



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 189.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Friday, February 08, 2008 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0852/'07

1.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence Public Security, Law and Order,—(5)

- (a) Will he state in this House separately and at the Divisional Secretariat Division level—
 - (i) the number of low income families in the 18 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Galle district that receive Samurdhi benefits;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the value of the Samurdhi benefit they receive;
 - (iii) the number of persons who have been granted Samurdhi benefits anew after the 2005 Presidential elections; and,
 - (iv) their names, addresses and the value of the Samurdhi benefit they receive?
- (b) Will he state in this House whether—
 - (i) approval has been obtained from the relevant Ministry when granting Samurdhi benefits to those new Samurdhi recipients;
 - (ii) an investigation is in progress by the Samurdhi Director General regarding the granting of Samurdhi benefits without the relevant approval; and,
 - (iii) if so, in regard to which Divisional Secretariat Divisions?

(2)

- (c) Will he state in this House as to what action would be taken by him against the officers involved in granting the Samurdhi benefits in an illegal manner?
- (d) Will he take steps to grant the Samurdhi benefits to the low income families which have been deprived of the Samurdhi benefits without the approval of the Ministry, by conducting legal investigation?
- (e) If not, why?

1374/'07

2.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— 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 amount of money that has been allocated under the Gama Neguma / Gemi Isura programme, to the Katuwana Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007;
 - (ii) if the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division has received the aforesaid amount of money, the date of receipt; and
 - (iii) if not, the date on which the aforesaid amount of money will be received?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in relation to each project—
 - (i) the development activities that are intended to be carried out using the aforesaid monies;
 - (ii) the name of the Grama Niladhari Division / village in which those activities will be carried out;
 - (iii) the estimated amount, the date of commencement, the date on which it is expected to be completed; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been released for the proposals on which the work has already been commenced?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the activities for which the involvement of the councilors / members of local government bodies is obtained in implementing these projects;

(3)

- (ii) the criteria on which they are selected; and
- (iii) their names?
- (d) Will he inform this House as to how the involvement of the relevant councilors / members is considered legal under the laws pertaining to the subject of Local Government and Provincial Councils?
- (e) if not, why?

1496/'07

3.

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether roads belonging to Local Authorities in the Kalutara District have been dug for the purpose of laying pipes under the Kaluganga Water Supply Scheme;
 - (ii) whether there are any roads earmarked for digging; and
 - (iii) the names of those roads on the basis of each Local Authority?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the amount of money paid as compensation for each road under this water supply scheme;
 - (ii) whether the relevant roads have been repaired with that money; and
 - (iii) the dates on which reconstruction work of the relevant roads will be completed with the aforesaid monies, on the basis of roads relevant to each of the aforesaid Local Authorities?
- (c) Will he state in this House whether—
 - (i) the aforesaid monies have been used for other purposes; and
 - (ii) those roads had been repaired, prior to being dug?
- (d) Will he admit the fact that the aforesaid monies have been used without following the relevant procedure?
- (e) if so, will he inform this House of the courses of action that will be followed against it?
- (f) If not, why?

1497/'07

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether ships have been purchased by the Government of Sri Lanka or private businessmen during the period from 2000 to 2007;
- (ii) of the owners of the ships purchased in each of above years;
- (iii) of their value; and
- (iv) whether they have been registered in this country?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether the ships purchased by the Private Sector have been registered with the Sri Lanka Customs;
 - (ii) whether the relevant taxes have been paid;
 - (iii) the amount of money paid on each ship when they were purchased by the Private Sector;
 - (iv) the names of the financial institutions that made the aforesaid payment; and
 - (v) the amount of money paid as mentioned above and the dates of payment?
- (c) Will he state, whether the ships which have evaded the payment of taxes upon arriving the Ports in this country have been permitted access to the ports?
- (d) if not, why?

1521/'07

5.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of fishermen in Sri Lanka;

(5)

- (ii) the number of persons to whom the fuel subsidy is provided, out of the aforesaid number of fishermen;
 - (iii) the monetary value of the subsidy so provided to each person; and
 - (iv) the duration of the period for which it is provided?
- (b) If not, why?

1607/07

6.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) a few weeks ago, the government took steps to provide fuel subsidy to the fishermen; and
 - (ii) all the fishermen have not been given the aforesaid fuel subsidy?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the fuel subsidy is given to one day fishing boats of 28 feet and multi day fishing boats;
 - (ii) the period of time for which the aforesaid subsidy is given; and
 - (iii) the monetary value of the subsidy given to one fisherman?
- (c) If not, why?

1595/07

7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Plantation Industries 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

(6)

- (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?

1596/'07

8.

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of National Heritage 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

(7)

- (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?

1597/'07

9.

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Internal Administration 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?

1638/'07

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Tourism,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Tourism 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?

1639/'07

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare 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?

1640/'07

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development Co-operatives and Consumer 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?
-

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament,—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 04.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

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.

University of Vocational Technology Bill — Second Reading.

*36.

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

*37.

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

*38.

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

*39.

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

*40.

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

*41.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*42.

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.

*43.

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.

*44.

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)

*45.

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
--------------	-------------------------

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)

*46.

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
-----------	-------------------------

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)

*47.

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)

*48.

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.

P.34/'06

49.

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.

50.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

51.

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

52.

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

53.

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

54.

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

55.

Methsith Dharmadutha Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

56.

Attanagalla Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* Indicates Government Business

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