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**ORDER PAPER
OF
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FOR**

Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1367/'07

1.

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 Suriyawewa 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 would be received?

(b) Will he submit to this House separately, in each of the projects—

- (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 would be carried out;

(2)

- (iii) the estimated amount, the date of commencement, and 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;
 - (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?

1368/'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 Lunugamwehera 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 would be received?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, in each of the projects—
- (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 would be carried out;

(3)

- (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;
 - (ii) the criteria on which they are selected;
 - (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?

1369/'07

3.

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 Tissamaharamaya 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 each of the projects—
- (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;

(4)

- (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;
 - (ii) the criteria on which they are selected;
 - (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?

1432/'07

4.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(3)

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the amounts of money obtained as local and foreign loans in the years 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) on the basis of each loan, the state and the institution from which the aforesaid loans were obtained; and
 - (iii) the rates of interest paid in respect of the aforesaid loans?
- (b) Will he state separately—
- (i) the purposes for which each of the aforesaid loans was obtained; and
 - (ii) the specified repayment period, the annual installment and the interest in respect of each loan?
- (c) If not, why?

1449/'07

5.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) the amounts of vegetables, fruits, grain and spices and the amounts of their sub-categories that were exported and imported within the year 2006;
 - (ii) the expenditure and the income earned with respect to (i) above in American dollars and Rupees;
 - (iii) the importers and exporters who were involved in the process; and
 - (iv) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of their institutions?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names, relevant institutions, addresses and telephone numbers of the producers who produce the aforesaid types of food locally;
 - (ii) whether the government possesses a systematic programme to produce those types of food locally and save foreign exchange; and
 - (iii) if so, what it is?
- (c) If not, why?

1460/'07

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of land that belongs to the Kolaeliya tank and the tank reserve situated in the Pallama Divisional Secretariat division; and
 - (ii) the total extent of paddy land that can be cultivated by using water from this tank?

(6)

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the extent of marshy land that was identified as an area that would be submerged by being part of the tank bed, before the reconstruction of the Kolaeliya tank in 1984; and
 - (ii) the names of the owners of the above mentioned lands?
- (c) Is he aware that action has been taken to grant alternative lands legally for the aforesaid identified persons, prior to the reconstruction work at the tank?
- (d) Will he state separately, the list of names of the recipients who received such alternative lands, the total extent of lands granted, the date on which it was done, and the names of the officers of the institutions which took part in the aforesaid process?
- (e) Will he admit that even after granting of alternative lands, no legal action has been taken to remove the few persons who claim the ownership for the marshy lands that would be submerged by being a part of the tank bed?
- (f) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the reasons for not removing these people despite the fact that alternative lands have been granted to them; and
 - (ii) as to how the unlawful constructions and laying of electric wires were done in these lands?
- (g) If not, why?

1570/'07

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion;
 - (ii) 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?

(7)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to 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?

(c) If not, why?

1573/'07

8.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Export Development and International Trade;
- (ii) 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?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to 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?

(c) If not, why?

1574/'07

9.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs;
- (ii) 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?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to 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?
- (c) If not, why?

1605/07

10.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are any retired persons who have not yet received their pension gratuity even though they have retired from Public Service as a result of reaching sixty years of age; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of retired persons who have not received their pension gratuity up to now;
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to grant the pension gratuity to the aforesaid retired persons immediately; and
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to grant the officers who retire from Public Service hereafter, with their pension gratuity at the time of going on retirement itself?
- (d) Is he aware that steps were taken with regard to the rectification of the pension anomalies of the Public Servants who went on retirement before 01.01.1997?
- (e) Will he take necessary steps for the immediate rectification of the aforesaid anomalies pertaining to the retired persons whose pension anomalies have not yet been rectified?
- (f) If not, why?

1678/'07

11.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that 3 vehicles of PRADO make bearing the registration numbers 65-1986, 65-1988 and 65-1990 which belonged to the transport section of the Bank of Ceylon are missing?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any complaints have been made to the Police regarding these vehicles;
 - (ii) the action that has been taken to get the vehicles bearing the aforesaid registration numbers back to the transport section of the Bank of Ceylon; and
 - (iii) if these vehicles are used by any outside persons, whether legal action has been taken against them?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the names and designations of the persons who have been assigned with these three vehicles officially; and
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid persons have informed the relevant transport section of this matter?
- (d) If not, why?

1679/'07

12.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the depot managers, assistant managers, and mobile managers who were employed in the SLTB depots in Gampaha, Welisara, Divulapitiya, Ja-Ela, Kadawatha, Kirindiwela and Negomobo in the Gampaha District have been employed in services that are lower than their regular services; and
 - (ii) if they have been employed in such services, their names and the designations they held, and their present designations?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately the reasons for employing the aforesaid employees in grades lower than their regular services?
- (c) Will he admit that Sri Lanka Transport Board has caused an injustice to aforesaid employees by employing them in that manner?

- (d) If so, will he take action to rectify it immediately and reinstate them in their regular services?
- (e) If not, why?

1641/'07

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Public Recreation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Sports and Public Recreation 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?

1642/'07

14.

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

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

1644/'07

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication 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 this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 09.30 a.m. on Thursday, 21st February 2008.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

*2

Finance (Amendment) Bill (No.287),— Second Reading.

*3

Finance (Amendment) Bill (No.288),— Second Reading

*4

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

*5

Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

*6

Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.

*7

Regional Infrastructure Development Levy (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

*8

Butchers (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

*9

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by His Excellency the President under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No.12 of 2006, relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1530/13 of 01st January, 2008, which was presented on 06.02.2008, be approved.

*10

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Act,— That the Order made by His Excellency the President under Section 31 of the Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Act, No.15 of 1995 relating to Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Cess Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1530/15 of 01st January, 2008, which was presented on 06.02.2008, be approved.

*11

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Finance Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2 of the Finance Act, No.11 of 2002 as amended by the Finance (Amendment) Act, No.48 of 2006, relating to Port and Airport Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1530/18 of 01st January, 2008, which was presented on 06.02.2008, be approved.

*12

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Finance Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 58(4)G and Section 66A of the Finance Act, No.11 of 1963, relating to transfer of Property Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1530/16 of 01st January, 2008, which was presented on 06.02.2008, be approved.

*13

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Debit Tax Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 13 of the Debit Tax Act, No.16 of 2002, relating to Debit Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1530/17 of 01st January, 2008, which was presented on 06.02.2008, be approved.

*14

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Value Added Tax Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2A of the Value Added Tax Act, No.14 of 2002 as incorporated by Amendment Act, No.6 of 2005, relating to Value Added Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1530/14 of 01st January, 2008, which was presented on 06.02.2008, be approved.

*15

Environment Conservation Levy Bill,—Second Reading.

*16

Strategic Development Projects Bill,— Second Reading.

*17.

University of Vocational Technology Bill — Second Reading.

*18.

Credit Information Bureau of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

*19.

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

*20.

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

*21.

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

*22.

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

*23.

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

*24.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*25

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Notification under the Consular Functions Act,— That the notification made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs under Section 8 of the Consular Functions Act, No.4 of 1981 regarding the fees levied for consular services and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1501/10 of 11th June, 2007, which was presented on 05.02.2008, be approved.

*26.

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.

*27.

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.

*28.

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)

*29.

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)

*30.

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)

*31.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act,— That this Parliament determines that the Salaries and Allowances of the Chairman and Members of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka established under the Section 8 of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No.21 of 1996, be as follows with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Salary	Rs. 65,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00 Monthly</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

Members

Salary	Rs. 30,000.00 Monthly
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This Parliament further resolves that 50% of the enhanced salary (excluding the Allowances) be paid with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full salary with the balance 50% with from 01.01.2007 and such Salaries and Allowances as were determined by this Resolution be substituted for the salaries and allowances previously determined by Parliament.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*32.

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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33.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
 Hon. P. Dayaratne
 Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
 Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera
 Hon. W. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Lakshman Seneviratne
Hon. Dunesh Gankanda
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. P. Radhakrishnan
Hon. R. M. Dharmadasa Banda
Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna

Hon. Neomal Perera,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into the resignation of Mr. Sunil Mendis and the appointment of Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral as the Governor of the Central Bank,—

- (1) Whereas the Central Bank is one of the most important financial institutions of a country responsible for managing its economy.
- (2) Whereas the Governor of the Central Bank Mr. Sunil Mendis abruptly resigned under mysterious circumstances and
- (3) Whereas it is reported that Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral, who
 - (a) was a Member of the Western Provincial Council.
 - (b) formerly contested Colombo District Parliamentary Elections and,
 - (c) was a one time political organizer.
- (4) And whereas several reports in newspapers indicate that he has been involved in unsavory financial transactions more particularly Pyramid Schemes.
- (5) This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into:
 - (a) the circumstances under which Mr. Sunil Mendis resigned
 - (b) the suitability of Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral to hold the position of the Governor of the Central Bank.
 - (c) whether the appointment of an individual such as Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral will seriously affect the creditability of the Central Bank and have disastrous effects on the country's economy.
- (6)
 - (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
- (7) That the Committee shall have the power to :
 - (a) fix its quorum;

- (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to produce any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
- (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
- (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

34.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

35.

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

36.

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

37.

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

38.

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

39.

Methsith Dharmadutha Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

40.

Attanagalla Development 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

1243/'07

1.

Hon. Jinadasa Kithulegoda,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, the names, permanent addresses, the distances to the school from permanent addresses, the periods of residence in the aforesaid addresses, names of the parents and the basis of admission to school (e.g. on the basis of chief occupant, Past Pupils etc.) of the children who have been admitted to the Grade one classes in all the national schools in Matara town in 2007?

- (b) Will he submit to this House, the information regarding the children who have been admitted to schools, contravening the provisions of the relevant circular?
 - (c) Is he aware that children have been admitted to schools violating the provisions of the Ministerial circular pertaining to the admission of children to Grade one class?
 - (d) Will he submit separately—
 - (i) according to the aforesaid classification, the names of the children so admitted violating the provisions of the circular;
 - (ii) the reasons for the admission of children by violating the provisions of the circular as mentioned above;
 - (iii) the disciplinary action taken or the investigations conducted against the officers who are connected to it;
 - (iv) if disciplinary action has not been taken as mentioned above will action regarding this matter be taken in the future; and
 - (v) the period within which such action be taken?
 - (e) If not, why?
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