



[Sixth Parliament — Third Session]

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**ORDER PAPER
OF
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FOR**

Thursday, July 24, 2008 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0032/'08

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Samurdhi recipients as at 30th June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Dehiwela 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?

0033/'08

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of 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

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- (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 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?

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3.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of 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
- (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 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?

0345/'08

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the foreign countries which the Deputy Minister visited since the new Government came to power in the year 2004 up to now; and
 - (ii) the official and personal foreign visits made by him?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each visit—
 - (i) the names and designations of the officials who accompanied him;
 - (ii) if any officers of his personal staff accompanied him their names and designations; and
 - (iii) the name of the airline and the class in which the Deputy Minister and the officers of his personal staff travelled?
- (c) Will he state separately, in respect of each visit, the foreign aid, foreign loans, projects or other benefits received by the country as a result of these visits?
- (d) If not, why?

0346/'08

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the foreign countries which the Minister and the non-cabinet Minister of Enterprise Development and non-cabinet Minister of Investment Promotion visited since the relevant Minister was appointed to the aforesaid office up to now; and
 - (ii) the official and personal foreign visits separately, out of the aforesaid foreign visits?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each visit—
 - (i) the names and designations of the officials who accompanied them;
 - (ii) if any officers of the personal staff accompanied, names and designations of them;

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- (iii) the names of the airline and the class in which the Ministers and the other officials travelled; and
- (iv) the amount of money spent by the state on the Ministers and the officials for the aforesaid visits to foreign countries?
- (c) Will he state separately, in respect of each visit, the foreign aid, foreign loans, projects or other benefits received by the country as a result of these visits?
- (d) If not, why?

0347/'08

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the foreign countries which the Deputy Minister visited since the new Government came to power in the year 2004 up to now; and
 - (ii) the official and personal foreign visits made by the Deputy Minister separately?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each visit—
 - (i) the names and designations of the officials who accompanied him;
 - (ii) if any officers of his personal staff accompanied, their names and designations; and
 - (iii) the name of the airline and the class in which the Deputy Minister and the officers of his personal staff travelled?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each visit the foreign aid, foreign loans, projects or other benefits received by the country as a result of these visits?
- (d) If not, why?

0399/'08

7.

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;

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- (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0400/'08

8.

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0401/'08

9.

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Tourism,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0504/'08

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the Asgiriya Multi-purpose Co-operative Society of Yatawatta, Matale was founded;
 - (ii) separately, the number of members, employees and clients of the aforesaid Society; and
 - (iii) the assets owned by the aforesaid Society?
- (b) Will he state the date on which the aforesaid Society was attached to the Multi-purpose Co-operative Society of Matale?
- (c) Is he aware that the aforesaid joint programme was terminated on 25.11.2007?
- (d) Will he admit that at present, the aforesaid Society has faced a crises situation with no Board of Executives or Board of Directors?
- (e) if so, will he take necessary steps to appoint a Board of Management and bring the Society to an operational level again?
- (f) If not, why?

508/'08

11.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Vocational and Technical Training,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are vacancies in the fields of masonry, carpentry and lathe work in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether a request has been made from foreign countries asking for professionals in those fields; and
 - (iii) if so, the names of those countries?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the names of the institutions which provide training in the aforesaid professions;
 - (ii) whether there are institutions to provide suitable practical training after the aforesaid professional training; and

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- (iii) whether foreign employment opportunities are provided after the training?
- (c) Will he admit that the private sector is reluctant to recruit new employees for the above post since they do not have practical training?
- (d) If not, why?

0509/'08

12.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— 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 foreigners who came for jobs in Sri Lanka in the years 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the names of the countries from which they had come?
- (b) Will he state separately whether the aforesaid foreigners came for jobs in the public sector or in the fields of estates, factories, constructions and building works of the private sector?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how the issuing of visa to these people was done;
 - (ii) whether these people are brought in this manner to remedy the shortage of workers;
 - (iii) the amount of money sent by these employees to their mother countries as foreign exchange in the years 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) whether an exchange control has been carried out when sending money as mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

0510/'08

13.

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, even though 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?

0520/'08

14.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— 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 the name of the institution that carried out the process of privatization of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation?
- (b) Will he state the procedure followed when selecting its buyer?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the quotations under which the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation was transferred to the private sector;
 - (ii) the income that the government received from it;
 - (iii) whether the total amount of money was paid in lump sum in the aforesaid transfer?
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money that was paid;
 - (v) whether there is any arrears to be paid up to now with regard to the transaction of transferring the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation to the private sector; and
 - (vi) if so, the amount of money that should be paid?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (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;
 - (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;
 - (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?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of motions

1.

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 05.06.2008, the hours of sitting on 25.07.2008 shall be 09.30 a.m. to 03.30 p.m.. At 02.30 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.

*2.

The Minister of Plantation Industries,—Regulations under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law,—That the “Sri Lanka Tea Board (Tea Factories Construction and Operation) Minimum Standards Regulations No.01 of 2008” made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board under Paragraph (g) of Section 25 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No.14 of 1975 and approved by the Minister of Plantation Industries and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1531/17 of 10th January, 2008 which was presented on 09.04.2008, be approved.

*3.

The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,— Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, by virtue of powers vested in him by paragraph (a) of sub-Section (5) Section 02 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) published in Gazette Extraordinary No.1547/7 of 28 April, 2008, which was presented on 08.07.2008 be approved.

*4.

The Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,— Supplementary Sum— Head 142 — Programme 02,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Eighteen Million (Rs. 18,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or monies of, or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the Financial year beginning on 1st January, 2008 and ending on 31st December 2008 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule

Head 142	—	Ministry of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage
Programme 02	—	Development Activities
Project 03	—	Social - Cultural Integration

Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>18,000,000</u>
Total Expenditure	= Rs.	18,000,000

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.04 of 2008 presented on 08th July,2008. Total of Supplementary Estimates Nos.1-3 Rs. 3,198,180,332/-

*5.

National Housing Development Authority (Special Provisions) Bill—Second Reading.

*6.

School Teachers Pension (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

*7.

Marine Pollution Prevention Bill—Second Reading.

*8.

Grant of Citizenship to Persons of Chinese Origin (Special Provisions) Bill—Second Reading.

*9.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*10.

Assistance and Protection to Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill,— Adjourned debate on question (17th June, 2008) [1].

*11.

Sri Lanka Electricity Bill—Second Reading.

*12.

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

*13.

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

*14.

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

*15.

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

*16.

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

*17.

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

*18.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*19.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Rules under Excise Ordinance,—That the Rules made by His Excellency President under Section 32 of Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1544/17 of 10th April, 2008 which was presented on 19.06.2008, be approved.

*20.

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.

*21.

The Minister of Posts and Telecommunications,— 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.

*22.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.1),— 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 1/3rd 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)

*23.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Determination under the Constitution (No.2),— That Mr. Dayananda Dissanayake, who retired from Government Service with effect from 28-01-2002 was re-appointed to that post on 29-01-2002 under Section 27(2) of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution and subsequently, the salary of the Commissioner of Elections was determined by Parliament on 23-11-2006 in keeping with the salary revisions effected in the Public Service, but, since on that occasion a determination has not been made on the payment of Annual Salary Increments that fell due to this post in terms of the Minute of Secretaries to Ministries, this Parliament determines that Mr. Dayananda Dissanayake, Commissioner of Elections be paid his salary with the amount of the Salary Increments he became entitled to from 29-01-2002, the date he was re-appointed to the post of Commissioner of Elections, until such time he remains in that post.

(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.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)

*25.

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)

*26.

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)

*27.

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 effect 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)

*28.

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)

*29.

The Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,—Annual Report of the Institute of Construction Training and Development 2005,— That the Annual Report and the final Accounts of the Institute of Construction, Training and Development 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)

30.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

31.

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

32.

Mahaweli Cultural Foundation Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

33.

Ranga Art Institute (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

34.

Young Men's Buddhist Association, Kolonnawa (Incorporation) Bill,— Second Reading.

* Indicates Government Business

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