



[Sixth Parliament - Second Session]

No. 191.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
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FOR**

Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1088/'07

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the Ministry of Disaster Management and Human Rights had informed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that a delegation of American Ambassador, German Ambassador, Italian Ambassador, Japanese Ambassador and the European Union Head were going to the East (Batticaloa) on the 27th February, 2007?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Batticaloa landing strip in cleared area was controlled by the Government;
 - (ii) if so, how the LTTE mortars were able to attack on the landed helicopter;
 - (iii) whether it is correct that the Deputy Inspector General Nimal Lewke had confirmed that aforesaid attack took place at 7.45 a.m. and 7.52 a.m. before the delegation landed;
 - (iv) if so, the reason for going further and landing;
 - (v) whether it is correct that the helicopter was circling in the air for 20 minutes before landing; and
 - (vi) as to what the investigation proven to date on this recent mishap of the foreign diplomats?

(2)

(c) Will he also state—

(i) whether the Sunday Times, the Sunday Leader, the Nation, the Sunday Island news papers of 4th March 2007 stated that the Minister of Foreign Affairs had not been informed and the Minister of disaster Management and Human Rights must take the full responsibility of this incident; and

(ii) if so, had he apologized to the Ambassadors concerned?

(d) If not, why?

1645/'07

2.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Ports and Aviation 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?

1646/'07

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition had undertaken for the last three years;

(ii) the countries visited; and

(3)

- (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?

1092/'07

4.

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasingha,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the types and quantities of agricultural products that were imported in each of the years in the period from year 2000 to 2006;
 - (ii) the quantity of each of the aforesaid products, out of the total amount of imports;
 - (iii) separately, the payments made annually for each of the aforesaid products; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that was spent on each of the aforesaid products, out of the total expenditure incurred on imports?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the annual expenditure on imports from the year 2000;
 - (ii) the goods for which imports expenditure has increased;
 - (iii) the amount of foreign exchange that has been spent annually, after subtracting the income from exports from the expenditure on imports;

(4)

- (iv) the 20 types of imports that incur the largest import expenditure; and
 - (v) the amount of expenditure for each of the aforesaid types of imports out of the total expenditure on imports?
- (c) If not, why?

1226/'07

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a function has been held under the name of “Livestock Awards Ceremony”?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the venue of that ceremony and the amount of money spent on that venue;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for the expenses related to the Publicity of that ceremony and the amount of money spent for that purpose;
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on the posters and the expenditure incurred on each medium; if advertisements have been published through electronic media or in newspapers;
 - (iv) separately, the amount of money spent on each strategy, if any other strategies have been used for publicity; and
 - (v) the total expenditure incurred on the ceremony including the cost of publicity?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether money of the Ministry was spent on the aforesaid ceremony;
 - (ii) if so, the expenditure head under which the above mentioned expenditure was done;
 - (iii) whether money was obtained from the departments, boards, corporations etc. that come under the relevant Ministry; and
 - (iv) separately, the amounts of money so obtained, if money has been obtained as mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

1322/'07

6.

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, the amount of money that had been allocated to the Ministry of Health in the years 2006 and 2007, for the expenses of the affairs of the Hon. Minister and the Deputy Minister; and
- (ii) separately, the amounts of money allocated for capital and recurrent expenditure?

(b) Will he present to this House, the way in which the aforesaid amount of money was spent during the year 2006 with a breakdown indicating the category of expenditure?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the vehicles, which were used for the Hon. Minister, Deputy Minister and their staff from January 2007 to 01st of June;
- (ii) separately, the amounts of money spent on fuel for the aforesaid vehicles, according to their running charts; and
- (iii) the names of the persons who have used those vehicles, their designations and responsibilities?

(d) If not, why?

1370/'07

7.

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 Hambantota Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007;

(6)

- (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;
 - (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; 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?

1371/'07

8.

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 Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007;

(7)

- (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;
 - (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—
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 - (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?

1527/'07

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the fishery landing site at Kadewella, Galle is used by fishermen?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether permission has been granted by the Department of Coastal Conservation to fill it up with earth, causing damage to the aforesaid fishery landing site at Kadewella;

- (ii) if so, under which condition the aforesaid permission has been granted;
- (iii) whether the Department of Coastal Conservation will take legal action against the party which carried out the filling, if an unauthorized filling has been carried out; and
- (iv) if so, when?
- (c) Will he admit that the filling of the fishery land site which belongs to fishermen is correct?
- (d) If not, why?

1528/'07

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a crematorium is being constructed in close proximity to the Bathigama Hospital by the Dickwella Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (b) Will he admit that constructing a crematorium in a populated area is not suitable?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the reasons for carrying out the relevant construction despite the continuous opposition from the people of the area?
- (d) Will he state as to what steps will be taken against the chairman of the relevant Pradeshiya Sabha for carrying out construction work disregarding the order that has been issued the suspension of this construction?
- (e) If not, why?

1575/'07

11.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Supplementary Plantation Crops Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Supplementary Plantation Crops Development;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and

(iii) whether the buildings in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?

(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?

1576/'07

12.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Plan Implementation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Plan Implementation;

(ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and

(iii) whether the buildings in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?

(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?

1577/'07

13.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the buildings in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (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?

1680/'07

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the employees who served in the SLTB depots in Welisara, Divulapitiya, Gampaha and Kelaniya in the Gampaha district have been transferred to other depots; and
 - (ii) the names of the employees who have been transferred as mentioned above and their present places of work?
- (b) Will he state separately, the reasons for transferring the aforesaid workers?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to cancel these transfers and attach them again to the same depots in which they served earlier since these workers face various difficulties due to their transfers?
- (d) If not, why?

1737/'07

15.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that 36 trainees are serving in the Urban Development Authority under the computer training scheme?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) these trainees have the maximum qualifications required for the relevant training;
 - (ii) the trainees have undergone training continuously for a period exceeding two years as their service has been extended every 03 months during the period of training; and
 - (iii) there are trainees who have received training for more than 05 years among them?
- (c) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) As vacancies exist in the permanent cadre of the Urban Development Authorities, will he take action to appoint these trainees who have undergone training continuously for several years to the aforesaid vacancies on the permanent basis?
 - (ii) If so, the date from which they will be appointed?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,—That the proceedings on Item 15 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 23.

2.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.1/08),—That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. A.R.M. Abdul Cader, MP, on 23rd May, 2007 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by threatening him with death over his mobile phone by unknown persons while he was staying in his house in Colombo on 22nd May, 2007, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

3.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.2/08),—That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. John Amaratunge, MP, on 22nd May, 2007 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by threatening him with death over telephone by unknown persons while he was on his way to the Parliament on 22nd May, 2007, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

4.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.3/08),—That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, MP, on 20th June, 2006 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by a News Item published in “The Island” News Paper of 10th June, 2006 which had misrepresented a statement made by him at the meeting of the Consultative Committee on Power and Energy held on 08th June, 2006, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

5.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.4/08),—That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, MP, on 22nd August, 2007 in Parliament to the effect that the privileges of Parliament have been infringed by certain matters contained in the press release issued by Dr.(Mrs.) Rani Fernando, Deputy Director, Sri Lanka General Hospital, appeared in the “Divaina” newspaper of 14th August, 2007 under the caption “*Janapathige nuwanathi kriyawa kageth pasasumata lakwe*”, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

6.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.5/08),—That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe, MP, Leader of the Opposition on 22nd August, 2007 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges and the privileges of the Parliament have been infringed by certain matters contained in the petition filed by Mr. Jayasiri Ittapana, Join Secretary, Old Boys’ Association, Ananda College, Colombo, in the Supreme Court against the circular issued for admission of children to the grade 1 in schools for the year 2008 by the Secretary to the Ministry of Education, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

7.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.6/08),—That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. S. Kanagratnam, MP, on 20th September, 2007 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by his being affronted by Army soldiers at the Omanthai checkpoint on 18th September 2007, while he was on his way to Parliament to attend sittings, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

8.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.7/08),—That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Sunil Handunnetti, MP, on 21st September, 2007 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by the harassment of some traders who organized a meeting attended by him by the Project Manager and some security personnel of Urban Development Authority, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

9.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.8/08),—That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, MP, on 09th October, 2007 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by the publicity given by certain electronic and print media to the allegations leveled at him by Hon. Bandula Gunawardena, the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer services at a press conference held on 02nd October 2007 causing damage to his reputation, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

10.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.9/08),—That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera, MP, on 04th July, 2006 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by a News Item published in the “Divaina” news paper of 04th July 2006 which had misrepresented a statement made by him at the meeting of the Committee on Parliamentary Business held on 03rd July, 2006, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

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.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Parliamentary Select Committee to amend the Act, No.35 of 2003 in order to grant Sri Lankan citizenship to the persons who are in refugee camps for Sri Lankans in Tamil Nadu and to provide other facilities to them,—That the motion agreed to by Parliament on 21.08.2007 be amended as follows;

By the insertion of the words “of Indian Origin” immediately after the word “Persons” in the title of the said motion.

*16

Environment Conservation Levy Bill,—Second Reading.

*17

Strategic Development Projects Bill,— Second Reading.

*18.

University of Vocational Technology Bill — Second Reading.

*19.

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

*20.

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

*21.

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

*22.

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

*23.

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

*24.

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

*25.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*26

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.

*27.

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.

*28.

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.

*29.

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 Monthly</u>
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)

*30.

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 per month</u>
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)

*31.

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)

*32.

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)

*33.

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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34.

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. 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.

35.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

36.

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

37.

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

38.

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

39.

World Fellowship of Buddhists - Sri Lanka Regional Centre Establishment (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

40.

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

41.

Methsith Dharmadutha Foundation (Incrporation) Bill — Consideration.

* Indicates Government Business

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