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Tuesday, April 08, 2008 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1405/'07

1.

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 families received the Samurdhi subsistence dole from the Government as at 30th June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Gampaha 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 discounting the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
- (iii) whether there is a drastic drop in the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients owing to the mishandling of the economy resulting a high inflation?

(c) If not, why?

1406/'07

2.

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 families received the Samurdhi subsistence dole from the Government as at 30th June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Kalutara District; and

(2)

- (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 discounting the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
 - (iii) whether there is a drastic drop in the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients owing to the mishandling of the economy resulting a high inflation?
- (c) If not, why?

1407/'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 families received the Samurdhi subsistence dole from the Government as at 30th June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Matara 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 discounting the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
 - (iii) whether there is a drastic drop in the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients owing to the mishandling of the economy resulting a high inflation?
- (c) If not, why?

1513/'07

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided to the Minister of Industries in the Central Provincial Council;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid residence belongs to the Provincial Council or to the Central Government; and
 - (iii) if not, whether it has been obtained on the basis of rent; and
 - (iv) of the name of the owner of the house and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the Minister concerned;
 - (ii) the registration numbers and the makes of those vehicles;
 - (iii) whether they belong to the Provincial Council; and
 - (iv) if not, the name of the owner and the monthly rent of each of the aforesaid vehicles?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the relevant Ministry of Industries, their registration numbers and makes;
 - (ii) the officials to whom those vehicles have been given;
 - (iii) whether those vehicles belong to the Provincial Council or if not, whether they have been obtained on the basis of rent; and
 - (iv) if so, their owners and the monthly rent?
- (d) If not, why?

1515/'07

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided to the Minister of Health in the Central Provincial Council;

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- (ii) whether the aforesaid residence belongs to the Provincial Council or the Central Government;
 - (iii) if not, whether it has been obtained on the basis of rent; and
 - (iv) of the name of the owner of the house and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the Minister concerned;
 - (ii) the registration numbers and the makes of those vehicles;
 - (iii) whether they belong to the Provincial Council; and
 - (iv) if not, the name of the owner and the monthly rent of each of the aforesaid vehicles?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the relevant Ministry of Health, their registration numbers and makes;
 - (ii) the officials to whom those vehicles have been given;
 - (iii) whether those vehicles belong to the Provincial Council or if not, whether they have been obtained on the basis of rent; and
 - (iv) if so, their owners and the monthly rent?
- (d) If not, why?

1552/'07

6.

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
- (i) of the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources;
 - (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?

1609/07

7.

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of persons who also engage in teaching profession while being employed as Samurdhi Development Officers in each Divisional Secretariat division in the Nuwara Eliya District; and
- (ii) the amount of money spent monthly by the Samurdhi Movement for the payment of their salaries?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the educational qualifications that were considered when granting appointments to the aforesaid Samurdhi teachers;
- (ii) the educational qualifications of each of the aforesaid Samurdhi Teachers at the time of recruitment;
- (iii) whether they will be employed further in the relevant post;
- (iv) if they are not employed as mentioned above will be attached to the Ministry of Education; and
- (v) the courses of action that have been followed and the courses of action that are to be followed in order to develop their teaching profession?

(c) If not, why?

1610/07

8.

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— 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 families that receive Samurdhi benefits in each Divisional Secretariat division in the Nuwara Eliya District;
- (ii) out of the aforesaid families, the number of families that receive allowances of Rs. 1000/=, Rs. 500/=, Rs. 300/= and Rs. 140/= at Divisional Secretariat division level; and
- (iii) accordingly, the total amount of money paid to the Samurdhi recipients at the Divisional Secretariat division level?

(6)

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) separately, the numbers of Samurdhi Managers, Development Officers and persons holding other posts in the Samurdhi movement in the above mentioned District; and
- (ii) the monthly salaries and allowances paid to them and the total of the same at the Divisional Secretariat level?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Samurdhi Banks in each Divisional Secretariat division;
- (ii) the amount of savings in the accounts and the amount of loans provided for the beneficiaries in each of the aforesaid Samurdhi Banks; and
- (iii) the names of the relevant debtors and the amount of defaulted loan repayments?

(d) If not, why?

1611/'07

9.

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— 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 Samurdhi Managers, Development Officers and other Officers who have lost their employment at present as a result of misappropriation of Samurdhi funds in each of the Divisional Secretariat divisions of the Nuwara Eliya District; and
- (ii) the names of each of the aforesaid Officers who have engaged in the above mentioned misappropriation and the amounts of money that have been misappropriated?

(b) Will he state the courses of action that have been taken to recover the aforesaid amounts of money?

(c) If not, why?

1695/'07

10.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorale,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether laying tar for a distance of one kilometer of the Yakanetuhenyaya road in the Delwala Grama Niladhari division of the Nivithigala Divisional Secretariat division, E-R/A/06,-69 in Ratnapura district and developing the Wattahena Vihara Mawatha in the Nivithigala Divisional Secretariat division, E-R/A/06-122, were included in the list of proposed road development work that was to be implemented under the second phase of the “Maga Neguma” programme?
- (b) Is he aware that although the construction work of these road development projects have been completed and any amount of money out of the estimated sum has not been paid so far?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether necessary action will be taken to release the proposed amounts of money for the aforesaid two roads in which the development work has been completed by now; and
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (d) If not, why?

1725/'07

11.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that feasibility study and detailed engineering plans that are required to develop 2400 km of provincial roads in the year 2008, under the loans given by Asian Development Bank, are being prepared?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if they are being prepared, the names of the aforesaid roads;
 - (ii) whether monetary allocations have been made for each of the aforesaid roads;
 - (iii) the manner in which the relevant Ministry intervenes in the allocation of money; and
 - (iv) if any widening of roads is to be done, whether money will be used to acquire lands?
- (c) If not, why?

1726/'07

12.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the reason for not conducting the election of office bearers of Bowatta Parakumba Farmers Organization which comes under the Yakwila Agrarian Services Centre in the Katugampola electorate on 11.10.2007, eventhough nearly 40 members of the aforesaid farmers organization had been present?
- (b) Is he aware that, subsequently the election of office bearers was conducted with the participation of 10-15 members and a Member of Pannala Pradeshiya Sabha as the presiding officer?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether he will start an inquiry with regard to the election of a person who has misappropriated an amount of money exceeding Rs. 35,000/= which belonged to the Farmers Organization as the secretary in the aforesaid election of office bearers?
- (d) Will he admit that the election of a person who was not present at the election of office bearers, as the Treasurer, is illegal?
- (e) Will he take necessary action to cancel the aforesaid election of office bearers and conduct a new election by considering the facts mentioned above?
- (f) If not, why?

1730/'07

13.

Hon. Thilakarathna Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the construction work of 06 bridges that are built in place of the bridges which had been built across Ging Ganga and destroyed in the floods in 2003, was started on 27-03-2006; and
 - (ii) agreements had been signed to complete the construction work of the aforesaid bridges by 27.08.2007?
- (b) Will he admit that it had been mentioned in the report submitted as a reply to the resolution No.1896 of the Parliament Consultative Committee that action was being taken to complete the construction work of five bridges except one, by 31-12-2007?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the reasons for stopping the construction work of the Katagoda bridge in spite of the above mentioned situation?

- (d) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date on which the two main cables required to hold the bridge were ordered from a foreign country;
 - (ii) the name of the institution that is delaying the payment of money to the State Development and Construction Corporation, since the estimated amounts of money for the construction of the bridges have been given to the Southern Province Rural Economic Development Programme by the Asian Development Bank; and
 - (iii) the amount of money that has hitherto been given to the State Development and Construction Corporation for the Construction of the bridges?
- (e) Will he state whether the construction of Katagoda and Ahalakanda bridges will be completed by the agreed date by considering it as a special requirement?
- (f) If not, why?

1731/'07

14.

Hon. Thilakarathna Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Rs. 20,558,799/- have been provided to the Galle District Secretariat by the letter dated 13.07.2007 under MR&DRS/F2/ of the Minister of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services in accordance with Parliamentary Consultative Committee resolutions No.860 and 1433, to be provided to Nagoda, Neluwa, Thawalama, Baddegama and Welivitya Divithura Divisional Secretariat Divisions?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) although it had been approved to pay Rs. 250,000/= for a house fully damaged and Rs. 100,000/= for partly damaged house in the Tsunami in 2004, it is not fair to approve Rs. 100,000/= less for a house fully damaged and Rs. 50,000/= less for a house partly damaged a year prior to that;
 - (ii) even though these approved monies were received with a delay of about 04 years, some Divisional Secretaries are acting to revert the received monies, putting forth unfair reasons; and

- (iii) it is fair to provide outstanding compensation to those who have built houses in their former places of residence even by taking loans, as a result of not being provided with a land although their places of residence had been identified as unsafe and they were recommended to be provided lands?
- (c) Will he give instructions to the relevant officials to provide the total outstanding amount of compensation as a lumpsum or in installments to all those who have completed at least part of the house with the initial installments that were provided?
- (d) If not, why?

1751/07

15.

Hon. S.A. Jayantha Samaraweera,— 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 families who lost their houses due to the Tsunami disaster in the Panadura Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid families, the number of families for which the houses will be built with the intervention of the government;
 - (iii) if lands have not been found for the aforesaid purpose in the Panadura Divisional Secretariat Division itself, the reasons for it;
 - (iv) if lands have been found from other Divisional Secretariat Divisions the names of those Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (v) whether a land named Delgahawatta at Mahawila in Bandaragama Divisional Secretariat Division has been acquired for the aforesaid purpose;
 - (vi) the extent, the estimated value and the name of the owner of the aforesaid land, if it has been acquired;
 - (vii) separately, the number of houses planned to be built in it, the number of houses of which the construction work has already been started, and the number of plots of lands in which the construction work has not been started;
 - (viii) whether action has been taken to give the portion of the aforesaid land in which the construction of houses has not yet been started, to the first owner, to an institution or to an individual for another purpose;

- (ix) the purpose for which the aforesaid portion of land will be used; and
 - (x) the name and the address of the aforesaid person and the reasons for giving that portion of land to the aforesaid person in the manner mentioned above?
- (b) Will he admit that an injustice is caused to the people who lost their houses in Tsunami and live in camps as they did not receive houses up to now, as a result of giving the aforesaid portion of land as mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—School Teachers Pension (Amendment),— Bill to amend the School Teachers Pension Act, No. 44 of 1953.

2.

The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—Marine Pollution Prevention,— Bill to provide for the Prevention, Control and Reduction of Pollution in the territorial waters of Sri Lanka or any other Maritime Zone and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the 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 06.30 p.m. At 06.30 p.m., Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

4.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,—Privilege, (No.1),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardena, MP, on 24th October 2007 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by a false and baseless allegations levelled at him by the state media damaging his reputation in relation to his participation at the meeting of the Committee on Human Rights for Parliamentarians of the Inter Parliamentary Union held in Geneva, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

5.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,—Privilege, (No.2),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, MP, on 14th November 2007 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by two outsiders having entered Parliament Library without permission and taken reports of speeches made by him in Parliament, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

6.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,—Privilege, (No.3),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Ranil Wickramasinghe, MP, on 16th November 2007 in Parliament to the effect that the privileges of three (3) UNP Members have been infringed by being questioned by the CID baselessly during the budget debate, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

7.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,—Privilege, (No.4),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. M. Mahroof, MP, on 16th November 2007 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by a false report published in “The Island” on 16th November 2007, stating that he had met President and indicated willingness to join the Government, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

8.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,—Privilege, (No.5),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. S.K. Subasinghe, MP, on 16th November 2007 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by the ITN news telecast on 15th November 2007, which seriously misrepresented a speech made by him taking part in the budget debate, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

9.

Hon. M. Mahroof,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Premadasa Centre ”

10.

Hon. (Ven.) Udawatte Nanda Thero,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Sri Sumangala Saranaseva Foundation”

11.

Hon. (Ven.) Akmeemana Dayarathana Thero,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Adam’s Peak Kalpawruksha Development Foundation”

12.

The Leader of the House of Parliament, the Leader of the Opposition,—Vote of Appreciation— Secretary General of Parliament,— That Mr. Speaker be requested to convey to Mrs. Priyanee Wijesekera on her retirement from the Office of the Secretary General of Parliament, an expression of the deep sense of appreciation, of this Parliament of the valuable services performed by her as Research Officer, Assistant Secretary-General. Deputy Secretary-General and Secretary-General of Parliament over a period of 16 years, particularly, in regard to her wide knowledge of parliamentary procedures and practices; their sincere thanks for the assistance and advice given by her and their recognition of the unswerving dedication with which she has discharged her responsibilities and the noteworthy contribution she has made to the several Associations of Parliamentarians both within, as well as, outside the Commonwealth..

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1

Environment Conservation Levy Bill,—Second Reading.

*2.

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.1528/23 of 20th December, 2007, which was presented on 19.02.2008, be approved.

*3.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Regulations under the Army Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Sections 29 and 155 of the Army Act (Chapter 357) read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1512/19 of 31st August, 2007, which were presented on 18.03.2008, be approved.

*4.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Regulations under the Navy Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 161 of the Navy Act (Chapter 358) read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1512/19 of 31st August, 2007, which were presented on 18.03.2008, be approved.

*5.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Regulations under the Air Force Act,—That the Regulations made by the President under Sections 29 and 155 of the Air Force Act (Chapter 359) read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1512/19 of 31st August, 2007, which were presented on 18.03.2008, be approved.

*6.

University of Vocational Technology Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

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

*8

Sri Lanka Electricity Bill—Second Reading.

*9.

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

*10.

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

*11.

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

*12.

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

*13.

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

*14.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*15.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under Special Commodity Levy Act,— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No.48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1531/13 of 09th January, 2008, which was presented on 04.03.2008, be approved.

*16.

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.

*17.

The Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,—Annual Report of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka 2004,— That the Annual Report and the final Accounts of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year 2004 and presented on 21.07.2006 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by Consultative Committee on Housing and Construction)

*18.

The Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,—Annual Report of the Institute of Construction and Engineering Services 2005,— That the Annual Report and the final Accounts of the Institute of Construction and Engineering Services together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year 2005 and presented on 24.11.2006 under Section 13(1) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by Consultative Committee on Construction and Engineering Services)

*19.

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.

*20.

The Minister of Special Projects and Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,— 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.

*21.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution,— That this Parliament hereby determines that the monthly allowance paid to the Chairman and Members of the Judicial Service Commission shall be an amount equivalent to $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of their monthly salary of their substantial position and such allowance be payable from January 01, 2007. It is further determined by this Parliament that the Allowance determined earlier by Parliament as payable to the Members of the Judicial Service Commission shall be substituted by the Allowance determined by this Resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*22.

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)

*23.

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)

*24.

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)

*25.

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)

*26.

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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27.

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.

28.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

29.

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

30.

Malwathu Maha Vihariya Tibbatuwawe Sri Siddhartha Sumangala Benevolent Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

* Indicates Government Business

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0792/’06

1.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(6)

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

0795/'06

2.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(6)

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

1778/'07

3.

Hon. Mussammil Mohamed,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Tamil medium national schools in the Hambantota District;
 - (ii) separately, the number of students in each of the aforesaid schools in each year within the last five years; and

- (iii) the number of teachers approved for the aforesaid schools in respect of each subject stream?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the number of teachers who served in each of the aforesaid schools as at 1st November 2007, on the basis of above mentioned subject streams?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to overcome the shortage of teachers, if there is such a shortage; and
 - (ii) the measures taken in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1779/'07

4.

Hon. Mussammil Mohamed,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Tamil medium national schools in the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) separately, the number of students in each of the aforesaid schools in each year within the last five years; and
 - (iii) the number of teachers approved for the aforesaid schools in respect of each subject stream?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the number of teachers who served in each of the aforesaid schools as at 1st November 2007, on the basis of above mentioned subject streams?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to overcome the shortage of teachers, if there is such a shortage; and
 - (ii) the measures taken in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1780/'07

5.

Hon. Mussammil Mohamed,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Tamil medium national schools in the Puttalam District;

- (ii) separately, the number of students in each of the aforesaid schools in each year within the last five years; and
 - (iii) the number of teachers approved for the aforesaid schools in respect of each subject stream?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the number of teachers who served in each of the aforesaid schools as at 1st November 2007, on the basis of above mentioned subject streams?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether action will be taken to overcome the shortage of teachers, if there is such a shortage; and
 - (ii) the measures taken in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1781/'07

6.

Hon. Mussammil Mohamed,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Tamil medium national schools in the Ratnapura District;
 - (ii) separately, the number of students in each of the aforesaid schools in each year within the last five years; and
 - (iii) the number of teachers approved for the aforesaid schools in respect of each subject stream?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the number of teachers who served in each of the aforesaid schools as at 1st November 2007, on the basis of above mentioned subject streams?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether action will be taken to overcome the shortage of teachers, if there is such a shortage; and
 - (ii) the measures taken in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1782/'07

7.

Hon. Mussammil Mohamed,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Tamil medium national schools in the Kegalle District;
 - (ii) separately, the number of students in each of the aforesaid schools in each year within the last five years; and
 - (iii) the number of teachers approved for the aforesaid schools in respect of each subject stream?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the number of teachers who served in each of the aforesaid schools as at 1st November 2007, on the basis of above mentioned subject streams?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to overcome the shortage of teachers, if there is such a shortage; and
 - (ii) the measures taken in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1783/'07

8.

Hon. Mussammil Mohamed,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Tamil medium national schools in the Badulla District;
 - (ii) separately, the number of students in each of the aforesaid schools in each year within the last five years; and
 - (iii) the number of teachers approved for the aforesaid schools in respect of each subject stream?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the number of teachers who served in each of the aforesaid schools as at 1st November 2007, on the basis of above mentioned subject streams?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to overcome the shortage of teachers, if there is such a shortage; and

- (ii) the measures taken in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1784/'07

9.

Hon. Mussammil Mohamed,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Tamil medium national schools in the Ampara District;
 - (ii) separately, the number of students in each of the aforesaid schools in each year within the last five years; and
 - (iii) the number of teachers approved for the aforesaid schools in respect of each subject stream?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the number of teachers who served in each of the aforesaid schools as at 1st November 2007, on the basis of above mentioned subject streams?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to overcome the shortage of teachers, if there is such a shortage; and
 - (ii) the measures taken in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1785/'07

10.

Hon. Mussammil Mohamed,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Tamil medium national schools in the Trincomalee District;
 - (ii) separately, the number of students in each of the aforesaid schools in each year within the last five years; and
 - (iii) the number of teachers approved for the aforesaid schools in respect of each subject stream?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the number of teachers who served in each of the aforesaid schools as at 1st November 2007, on the basis of above mentioned subject streams?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to overcome the shortage of teachers, if there is such a shortage; and
 - (ii) the measures taken in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1786/'07

11.

Hon. Mussammil Mohamed,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Tamil medium national schools in the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) separately, the number of students in each of the aforesaid schools in each year within the last five years; and
 - (iii) the number of teachers approved for the aforesaid schools in respect of each subject stream?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the number of teachers who served in each of the aforesaid schools as at 1st November 2007, on the basis of above mentioned subject streams?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to overcome the shortage of teachers, if there is such a shortage; and
 - (ii) the measures taken in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1787/'07

12.

Hon. Mussammil Mohamed,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Tamil medium national schools in the Polonnaruwa District;
 - (ii) separately, the number of students in each of the aforesaid schools in each year within the last five years; and
 - (iii) the number of teachers approved for the aforesaid schools in respect of each subject stream?

- (b) Will he submit to this House the number of teachers who served in each of the aforesaid schools as at 1st November 2007, on the basis of above mentioned subject streams?
 - (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to overcome the shortage of teachers, if there is such a shortage; and
 - (ii) the measures taken in this regard?
 - (d) If not, why?
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