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**ORDER PAPER
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1151/07

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of families who have lost houses in the tsunami disaster occurred on 26th of December 2004?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, separately on the basis of each District—
 - (i) out of the aforesaid number, the number of families that have been offered with houses by the government, non-governmental organizations or individuals; and
 - (ii) the number of families who have not been able to obtain houses so far and live in temporary huts?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason for not being able to provide houses so far to these people who live in temporary huts; and
 - (ii) the date on which the provision of houses to all the persons who lost houses in the tsunami disaster will be completed?
- (d) If not, why?

1386/'07

2.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self Employment Promotion—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money allocated by the relevant Ministry to the Walasmulla 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?

1387/'07

3.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self Employment Promotion—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money allocated by the relevant Ministry to the Okewela 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

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- (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?

1442/'07

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of foreign airliners for which various types of maintenance work were carried out at the Katunayake hanger by Sri Lankan Air Company Ltd. from 1998 up to now;
 - (ii) if so, the types of maintenance work that were carried out as mentioned above; and
 - (iii) the amount of money received for each type of maintenance work?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the airliners that belong to Emirates Company, out of the aforesaid airliners for which maintenance work was carried out;
 - (ii) the amount of money received by Sri Lankan Air Company Ltd. through the maintenance of the aforesaid airliners;
 - (iii) whether maintenance work of airliners that belong to Sri Lankan Air Company Ltd. has been carried out by Gamco of Abu Dhabi; and

(4)

- (iv) the amount of money paid with respect to (iii) above, separately and in detail?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether monies due for maintenance work of airliners that do not belong to Sri Lankan Air Company are recovered properly by Sri Lankan Air Company; and
 - (ii) whether there is a special payment scheme for the employees who engage in this special maintenance work?
- (d) If not, why?

1447/'07

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that false reports and information have been presented to the United Nations Compensation Commission to the effect that compensation payment amounting to Rs. 33,007,024/= which was to be paid for 203 recipients of compensation, was paid to them by the Foreign Employment Bureau?
- (b) Will he state as to what has happened to the aforesaid compensation money?
- (c) Will he submit to this House, separately, the names, addresses and relevant amount of money of the persons who were eligible to receive the aforesaid compensation money?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the officers who are responsible for this irregularity; and
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken regarding those officers?
- (e) If not, why?

1532/'07

6.

Hon. (Ven.) Udawatte Nanda Thero,— 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 the eleven graduates employed at the National Savings Bank who had passed the Banking Services Examination and applied for promotions as per the accelerated procedure of promotions to Class III of Grade III according to Circular No.502/2001, have not been granted the promotions up to now?

- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) those who did not submit applications according to the aforesaid Circular have also been granted promotions to Class III of Grade III in 2003; and
 - (ii) it has been recommended that the aforesaid eleven persons including Mrs. K.L.S. Liyanarachchi, Mrs. Chandra Atapattu, Mr. Alahakoon Bandara, Mrs. Gunawathie and Mr. Damith Perera be granted the above mentioned grades at the hearing of the case filed at the Human Rights Commission under No. 2003 August HRC 1971/03/L3, 1972/03/L3, 1973/03/L3 and 1974/03/L3?
- (c) Will he state the reason for not granting the aforesaid promotions so far?
- (d) If not, why?

1592/'07

7.

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Ports and Aviation 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;

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- (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?

1593/'07

8.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition 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 building; and
 - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid buildings separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1594/'07

9.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Justice and Law Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Justice and Law Reforms 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?

1633/'07

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 3 years to-date—
 - (i) the purchase price of crude oil and refined petroleum products bought by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC);

- (ii) the country from which we are purchasing them along with the prices separately; and
 - (iii) the name of the agent that the business is routed?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether it is correct that there is only one person in the United Kingdom who acts as the broker for all purchases made by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) if so, the reason;
 - (iii) if not the names of the others;
 - (iv) the benefit by going through a broker/agent; and
 - (v) the commissions paid to the broker/agent?
- (c) If not, why?

1636/'07

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services had undertaken for the last three years;
 - (ii) the countries visited; and
 - (iii) the total cost of each trip along with the tickets and hotel charges separately?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of persons accompanied;
 - (ii) their names and the cost incurred on them separately; and
 - (iii) the main reason for each overseas trip?

- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the budgeted allowance; and
 - (ii) the supplementary expenditure provided for such trips?
- (d) If not, why?

1637/'07

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Export Development and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Export Development and International Trade had undertaken for the last three years;
 - (ii) the countries visited; and
 - (iii) the total cost of each trip along with the tickets and hotel charges separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons accompanied;
 - (ii) their names and the cost incurred on them separately; and
 - (iii) the main reason for each overseas trip?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the budgeted allowance; and
 - (ii) the supplementary expenditure provided for such trips?
- (d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

University of Vocational Technology Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

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

*4.

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

*5.

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

*6.

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

*7.

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

*8.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*9.

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.

*10.

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.

*11.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Determination under the Commission to investigate Bribery or Corruption Act,— That this Parliament hereby determines under Section 2(7) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No.19 of 1994, that the salary and allowances payable to the Chairman and the Members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption shall be as follows with effect from 01.01.2006.

Chairman (Full time)

Salary	Rs. 66,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00 Monthly</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 80,400.00</u>

Members

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

*12.

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)

*13.

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 per month</u>
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)

*14.

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

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)

*15.

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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16.

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 Niwad Cabral to hold the position of the Governor of the Central Bank.
 - (c) whether the appointment of an individual such as Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral will seriously affect the creditability of the Central Bank and have disastrous effects on the country's economy.
- (6) (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
- (7) That the Committee shall have the power to :
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to produce any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

17.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

18.

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

19.

Gamage Arthur Perera foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

20.

Free Nursery and Welfare Complex (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

21.

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

22.

Methsith Dharmadutha Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

23.

Attanagalla Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

24.

K.R.G. Wijesundara National and Employees Welfare Foundation (Incorporation)
Bill — Consideration.

* Indicates Government Business

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0792/’06

1.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial
Councils,—(5)

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of Western Province in issuing licenses for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licenses issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for license and the dates on which licenses were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?

- (d) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licenses;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval would be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licenses?
- (e) If not, why?

0795/06

2.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(5)

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of North Central Province when issuing licenses for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licenses issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for license and the dates on which licenses were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licenses;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval would be granted for those in future; and,

- (v) for which licenses?
- (e) If not, why?

0800/06

3.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of Central Province when issuing licenses for buses for passenger transport services?
 - (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licenses issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for license and the dates on which licenses were issued?
 - (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
 - (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licenses;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval would be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licenses?
 - (e) If not, why?
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