



[Sixth Parliament — Third Session]

No. 20.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0009/'08

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in accordance with the statement made by the Government that there are a lot of investments in the country, Agreements signed under the Sections 16 and 17 of the BOI Act along with the dates, the employment potential, the investment value, and as to when they were expected to commence, from 01st January 2006 to-date on per investment basis?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) as per (a) above the real investment;
 - (ii) the date it was made the employment potential; and
 - (iii) the place it is located?
- (c) Will he state as per (a) and (b) above the net impact to export potential in the country?
- (d) If not, why?

0011/'08

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) when was the Lankaputhra Bank incorporated and its capital;
 - (ii) whether it has been invested by Non-banking Institutions;

(2)

- (iii) if so, the ordinary shares, preference shares and the debentures separately;
 - (iv) the accounts to date from the inception;
 - (v) the names of the staff members working there at present; and
 - (vi) the names of the top 05 staff members along with their emoluments and total perks given to them on per month basis?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the interest rates prevailing at this time; and
 - (ii) the percentages of loans given along with the interest rates?
- (c) If not, why?

0023/'08

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 corroborative evidence for the action that has been taken on COPE report presented on 12th January, 2007;
 - (ii) the date that the previous COPE report presented to Parliament; and
 - (iii) the corroborative evidence for the action that has been taken against the State owned entities referred therein?
- (b) Will he state the reason for not taking actions against persons referred in the presented COPE reports?
- (c) If not, why?

0150/'08

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 1537 million had been allocated from the budget of the year 2006 for small and medium scale water supply projects in all provinces?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent in the year 2006 for the purpose mentioned above; and
 - (ii) the names of the projects that were implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

0151/'08

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 13,355 million had been allocated from the budget of the year 2006 for large scale water supply and sanitation projects in major towns?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent in the year 2006 for the purpose mentioned above;
 - (ii) the names of the projects that were implemented; and
 - (iii) the names of the major towns in which those projects were implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

0152/'08

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 17,040 million had been allocated from the revised budget of 2007 (as mentioned in the budgetary estimates of 2008) for large scale water supply and sanitation schemes in major cities?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent in the year 2007, for the purpose mentioned above;
 - (ii) the names of the projects that were implemented; and
 - (iii) the names of the major cities in which the projects were implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

0349/'08

7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mrs. Namal Ramyalatha de Silva, who was the wife of Mr. R.L.H. Hemachandra of 58/1, Akurala, Kahawa, and her mother died due to the Tsunami disaster which occurred on 26.12.2004; and
 - (ii) the house which was occupied by them was also destroyed?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reason for not paying any compensation to the aforesaid person up to now for the aforesaid loss of lives and the destruction of the house and property?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to provide him with the relevant compensation?
- (d) If not, why?

0351/'08

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. W.M. Piyasena of New town, Walapane served in the Walapane depot of the Sri Lanka Transport Board; and
 - (ii) he was sent on retirement on 30.11.2004?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to why gratuity payments to which he is entitled, were not paid to him?
- (c) Will he take steps to pay him the due gratuity payments?
- (d) If not, why?

0470/'08

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of acres of paddy lands in the Weeraketiya Agrarian Service Centre area in the Hambantota District as at 31.12.2007; and

(5)

- (ii) separately, the extent of land identified as falling into the categories of major irrigated, minor irrigated and rain fed, out of the number of acres of paddy lands mentioned in the answer for (a) (i) above?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of tenant farmers engaged in paddy farming in the relevant area as at 31.12.2007 and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them;
 - (ii) the number of farmers who have their own paddy lands and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them; and
 - (iii) if there are any other types of farmers other than the two types of farmers mentioned above, their number and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of disputes that have arisen between the land owner and the successor owing to the death of the tenant farmer during the period up to 31.12.2007, since implementation of the Agrarian Development Act in the year 2000;
 - (ii) the number of disputes of tenant farmers that have been reported to the Assistant Commissioner of Agrarian Services from the relevant area; and
 - (iii) the number of successors who have been accorded the rights of tenant farmers?
- (d) If not, why?

0471/'08

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of acres of paddy lands in the Meegas Ara Agrarian Service Centre area in the Hambantota District as at 31.12.2007; and
 - (ii) separately, the extent of land identified as falling into the categories of major irrigated, minor irrigated and rain fed, out of the number of acres of paddy lands mentioned in the answer for (a) (i) above?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of tenant farmers engaged in paddy farming in the relevant area as at 31.12.2007 and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them;

(6)

- (ii) the number of farmers who have their own paddy lands and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them; and
 - (iii) if there are any other types of farmers other than the two types of farmers mentioned above, their number and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of disputes that have arisen between the land owner and the successor owing to the death of the tenant farmer during the period up to 31.12.2007, since implementation of the Agrarian Development Act in the year 2000;
 - (ii) the number of disputes of tenant farmers that have been reported to the Assistant Commissioner of Agrarian Services from the relevant area; and
 - (iii) the number of successors who have been accorded the rights of tenant farmers?
- (d) If not, why?

0532/'08

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) the amount of shares of Air Lanka that was transferred to Emirates Company; and
 - (ii) the amount of money paid for the aforesaid transfer?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately, the amount of shares and their percentages allocated to the Government and other establishments out of the shares of the aforesaid company?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the dividends received by the Government from the year in which they were transferred to Emirates?
- (d) If not, why?

0725/'08

12.

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(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

(7)

- (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?

0726/'08

13.

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, the number of students who are not permanent residents in Nuwara Eliya district and study in General Certificate of Education (O/L) classes and Science, Arts and Commerce subjects in Advanced Level classes, on the basis of each school and on the basis of each educational zone in the same district?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) on the basis of each school, the number of students who have gained university admission from Nuwara Eliya district during the last ten years; and
 - (ii) out of the number of students mentioned in (i) above, the number of students who are not permanent residents of the aforesaid district?
- (c) If not, why?

0727/'08

14.

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been allocated to the Ministry of Estate Infrastructure through the Budget from the inception of the aforesaid Ministry up to year 2007; and
 - (ii) separately, the amounts allocated, out of the aforesaid money, for developing the education, health, road and power sectors in each year?
- (b) Will he state separately, on the basis of divisional secretariat division, the amounts allocated for each electricity project since the inception of the Ministry of Estate Infrastructure?
- (c) If not, why?

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 this day shall be 09.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 01.00 p.m. to 04.30 p.m.. At 04.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1

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/-

*2.

The Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,— Order under the State Industrial Corporation Act, (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Construction and Engineering Services, under the Sections 2 and 3 of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No.49 of 1957 and published in the Gazette No.1543 of 28th March, 2008, which was presented on 05.08.2008, be approved.

*3.

The Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,— Order under the State Industrial Corporation Act, (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Construction and Engineering Services, under the Sections 2 and 3 of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No.49 of 1957 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1544/1 of 07th April, 2008, which was presented on 07.08.2008, be approved.

*4.

The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,— Order under the National Environmental Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, under the Section 23A of the National Environmental Act, No.47 of 1980 as amended by the Acts, No.56 of 1988 and No.53 of 2000 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1533/16 of 25th January, 2008, which was presented on 25.07.2008 be approved.

*5.

The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,— Regulations under the National Environmental Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, under the Section 32 read with Section 23A and 23B of the National Environmental Act, No.47 of 1980 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1534/18 of 01st February, 2008, which were presented on 25.07.2008, be approved.

*6.

The Minister of Education,— Supplementary Sum— Head 212 — Programme 02,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees four hundred and forty one Million and eight hundred thousand (Rs. 441,800,000) 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 212	—	Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka
Programme 02	—	Development Activities

Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	441,800,000
Capital Expenditure	= Rs.	—
Total Expenditure	= Rs.	441,800,000

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.06 of 2008 presented on 22nd August,2008.
Total of Supplementary Estimates Nos.1-5 Rs. 15,070,180,332/-

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National Housing Development Authority (Special Provisions) 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.

Urban Settlement Development Authority Bill— Second Reading

*20

National Institute of Textile and Clothing Bill— Second Reading.

*21.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, under the Section 61 read with paragraph (l) and (m) of subsection (1) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No.2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1528/7 of 17th December, 2007, which were presented on 05.08.2008, be approved.

*22.

The Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,— Regulations under the Urban Development Authority Law,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development, under the Sub Section (I) of Section 21 of the Urban Development Authority Law, No.41 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1555/32 of 27th June, 2008, which were presented on 25.07.2008, be approved.

*23.

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 were presented on 09.04.2008, be approved.

*24.

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 were presented on 19.06.2008, be approved.

*25.

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.

*26.

The 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.

*27.

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)

*28.

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, Commissioner of Elections 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 Minutes 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)

*29.

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 remunerations 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 remunerations 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 remunerations and allowances determined by this resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*30.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Constitution (No.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)

*31.

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 salaries 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)

*32.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

Members

Salary	Rs. 30,000.00 Monthly
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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 determined by this resolution should be substituted for the salaries and allowances previously determined by Parliament.

(Cabinet approval signified)

33.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

34.

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

* Indicates Government Business

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