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No. 13.]

**ORDER PAPER
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FOR**

Friday, July 25, 2008 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0035/'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 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 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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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 Polonnaruwa 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 Nuwara-Eliya 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?

0348/'08

4.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the foreign countries which the Minister visited since the Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage 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 him;
 - (ii) if any officers of his personal staff accompanied him their names and designations;
 - (iii) the names of the airline and the class in which the Minister and the other officials travelled; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent by the state on the Minister 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?

0353/'08

5.

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 basic qualifications that the Samurdhi animators had to possess when they were recruited in 1995; and
 - (ii) the number of Samurdhi animators that were recruited?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a group of officers were absorbed to the Department of Agriculture out of the officers recruited as mentioned above;
 - (ii) if so, the number of persons who were absorbed in the above mentioned manner; and
 - (iii) the reason for the aforesaid absorption?
- (c) If not, why?

0359/'08

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that an interview was conducted on 27.05.2006 for the purpose of recruiting persons for the post of Trainee Bank Assistant of the Uva Development Bank?
- (b) Will he submit to this House a list of the names of candidates who appeared for the aforesaid interview in the order of the marks that they scored at it?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the names of candidates who have been selected for the aforesaid post?
- (d) Will he state the reason for not selecting Miss. Azmiya Zarook residing at No.37/8c, Hospital Road, Bandara Wevatenna, who appeared for the aforesaid interview as a candidate?
- (e) If not, why?

0402/'08

7.

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— 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 whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for the Ministry of Highways and Road Development 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?

0403/'08

8.

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(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?

0404/'08

9.

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— 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 whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Moral Upliftment 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?

0522/'08

10.

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

- (a) Will he state whether Air Lanka Company will be taken over by the government again after the agreement on which the management and a percentage of the shares of Air Lanka that belonged to the government were transferred to Emirates Company, has expired?
- (b) If not, why?

0523/'08

11.

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 state the total amount of loans (including the Treasury Bills) that should be paid by the government as at 31st March 2007, indicating local and foreign loans separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of loans (including Treasury Bills) that has been borrowed by the government in each of the years during the period from 2000 to 2007; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount that was paid by the government as interest and loan installments for local and foreign loans in each of the aforesaid years?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the names of the institutions from which these foreign loans were borrowed during the period of year 2006 and up to 31st March 2007;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of each of the aforesaid loans; and
 - (iii) rates of interest and other conditions followed in obtaining those loans?
- (d) If not, why?

0524/'08

12.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— 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 of the aim of the Agreement signed between the Prima Institution and the Government at the inception of the said institution?
- (b) Will he submit the aforesaid agreement to this House?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the date on which the wheat flour factory was to be owned by the government in terms of the said agreement;

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- (ii) of the aim of handing over the factory back to Prima Institution without it being taken over by the government;
 - (iii) the procedure followed in handing over the factory back to Prima institution;
 - (iv) whether Cabinet approval was obtained for it;
 - (v) if so, when; and
 - (vi) as to who submitted the relevant Cabinet Memorandum?
- (d) If not, why?

0540/'08

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) under Section 33(3) of part 5 of Sri Lanka Transport Board Act, No.27 of 2005, the cluster bus companies which were scattered all over the Island by then were legally converted into SLTB by a Gazette Extraordinary dated 19.10.2005; and
 - (ii) under Section No.2 of Act, No.23 of 1987 for Conversion of Government Corporations or Government owned Undertakings into public companies, 49% of the shares of the aforesaid company were given to the employees and the remaining 51% of the shares are being kept under the government?
- (b) Will he admit that under Section No.2 of the aforesaid Act, those employees are entitled to the ownership of the 49% of the shares which were owned by the former share holders and the present share holders?
- (c) The aforesaid cluster bus companies were amalgamated as Sri Lanka Transport Board under Sri Lanka Transport Board Act, No.27 of 2005, hence will he take measures to repay the value of the shares that were given to the employees when converting it to a public company?
- (d) if so, when?
- (e) If not, why?

0541/'08

14.

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

- (a) Is he aware that 3 vehicles of PRADO make bearing the registration numbers 65-1986, 65-1988 and 65-1990 which belonged to the transport section of the Bank of Ceylon are missing?

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

0542/'08

15.

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

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

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to assess the present condition of the parliamentary complex,— That in terms of Standing Order No.96, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on the 08th of February 2005, to assess the present condition of the Parliamentary Complex, further extension of time till 28th of February 2009 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by Parliament on 11th January, 2008.

2.

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

“Bill to incorporate the Wariyapola Rajamaha Vihara Development Foundation ”

3.

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Red Lotus (International) Sri Lanka Organization ”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.

*2.

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.

*3.

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/-

*4.

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

*5.

School Teachers Pension (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

*6.

Marine Pollution Prevention Bill—Second Reading.

*7.

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

*8.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*9.

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

*10.

Sri Lanka Electricity Bill—Second Reading.

*11.

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

*12.

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

*13.

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

*14.

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

*15.

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

*16.

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

*17.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*18.

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.

*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 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.

*21.

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)

*22.

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)

*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</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)

*25.

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 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)

*26.

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)

*27.

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)

*28.

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)

29.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

30.

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

31.

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

32.

Ranga Art Institute (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

33.

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. ”
