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Friday, February 22, 2008 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1121/'07

1.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the total amount of money estimated for the Moragahakanda reservoir construction project;
- (ii) the amount of money allocated for year 2007;
- (iii) whether foreign loans or grants are given for this project;
- (iv) the number of years in which this project is due to be completed; and
- (v) the amount of money expected to be allocated for each year?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of families that will be displaced due to this project;
- (ii) the location of the lands that are proposed to be given to them and the extent of land given for each family; and
- (iii) the other facilities that will be given to the displaced persons other than the lands?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether an Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared for this project;

(2)

- (ii) if so, when; and
- (iii) the recommendations of the aforesaid report?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the total amount of money that has been spent for the inaugural ceremony of this project; and
 - (ii) the name of the company which was in charge of the publicity activities of that ceremony?
- (e) Will he submit to this House, the amounts of money paid to the aforesaid company in respect of television advertisements, posters, newspaper advertisements, hoarding, and other publicity activities?
- (f) If not, why?

1148/'07

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Public Recreation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the expenses incurred for the Sri Lanka Cricket Board and its officials, representatives and others sent by the Sri Lanka Cricket Board for the Cricket World Cup - 2007 held in Caribbean/West Indies (i.e. air fare, accommodation, local transfers out of pocket allowance, match tickets etc.);
 - (ii) the expenses incurred by Sri Lanka Cricket Board for Parliamentarians, Cabinet and non-Cabinet Ministers for the above event; and
 - (iii) the expenses incurred by ICC or any other sports body for any Sri Lanka Cricket Board official or its nominee or recommended persons?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the cost for the players, support services of the team and the management (i.e. contract, allowance, match bonus, match wins etc.); and
 - (ii) the budgetary allocations for the world cup 2007 by Sri Lanka Cricket Board together with their approvals and the method of payments?
- (c) If not, why?

1389/'07

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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 number of Samurdhi recipients as at 30th June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Kotte electorate in Colombo District; and
- (ii) the categories of the above families according to the amount they received?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the value of inflation for the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007;
- (ii) the value in real terms they received in the subsequent years up to 2007 when discount the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
- (iii) whether it shows that the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients has been reduced; and
- (iv) as a result whether the poverty has been increased among such recipients?

(c) If not, why?

1390/'07

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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 number of Samurdhi recipients as at 30th June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Kolonnawa electorate in Colombo District; and
- (ii) the categories of the above families according to the amount they received?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the value of inflation for the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007;

(4)

- (ii) the value in real terms they received in the subsequent years up to 2007 when discount the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
 - (iii) whether it shows that the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients has been reduced; and
 - (iv) as a result whether the poverty has been increased among such recipients?
- (c) If not, why?

1308/07

5.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services and the Minister of Co-operatives (Non-cabinet) and the Minister of Consumer Affairs (Non-cabinet) are housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the addresses of the places, the addresses of the owners of the places and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant offices are housed in private institutions or in lands or buildings owned by a private individuals; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the offices and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the spaces for the offices have been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the spaces for the offices on rent, lease or any other basis; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid offices in a government buildings?
- (e) If not, why?

6.

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 Angunakolapelessa 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—

- (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?

1373/'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 Weeraketiya 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—

- (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?

1503/'07

8.

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of water supply projects carried out in the Matale Pradeshiya Sabha division with the initiative of the Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (ii) the names of those projects; and
 - (iii) separately, the amounts of money spent by the Pradeshiya Sabha on these water supply projects?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the sources of water and land on which the aforesaid projects were carried out have been taken over by the Pradeshiya Sabha; and
 - (ii) If there are any sources of water or land which have not been taken over, what they are?
- (c) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the pipes carrying water to the tank that provides water to the Sri Saranankara Mawatha (Nuwaragalwala Road) in Aluwihare, Matale, have been laid through a private land; and
 - (ii) the people of that area do not receive drinking water since February 2007, as a result of the aforesaid pipes have been damaged by the private land owners?
- (d) If so, will he state whether he will take action to cause justice to those people?
- (e) If not, why?

1524/'07

9.

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the number of water supply connections and the length of the system of pipe lines of the Matale water supply system, which was completed in the year 1982, when it was taken over by the Water Supply and Drainage Board from the Matale Municipal Council on 08.01.2001?

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of domestic water supply connections and the number of water supply connections given for commercial and government institutions by 2007;
 - (ii) the length of the system of pipelines used for the distribution of water; and
 - (iii) the number of water supply connections that are given monthly?
- (c) Will he state —
- (i) whether any improvement has been done on the water purification plant during the past 25 years from the year 1982 to 2007?
 - (ii) the date on which the construction work on the proposed water tank will commence;
 - (iii) the date on which the above mentioned construction work will be completed; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been estimated for it?
- (d) If not, why?

1529/'07

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the amount of income and the amount of expenditure of the Dickwella Pradeshiya Sabha for each month of the period from January 2007 up to now?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the amount of money that has been spent on fuel monthly, by the aforesaid Pradeshiya Sabha for the vehicles used by the Chairman of the relevant Pradeshiya Sabha, from the year 2006 up to now?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of other vehicles that are owned by the aforesaid Pradeshiya Sabha; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been spent on fuel for the aforesaid vehicles from the year 2006 up to now?
- (d) If not, why?

1530/'07

11.

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 inform this House—

- (i) the distance between the new building which is being constructed for the Dickwella Main Post Office and the Dickwella Bus Stand; and
- (ii) the distance between the Bus Stand and the Post Office which is in use at present and situated close to the Dickwella Bus Stand?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the date on which the land where the Post Office is being constructed was acquired;
- (ii) the number of the title-deed of the aforesaid land; and
- (iii) the names and designations of the officials who were involved in the relevant acquisition?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether, an agency post office is situated close to Dickwella Bus Stand at present; and
- (ii) if not, whether any parties have applied to establish an agency post office there?

(d) If not, why?

1531/'07

12.

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—

- (i) the number of coconut trees which were within the premises of the Dickwella Main Post Office, by 01.01.2007; and
- (ii) the number of coconut trees which are within the aforesaid premises at present?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the decrease in the number of coconut trees within the aforesaid premises has been reported;
- (ii) if so, the date on which it was reported;
- (iii) whether the Post Master of the aforesaid Post Office has lodged a complaint regarding the decrease in the number of coconut trees; and
- (iv) if so, the date on which the complaint has been lodged?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the name of the person who has felled and removed the aforesaid coconut trees;
- (ii) whether necessary steps will be taken regarding that person; and
- (iii) if so, when?

(d) If not, why?

1580/'07

13.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Water Supply and Drainage;
- (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 building 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 building separately?

(c) If not, why?

1581/'07

14.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Community Development and Social Inequity Eradication,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Community Development and Social Inequity Eradication;

(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?

1585/'07

15.

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 inform this House—

(i) the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication;

- (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?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

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

2.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.1),—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),—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),—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),—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),—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, Joint 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),—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),—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),—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),—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.

Strategic Development Projects Bill,— Second Reading.

*2.

Environment Conservation Levy Bill,—Second Reading.

*3.

University of Vocational Technology Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

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

*5.

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

*6.

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

*7.

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

*8.

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

*9.

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

*10.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*11.

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.

*12.

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.

*13.

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.

*14.

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)

*15.

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)

*16.

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)

*17.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

Members

Salary Rs. 30,000.00 Monthly

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

*18.

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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19.

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.

20.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

21.

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

22.

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

23.

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

24.

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

25.

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

* Indicates Government Business

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