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Friday, October 10, 2008 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0083/'08

1.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Central Bank officers who are professional experts have advised the Central Bank Governor and the Deputy Governors about the perilous plight of Sri Lankan economy;
 - (ii) whether, the staff members of the Central Bank have advised the ramifications of printing money and sacrificing the long term objectives for the short term gains; and
 - (iii) if so, will he prove it?
- (b) Will he also state the London Inter-Bank rate (LIBOR rate) and the Federal Reserve (Fedex rate) of United State of America compared with US Dollar float rate and Sri Lanka Treasury Bill rate for the 31st December of 2000, 2001, 2004, 2005 and 2006 separately?
- (c) If not, why?

0084/'08

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date that the Mihin Air was incorporated;
 - (ii) the date it had the first commercial flight; and

(2)

- (iii) names of the Directors of Mihin Air from the inception to date?
- (b) Will he state per person and per year basis the emoluments, tickets used on Mihin Airline, tickets paid for on the other air lines and any other perks given to each person?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) any other benefits given and has to be given; and
 - (ii) the total Net Profit and Gross Profit per month from the date it was operated?
- (d) If not, why?

0085/'08

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House from 2004 to-date—
 - (i) the total amount of new currency issued to the market on per month basis;
 - (ii) the amount of forged currency or counterfeit notes withdrawn from the market;
 - (iii) the cost of printing of the money notes; and
 - (iv) the cost of money being printed on per year basis?
- (b) Will he state the economic basis (e.g. Assets+Next Year's Growth) in how the money been released to the market?
- (c) If not, why?

0201/'08

4.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Housing and Common Amenities (Cabinet);
 - (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
 - (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?

(3)

(b) Will she submit to this House separately—

- (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
- (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
- (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
- (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?

(c) Will she state—

- (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
- (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?

(d) If not, why?

0202/'08

5.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Indigenous Medicine (Cabinet);
- (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
- (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?

(b) Will he submit to this House separately—

- (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
- (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;

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- (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
- (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?

0203/'08

6.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Land and Land Development (Cabinet);
 - (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
 - (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and

(5)

- (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?

0312/'08

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a group of teachers had been called to meet the Hon. Minister of Education by a letter under the heading of 'Providing Relief for Political Victimization', which has been signed by the Hon. Minister of Education Services and dated 06.06.2007, for the purpose of examining the relevant appeals?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the list of names of the teachers who were called in this manner together with their addresses?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether relief for political victimization has been provided with relevance to the aforesaid teachers;
 - (ii) if so, since when; and
 - (iii) the types of relief that have been provided?
- (d) If not, why?

0375/'08

8.

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—
 - (i) a politician of the area tried to take away a very old pair of tusks which belonged to an ancient temple of the area by the name of 'Sudharshana Bimba Maha Vihara' in Kottegodā; and
 - (ii) Chief incumbent of the temple lodged a complaint at the Dikwella Police Station in this regard on 02.10.2007?
- (b) Will he inform this House the name of the politician who has stormed into the aforesaid temple with a gang?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the legal action that has been taken against the aforesaid politician; and

(6)

- (ii) whether the tusks that have been handed over to the Dikwella Police Station for safe keeping, will be handed over to the temple again?
- (d) If not, why?

0412/'08

9.

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the name of the post for which employees were recruited by Bank of Ceylon through a competitive examination that was held by the Department of Examinations recently;
 - (ii) the number of employees who were recruited for the aforesaid post;
 - (iii) the marks obtained by the candidates who were recruited for the aforesaid position at the competitive examination;
 - (iv) the marks obtained and the position secured by each of the aforesaid candidates according to his/her district;
 - (v) the details of those who were recruited on the basis of districts; and
 - (vi) the marks obtained by the selected candidates at the interview?
- (b) Will he submit to this House a list of marks obtained by the candidates who were called for the interview at the competitive examination and the interview?
- (c) If not, why?

0450/'08

10.

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Religious Affairs and Moral Upliftment,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of Buddhist temples and the number of the Raja Maha Vihara temples in Kandy District in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) if there are any temples for which financial allocations were made by the relevant Ministry in the year 2007, the names of such temples;

(7)

- (ii) if there are any Raja Maha Vihara temples for which financial allocations were made by the relevant Ministry in the year 2007, the names of such Raja Maha Vihara temples; and
 - (iii) the purposes for which the aforesaid allocations had been made?
- (c) If not, why?

0451/'08

11.

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House —
- (i) the year in which the *Nila Sevana* Housing Project was commenced for the purpose of providing houses for public servants;
 - (ii) separately, the details of the relevant housing projects that have been commenced, on the basis of District and Divisional Secretariat divisions;
 - (iii) separately, the details of the housing projects which have been completed and the housing projects which are being implemented; and
 - (iv) the date on which the uncompleted housing projects are to be completed?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the housing project which has been proposed to be constructed in the Kundasale Divisional Secretariat Division in Kandy District, will be started; and
 - (ii) of the date on which the aforesaid housing project has been planned to be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

0475/'08

12.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
- (i) the amount of money that has been spent on each electricity development work in the Tissamaharama Divisional Secretariat Division under the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project in Hambantota District in the year 2007; and

(8)

- (ii) the amount of money that has been estimated for the year 2008 and the amount of money that will be spent for each scheme under the aforesaid project?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the total number of electricity connections that had been provided at the end of the year 2006 and the number of electricity connections that were provided during the year 2007;
 - (ii) separately, the amounts of money that have been provided by the Parliament, Provincial Councils, Ministries, Government agencies and other organizations for the purpose of providing electricity within the relevant division in the year 2007; and
 - (iii) the number of electricity connections that have been provided by using the above mentioned amounts of money?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of houses which have not obtained electricity as the facilities for obtaining electricity connections have not been provided by the Ceylon Electricity Board within the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned;
 - (ii) whether the plans and targets of the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project for the year 2007 have been achieved in respect of the aforesaid Division; and
 - (iii) if so, what they are?
- (d) If not, why?

0476/'08

13.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been spent on each electricity development work in the Lunugamwehera Divisional Secretariat Division under the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project in Hambantota District in the year 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been estimated for the year 2008 and the amount of money that will be spent for each scheme under the aforesaid project?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the total number of electricity connections that had been provided at the end of the year 2006 and the number of electricity connections that were provided during the year 2007;

- (ii) separately , the amounts of money that have been provided by the Parliament, Provincial Councils, Ministries, Government agencies and other organizations for the purpose of providing electricity within the relevant division in the year 2007; and
 - (iii) the number of electricity connections that have been provided by using the above mentioned amounts of money?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of houses which have not obtained electricity as the facilities for obtaining electricity connections have not been provided by the Ceylon Electricity Board within the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned;
 - (ii) whether the plans and targets of the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project for the year 2007 have been achieved in respect of the aforesaid Division; and
 - (iii) if so, what they are?
- (d) If not, why?

0477/'08

14.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
- (i) the amount of money that has been spent on each electricity development work in the Hambantota Divisional Secretariat Division under the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project in Hambantota District in the year 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been estimated for the year 2008 and the amount of money that will be spent for each scheme under the aforesaid project?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the total number of electricity connections that had been provided at the end of the year 2006 and the number of electricity connections that were provided during the year 2007;
 - (ii) separately , the amounts of money that have been provided by the Parliament, Provincial Councils, Ministries, Government agencies and other organizations for the purpose of providing electricity within the relevant division in the year 2007; and
 - (iii) the number of electricity connections that have been provided by using the above mentioned amounts of money?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of houses which have not obtained electricity as the facilities for obtaining electricity connections have not been provided by the Ceylon Electricity Board within the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned;
- (ii) whether the plans and targets of the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project for the year 2007 have been achieved in respect of the aforesaid Division; and
- (iii) if so, what they are?

(d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Transport,— Motor Traffic (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203).

Notice of motions

2.

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 9.30 a.m. to 5.15 p.m.. At 2.30 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That Government Business do have precedence this day.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Prevention of the President and the Prime Minister from holding Cabinet Portfolios,—Adjourned debate on question (06th July 2007)

Motion made and question proposed,—“That this Parliament is of the opinion that the President and the Prime Minister be prevented from holding any cabinet portfolio in order to have a very effective administration and to critically review performances of their ministers” [P.3/’05]

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2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Registration of weapons,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that all weapons in Sri Lanka should be registered and thereafter, if anyone is found with an unlicensed weapon, he should be charged with breach of criminal law and a mandatory imprisonment of 20 years be enforced.

P.2/'08

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Banking hours,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that Banking hours should be extended from 9:00 hours till 16:00 hours in order to increase the economic activities in the country.

P.3/'08

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Closing down of all taverns in the Kotte electorate,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that legislation be made to close down all taverns in Kotte electorate because sale of liquor very freely has certainly degraded the moral values in the country.

P.4/'08

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting permission to journalists to attend all meetings held under Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE), Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and Consultative Committees,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that journalists must be permitted to attend all meetings held under the Committee on Public Enterprises, Public Accounts Committee and Consultative Committees as this will make the discussions more effective, meaningful and transparent.

P.5/'08

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting Agricultural Loans to farmers who are self employed in Agriculture,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that farmers who are self employed in agriculture be granted Agricultural loans to a maximum of Rs. 25,000 at a reduced Interest Rate of 5%.

P.6/'08

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Implementation of an Island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc.,— Since the usage of Polythene and Plastic material has rapidly increased in the island and large scale environmental pollution is taking place due to the indiscriminate disposal of such material, that this Parliament is of the opinion that an island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc, be implemented.

P.7/'08

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Publishing the names of defaulters of loans taken from State Banks,— That this Parliament resolves that legal provisions be introduced in Parliament to publish names of defaulters who have borrowed over Rs.100 million from state banks.

P.8/08

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Implementation of Private Members Motions,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that Private Members Motions moved in Parliament shall be debated within one year and, if approved by Parliament, the Cabinet of Ministers shall sanction them within six months, so that the Private Members Motions would be an effective contribution by Parliamentarians.

P.9/08

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Playing National Anthem in Parliament,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that National Anthem be played in Parliament before the commencement and the conclusion of Parliament Sitting in order to develop national spiritedness in the country.

P.10/'08

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Developing a Strong Sri Lankan Identity,— That since the requirement to state one's race and religion in government documents is an impediment and an inhiabition to develop a strong national identity' this Parliament is of the opinion that this requirement be dispensed with.

P.11/'08

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Prevention of using images of Religious leaders for commercial purposes,— That this Parliament resolves that all religions must equally be respected and that images of Lord Buddha, Jesus Christ, Lord Shiva or Prophet Mohammed should not be used on any Commercial advertisement or any other form of non religious items.

P.12/'08

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Making new laws to regulate contempt of court proceedings,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that new laws should be brought into regulate contempt of court proceedings as to strengthen democracy and to maintain a vibrant free media ensuring equal justice to all.

P.13/'08

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Introducing of Laws relating to Public Interest Litigation,— That this Parliament resolves that Laws be introduced in Parliament for the Public Interest Litigation in respect of violation of basic Human Rights of the poor, content or conduct of Government policy, compe Municipal Authorities to perform a public duty, violation of religious rights or other basic fundamental rights, and corruption which Leads to Higher Public Debt and additional Liability to the Citizen.

P.14/'08

15.

Hon.Ravi Karunanayake,— Presenting a Financial Audit Report to The Election Commission by Political Parties,— That this Parliament resolves that all income and expenditure earned and incurred by recognized Political Parties must be audited and presented to the Election Commission annually.

P.15/'08

16.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Punishments for Government Officials,—That this Parliament resolves that, High Ranking Government Officials who misuse and politicize their independent positions be punished and fined as soon as they are found guilty.

P.16/'08

17.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Retirement Age,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that the government officers' retirement age must be extended up to 65 years and for those who have special aptitude it can be extended up to 70 years, if the Legislature recommends.

P.17/'08

18.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of Quality Assurance Council to protect Education,— That this Parliament resolves that a "Quality Assurance Council" be established by law with an immediate effect to protect the education for the future generation, since there are many educational institutions mushrooming in Sri Lanka using university names without any accountability.

P.18/'08

19.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Creation of a Position named "Special Prosecutor",— That this Parliament resolves that in order to ensure the Government Service is free from political interferences, a position named "Special Prosecutor" that directly reporting to this Parliament be created to institute prosecutions as soon as Independent Commissions Committee on Public Accounts and Committee on Public Enterprises report the cases of misuse, corruption or inefficiency, affecting the efficiency of the Institutions.

P.19/'08

20.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Pre Budget Debate prior to passing of the Budget,— That this Parliament resolves that, like in India and United Kingdom, there must be a pre Budget debate on estimates provided, three months before passing of the Budget in order to mitigate and rectify any adverse or unfavorable impacts.

P.20/'08

21.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of a Museum in the Kegalle District,— This Parliament resolves that steps be taken to establish a museum for archeological monuments and for the purpose of obtaining information regarding places which have archaeological, cultural and social values.

P.21/'08

22.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a National Policy Formulation Board to determine National Policies,— This Parliament resolves that a national policy formulation board having specific powers to function notwithstanding changes of government and consisting of politicians and professionals in this field be appointed with a view to formulating systematic national policies and plans.

P.22/'08

23.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Setting up of a unit with legal powers to solve the problems faced by the migrant employees,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that a unit with legal powers be set up to look into problems faced by migrant employees such as assaults, abduction, rape, sexual abuse, killings, financial frauds and to get them down to this country and to look into their safety.

P.23/'08

24.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Formulation of a National Programme to introduce New Inventors to the World,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to introduce the new inventors and citizens who are endowed with various skills to the world and to improve their skills and creations.

P.24/'08

25.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Tax Concession to Industrialists who utilize Indigenous Raw Materials,— That this Parliament resolves that a 02 year tax concession be granted to local industrialists who produce goods for the international market utilizing more than 75% indigenous raw materials.

P.25/'08

26.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a Presidential Commission combining the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison,— That this Parliament resolves that a Presidential Commission be appointed the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison with the objective of minimizing crimes spreading in the society, to improve criminals laws be minimizing shortcomings, to dispose of backlog of cases including land matters piled up in courts and to provide a speedy service by modernizing the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison.

P.26/'08

27.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Granting Citizenship to Estate Community,— That this Parliament resolves that the estate sector community who do not have Sri Lankan citizenship should be granted same upon their willingness.

P.27/'08

28.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Providing a free glass of milk to the pupils in primary schools in the Island,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements should be made to give a free glass of milk in the morning to all the pupils in the primary schools in the Island.

P.28/'08

29.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Refund of Employee's Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week,— That this Parliament resolves that there should be a procedure to refund Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week.

P.29/'08

30.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of Chairmen and Board of Directors in the Statutory Institutions including State Corporations, Boards and Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that only persons who have professional qualifications and experience should be selected to appoint as Chairmen and Board of Directors in Statutory Institutions including State Corporation, Boards and Authorities.

P.30/'08

31.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Re-demarcation of boundaries of Grama Niladhari Division, Divisional Secretariats, Districts and Administrative areas on a scientific basis,— That this Parliament resolves that boundaries of Grama Niladhari Divisions, Divisional Secretariats, Districts and Administrative areas should be re-demarcated on a scientific basis after conducting a survey all over the island.

P.31/'08

32.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service only on marks of Limited Competitive Examinations,— That this Parliament resolves that recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service should be decided only on marks of limited competitive examinations and that only basic qualifications should be checked at the interview.

P.32/'08

33.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Punishment to criminals and compensation to the victims,— That this Parliament resolves that laws should be made to enable the same court to impose punishment to criminals and give compensation to the victims.

P.33/'08

34.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Issuing free season tickets to students,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be introduced to issue free season tickets to students to travel in buses of the Road Passenger Transport Authorities.

P.34/'08

35.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Presidential Commission on Political victimization,— That this Parliament resolves that a fully pledge Presidential Commission should be appointed to inquire into the complaints made by people who have been affected by political victimization due to their political ideas, from past until now, and to give them relief.

P.35/'08

36.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of Sports Schools and formulating a National Sports Policy,— That this Parliament resolves that a National Sports Policy with long term objectives should be formulated and high standard Sports Schools with pavilions, play grounds, sports Instruments and sports instructors should be established basically covering all the districts.

P.36/'08

37.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of a Faculty of National Languages,— That this Parliament resolves that a Faculty of National Languages should be established in order to teach Sinhala, Tamil and English to teachers.

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38.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— Payment of Pension Gratuity without delay,— This Parliament resolves that measures be adopted to pay Pension Gratuity without delay to the Pensioners who have not yet received the same.

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39.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— Conservation of the Ussangoda Mountain Site,—Since the Ussangoda mountain range area on the coastal belt in the south belonging to the Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat Division, popularly known as the Horton Plains of the South and identified as a site belonging to Middle Paleolithic has inherited an immense importance as an open settlement site from which twenty eight thousand years old geometrical tools and rocks have been discovered and also as a site extremely rich in marine and land bio-diversity and an ideal turtle habitat and as a wall that protected people from the Tsunami waves, this House resolves that it be declared an eco-system to be protected by immediately putting a stop to the project proposed to be launched there.

P.39/'08

40.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of 1% Return for Employees in relation to Inflation,— That this Parliament resolves that the Employee Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund which are administered by the Government Institutions should ensure that the employees get a return of 1% higher than the inflation of each year.

P.40/'08

41.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Provision of Free Travelling Facilities to Senior Citizens,— That this Parliament resolves that all senior citizens be provided with free of charge traveling facilities in public transport services.

P.41/'08

42.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— Amendment to Agricultural Development Act, No.46 of 2000,— That this Parliament resolves that the Agricultural Development Act, No.46 of 2000 be amended in order to remedy the great injustice caused to the tenant cultivators, mostly engaged in cultivation since their land ownership comes under various titles and whereas the tenant cultivation was abolished by the above Act, which resulted that the tenant cultivators had been deprived of their lands and numerous disputes have arisen due to lack of legal protection.

*43.

Sri Lanka Transport Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

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Fauna and Flora Protection (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.

*45.

Public Enterprises Reform Commission of Sri Lanka (Repeal) Bill—Second Reading.

*46.

National Thoroughfares Bill—Second Reading.

*47.

National Institute of Textile and Clothing Bill— Second Reading.

*48.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*49.

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

*50.

Sri Lanka Electricity Bill—Second Reading.

*51.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*52.

Grant of Citizenship to Persons of Indian Origin (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*53.

Grant of Citizenship to Stateless Persons (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*54.

Land Development Ordinance (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

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

*56.

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

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

*58

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

*59

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

*60.

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

*61.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006 and specified in the Order No.37 hereto, be approved.

ORDER
Appropriation Act. No.47 of 2006
Order No. 37 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 30602 "Railway Stores Advance Account" Department of Sri Lanka Railway of the Second schedule to that Act.

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| (i) | Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to that Act. | | | | | Not Revised |
| (ii) | Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act. | From | Rs. | — | 1,000,000,000 | |
| | | To | Rs. | — | 680,000,000 | |
| (iii) | Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act. | From | Rs. | — | 3,800,000,000 | |
| | | To | Rs. | — | 3,900,000,000 | |
| (iv) | Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act. | From | Rs. | — | 400,000,000 | |
| | | To | Rs. | — | 550,000,000 | |

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2007 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

28.08.2008
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*62.

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.

*63.

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.

*64.

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.

*65.

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.

*66.

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

*67.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Determination under the Constitution (No.2),— Mr. S. Swarnajothi was appointed to the post of Auditor-General with effect from 04.01.2008 in terms of Article 153 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. Subsequently it was decided that he be placed on the salary step of Rs. 58,915/- of the salary scale SL - 4 - Rs.47,515 - 12 × 1,425 - 64,615/- attached to the post. It was decided by the Cabinet of Ministers on 06.08.2008 that Mr. Swarnajothi be paid annual increments of salary so long as he holds the post of Auditor-General. This Parliament, therefore, determines that Mr. S. Swarnajothi, Auditor-General shall be paid a monthly salary of Rs. 58,915/- with effect from 04.01.2008. And that he shall be paid the annual increments of salary attached to the post so long as he holds the post of Auditor-General.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*68.

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

*69.

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)

*70.

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)

*71.

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 Monthly</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 80,400.00</u>

Members

Salary	Rs. 65,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 12,000.00 Monthly</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 77,000.00</u>

The Parliament further resolves that 50% of the increased salary (excluding allowances) should be paid with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full salary inclusive of the balance 50% with effect from 01.01.2007 and that the salaries and allowances to be determined by Parliament by this resolution should be substituted for the salaries and allowances determined by resolutions previously passed in Parliament in respect of Chairman and Members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*72.

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)

73.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

74.

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. "

