, that this Parliament is of the opinion that an island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc, be implemented.

P.11/'05

8.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of a Museum in the Kegalle District,— This Parliament resolves that steps be taken to establish a museum for archeological monuments and for the purpose of obtaining information regarding places which have archaeological, cultural and social values.

P.12/'05

9.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a National Policy Formulation Board to determine National Policies,— This Parliament resolves that a national policy formulation board having specific powers to function notwithstanding changes of government and consisting of politicians and professionals in this field be appointed with a view to formulating systematic national policies and plans.

P.13/'05

10.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Setting up of a unit with legal powers to solve the problems faced by the migrant employees,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that a unit with legal powers be set up to look into problems faced by migrant employees such as assaults, abduction, rape, sexual abuse, killings, financial frauds and to get them down to this country and to look into their safety.

P.14/'05

11.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Formulation of a National Programme to introduce New Inventors to the World,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to introduce the new inventors and citizens who are endowed with various skills to the world and to improve their skills and creations.

P.15/'05

12.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Tax Concession to Industrialists who utilize Indigenous Raw Materials,— That this Parliament resolves that a 02 year tax concession be granted to local industrialists who produce goods for the international market utilizing more than 75% indigenous raw materials.

P.16/'05

13.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a Presidential Commission combining the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison,— That this Parliament resolves that a Presidential Commission be appointed the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison with the objective of minimizing crimes spreading in the society, to improve criminals laws be minimizing shortcomings, to dispose of backlog of cases including land matters piled up in courts and to provide a speedy service by modernizing the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison.

P.17/'05

14.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Granting Citizenship to Estate Community,— That this Parliament resolves that the estate sector community who do not have Sri Lankan citizenship should be granted same upon their willingness.

P.18/'05

15.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Providing a free glass of milk to the pupils in primary schools in the Island,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements should be made to give a free glass of milk in the morning to all the pupils in the primary schools in the Island.

P.19/'05

16.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Refund of Employee's Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week,— That this Parliament resolves that there should be a procedure to refund Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week.

P.20/'05

17.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of Chairmen and Board of Directors in the Statutory Institutions including State Corporations, Boards and Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that only persons who have professional qualifications and experience should be selected to appoint as Chairmen and Board of Directors in Statutory Institutions including State Corporation, Boards and Authorities.

P.21/'05

18.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Re-demarcation of boundaries of Grama Niladhari Division, Divisional Secretariats, Districts and Administrative areas on a scientific basis,— That this Parliament resolves that boundaries of Grama Niladhari Divisions, Divisional Secretariats, Districts and Administrative areas should be re-demarcated on a scientific basis after conducting a survey all over the island.

P.22/'05

19.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service only on marks of Limited Competitive Examinations,— That this Parliament resolves that recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service should be decided only on marks of limited competitive examinations and that only basic qualifications should be checked at the interview.

P.23/'05

20.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Punishment to criminals and compensation to the victims,— That this Parliament resolves that laws should be made to enable the same court to impose punishment to criminals and give compensation to the victims.

P.24/'05

21.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Issuing free season tickets to students,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be introduced to issue free season tickets to students to travel in buses of the Road Passenger Transport Authorities.

P.25/'05

22.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Presidential Commission on Political victimization,— That this Parliament resolves that a fully pledge Presidential Commission should be appointed to inquire into the complaints made by people who have been affected by political victimization due to their political ideas, from past until now, and to give them relief.

P.26/'05

23.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of Sports Schools and formulating a National Sports Policy,— That this Parliament resolves that a National Sports Policy with long term objectives should be formulated and high standard Sports Schools with pavilions, play grounds, sports Instruments and sports instructors should be established basically covering all the districts.

P.27/'05

24.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of a Faculty of National Languages,— That this Parliament resolves that a Faculty of National Languages should be established in order to teach Sinhala, Tamil and English to teachers.

P.28/'06

25.

Hon.V. Puththrasigamoney,— Granting Voting Rights to Migrant Workers and other Sri Lankans living abroad,— That since migrant workers of Sri Lanka constitute 12% of registered voters and 10% of the national work force and that they contribute 17% of national savings and more than 20% of foreign exchange earning and also that since UN Convention of 1990 ratified by Sri Lanka in 1996 obliges the State to implement a special system of voting for migrant workers, and the Human Rights Commission has recommended to the Labour Minister to introduce laws to grant voting rights to migrant workers, and since the denial of voting rights to them is a violation of fundamental rights, this Parliament resolves that a scheme be introduced for the migrant workers and other Sri Lankans living abroad to vote at all elections in Sri Lanka.

P.29/'06

26.

Hon.Ravi Karunanayake,— Publishing the names of defaulters of loans taken from State Banks,— That this Parliament resolves that legal provisions be introduced in Parliament to publish names of defaulters who have borrowed over Rs.100 million from state banks.

P.31/06

27.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Implementation of Private Members Motions,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that Private Members Motions moved in Parliament shall be debated within one year and, if approved by Parliament, the Cabinet of Ministers shall sanction them within six months, so that the Private Members Motions would be an effective contribution by Parliamentarians.

P.32/06

28.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Playing National Anthem in Parliament,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that National Anthem be played in Parliament before the commencement and the conclusion of Parliament Sitting in order to develop national spiritedness in the country.

P.33/06

29.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Developing a Strong Sri Lankan Identity,— That since the requirement to state one's race and religion in government documents is an impediment and an inhiabition to develop a strong national identity' this Parliament is of the opinion that this requirement be dispensed with.

P.36/06

30.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Prevention of using images of Religious leaders for commercial purposes,— That this Parliament resolves that all religions must equally be respected and that images of Lord Buddha, Jesus Christ, Lord Shiva or Prophet Mohammed should not be used on any Commercial advertisement or any other form of non religious items.

P.37/06

31.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Making new laws to regulate contempt of court proceedings,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that new laws should be brought into regulate contempt of court proceedings as to strengthen democracy and to maintain a vibrant free media ensuring equal justice to all.

P.38/'06

32.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Introducing of Laws relating to Public Interest Litigation,— That this Parliament resolves that Laws be introduced in Parliament for the Public Interest Litigation in respect of violation of basic Human Rights of the poor, content or conduct of Government policy, compe Municipal Authorities to perform a public duty, violation of religious rights or other basic fundamental rights, and corruption which Leads to Higher Public Debt and additional Liability to the Citizen.

P.39/'06

33.

Hon.Ravi Karunanayake,— Presenting a Financial Audit Report to The Election Commission by Political Parties,— That this Parliament resolves that all income and expenditure earned and incurred by recognized Political Parties must be audited and presented to the Election Commission annually.

P.48/'07

34.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, – Establishment of a Common Fund for Buddhist Religious Affairs, –That, since the lack of involvements in Buddhist religious affairs in Sri Lanka most of the Buddhist shrines are maintained with the support of patrons and donors and since this is a deplorable situation when compared to the donations received from various sources for other religions and since the restrictions have been imposed on providing money from the decentralized funds of the Members of Parliament, that this Parliament resolves that a Common Fund be established for the conservation, development and maintenance of the Buddhist shrines which are rendering a invaluable service to the Buddha Sasana even at this poor condition.

*35.

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

*36.

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

*37.

Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*38.

University of Vocational Technology Bill — Second Reading.

*39.

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

*40.

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

*41.

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

*42.

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

*43.

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

*44.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*45.

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.

*46.

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.

*47.

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)

*48.

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)

*49.

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)

*50.

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	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

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)

*51.

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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52.

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. 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.

53.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

54.

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

55.

Wadduwa Vivekarama Community Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill,—
Consideration.

56.

Sri Rathanaiothi Community Development and Social Foundation (Incorporation) Bill,—Consideration.

57.

Methsith Dharmadutha Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* Indicates Government Business

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