



[Sixth Parliament — Third Session]

No. 31.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0089/'08

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, the amount of foreign currency in the Government Institutions that have not been en-cashed owing to the lack of proper directions from the Government?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, a full list of above information for Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, People's Bank and Bank of Ceylon?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the action going to be taken to rectify this error; and
 - (ii) the reason for not been taken this contingent liability into National accounts?
- (d) If not, why?

0090/'08

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date that Sri Lankan Government borrowed from external agencies and countries for the first time after the independence;
 - (ii) names of the then Prime Minister, the then President and the respective year;
 - (iii) the date that the first US Dollar Treasury Bond was issued;
 - (iv) names of the then President, Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance;

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- (v) the date of the first commercial borrowing in US Dollars was resorted to by a Government; and
 - (vi) names of the then President, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the total debt and the local and foreign debt separately as of today; and
 - (ii) the per capita debt as of today?
- (c) If not, why?

0091/'08

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House from 1994 onward yearly basis—
- (i) the total quantity of gold held as a reserve for the country at the Central Bank;
 - (ii) the quantity of gold held by the Central Bank from fines, confiscation and from penalties imposed on persons or entities;
 - (iii) the quantity of the gold been sold along with their value; and
 - (iv) the reason for selling of gold been adopted by the Central Bank?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether competitive bids are called for the sale of gold; and
 - (ii) if so, the activities from January 2006 onwards?
- (c) If not, why?

0207/'08

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Plantation Industries (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 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
 - (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?

0208/'08

5.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Child Development and Women's Empowerment (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 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?

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(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?

0209/'08

6.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils (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
- (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?

0380/'08

7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that presenting the budget for year 2007, His Excellency the President submitted a proposal to waive off the housing loans of the low income earners?
- (b) Will she inform this House of the period for which the aforesaid waiving off will be effective and the date from which that period will commence?
- (c) Will she admit the fact that the loan installments are recovered monthly from low income families residing in houses constructed under the Buttala Gam Udava (Village re-awakening programme)?
- (d) Will she state whether action will be taken to waive off the housing loans of these people?
- (e) If not, why?

0414/'08

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a person can hold the office of Member of Provincial Council while being in Public service, when a public servant is elected as a Member of a Provincial Council;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid person should obtain no pay leave or whether that person should be sent on retirement, according to Public Administration Circular No.1189(1); and
 - (iii) if not, whether it is possible for that person to be employed as a public servant and hold the office of Member of Provincial Council at the same time?
- (b) Is he aware that Mr. A.A.H. Fernando, an employee of Bank of Ceylon, has worked as a Member of the Central Provincial Council, while he was working at Bank of Ceylon on payment of a salary?
- (c) if so, will he admit that the aforesaid person has defrauded public funds?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the years in which the aforesaid person has drawn both those salaries; and

(6)

(ii) if so, the measures that would be taken against that person?

(e) If not, why?

0481/'08

9.

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 Weeraketiya 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?

10.

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 Katuwana 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?

11.

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 Okewela 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?

0501/'08

12.

Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of soldiers and other officers who were sent to Haiti by the Sri Lankan Government to serve in the United Nations Peacekeeping Force;
 - (ii) the date on which they were sent from the island to carry out their duties in the Peacekeeping Force in Haiti;
 - (iii) the period of time in which they served in the Peacekeeping Force in Haiti; and
 - (iv) the date on which they were sent back to the island?

(9)

- (b) Is he aware that, the soldiers who were sent back to the island have hitherto not been paid the due salaries for their six months service in the United Nations Peacekeeping Force?
- (c) Will he inform this House the date on which they will be paid the arrears of salaries due to them?
- (d) If not, why?

0502/'08

13.

Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankans selected by the Ministry of Labour and Private Foreign Employment Companies to be sent to Italy for the post of Nursing Assistant after undergoing training in year the 2004 ;
 - (ii) separately, the names, addresses and the educational qualifications of the selected persons mentioned above;
 - (iii) out of the selected persons mentioned above, the number of persons who have been sent to Italy for the aforesaid post by now; and
 - (iv) separately, their names, addresses, numbers of the passports, and the date and time of their departure?
- (b) Is he aware that other persons have been sent to Italy in this manner in place of the selected persons with qualifications and training?
- (c) if so, will he inform this House of the course of action that will be taken with regard to this matter?
- (d) Will he admit that the Italian Government has inquired about the nature of the job profile and the income level of the persons who were selected for the post of Private Healthcare Nursing Assistant in Italy?
- (e) If not, why?

0505/'08

14.

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Rest Houses of which the responsibility of management has been taken over by the Urban Development

Authority;

- (ii) the number of Rest Houses which belonged to the Local Authorities earlier and came under the management of the Ministry of Urban Development subsequently; and
 - (iii) the names of the aforesaid Rest Houses and the date on which the management was taken over as mentioned above?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the percentage of the relevant tax money given to the aforesaid local authorities by the Urban Development Authority for their ownership;
 - (ii) whether the relevant percentage of money due on behalf of the aforesaid Rest Houses has been given from the date on which the Rest Houses belonging to Local Authorities were taken over, up to 31.12.2007; and
 - (iii) separately, if the money has not been given, the names of the Rest Houses for which the aforesaid percentage of money has to be given and the amount of money due on behalf of them?
- (c) If not, why?

0506/'08

15.

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the monthly rental paid by the Urban Development Authority for the Rest House which belongs to the Matale Municipal Council; and
 - (ii) the number of employees who are working in the aforesaid Rest House?
- (b) Is he aware that—
- (i) Matale Rest House was sealed on 05.09.2007; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid Rest House could not be rented out till March 2008?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether necessary steps will be taken regarding the employees who lost their jobs during the period between the above mentioned dates; and
 - (ii) if it is the Urban Development Authority that is responsible for the loss caused to the Matale Municipal Council during the period

concerned, will the necessary steps be taken to compensate that loss?

(d) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of applications received when the tenders were called for the Matale Rest House;
- (ii) separately, the names of the relevant applicants and their financial status; and
- (iii) the financial capability and the professional expertise of the selected person?

(e) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item 2 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 23.

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 09.30 a.m. to 04.30 p.m.. At 12.30 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

3.

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

4.

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

5.

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

6.

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

7.

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

8.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,—Privilege (No.6),—That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Rajavarithan Sampanthan, MP, on 19th November 2007, in Parliament to the effect that the privileges of three (3) Members of Parliament have been infringed by the abduction of son-in-law of Hon. T. Kanagasabai by a paramilitary group and withdrawal of security of Hon. (Miss) K. Thangeswary and Hon. P. Ariyanethran, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

9.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,—Privilege (No.7),—That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Wimal Weerawansa, MP, on 19th November 2007, in Parliament that their privileges as members of Parliament have been infringed by the damage that was caused to their reputation as representatives of the people by an attempt to buy them over, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

10.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,—Privilege (No.8),—That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, MP, on 19th November 2007, in Parliament to the effect that her privileges have been infringed by the telecast of a statement made in Parliament by the Minister of Nation Building, Hon. A.P. Jagath Pushpakumara on National Rupavahini and Independent Television Network regarding the death of her late brother Hon. Gamini Atukorale concealing the true state of facts, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

11.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,—Privilege (No.9),—That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, MP, on 20th November 2007, in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by a false report published in “The Island” on 16th November 2007, stating that he had met President and indicated willingness to join the Government, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

12.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,—Privilege, (No.10),—That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Sagala Ratnayake, MP, on 19th November 2007, in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by some Army personnel entering his house and making inquiries about his whereabouts with the intention of preventing him from coming to Parliament, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1

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

*2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to discuss the Heads of Expenditure of Ministries selected from the Budget estimates of 2009,—

Whereas the duration of time allocated for Committee stage programme of the Budget estimates of the year 2009 is only 16 days as per the decision of the Committee on Parliamentary Business;

And whereas about 07 hours a day have been allocated for the programme during the Committee stage of the Budget and since the votes of a number of Ministries have to be debated in a day, the time allocated for a single vote amounts approximately to two hours;

This House resolves that a Select Committee be appointed to enable the Honorable Members to meet and discuss the Heads of Expenditure of selected Ministries during the period from the commencement of the second reading of the Budget estimates until the date of voting on the second reading as agreed by the Chief Government Whip of Parliament and the Chief Opposition Whip of Parliament.

2. (a) The Committee and its chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than thirty one (31) members selected from both the Government and Opposition.

3. The Committee shall have powers to:

- (a) fix its quorum;
- (b) send for persons, papers and records, order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee.

4. The Committee shall present its Report to the Parliament on or before the day on which the Committee stage debate on the votes of the said selected Ministries commences.

*3

Pradeshiya Sanwardana Bank Bill—Second Reading.

*4

Housing Development Finance Corporation Bank of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

*5.

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

*6.

Motor Traffic (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*7

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

*8.

National Institute of Textile and Clothing 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.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*13.

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

*14.

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

*15.

Land Development Ordinance (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*16.

Appropriation Bill (2009)—Second Reading.

*17.

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

*18

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

*19

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

*20

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

*21.

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

*22.

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	From	Rs.	—	400,000,000
Second Schedule to that Act.	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)

*23.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the President, under Section 2 of the Special commodity Levy Act, No.48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1547/19 of 30th April, 2008, which was presented on 07.10.2008, be approved.

*24.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the President, under Section 2 of the Special commodity Levy Act, No.48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1564/3 of 26th August, 2008, which was presented on 07.10.2008, be approved.

*25.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Regulations under the Financial Transactions Reporting Act,— That the Regulations made by the President, under paragraph (b) of Section 6 of the Financial Transactions Reporting Act, No.6 of 2006, read with Section 29 of the aforesaid Act, and with paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution prescribing the minimum limit of the electronic fund transfer to be reported to the FIU made at a request of a customer, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1555/9 of 25th June, 2008, which were presented on 07.10.2008, be approved.

*26.

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.

*27.

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.

*28.

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.

*29.

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.

*30.

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)

*31.

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)

*32.

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)

*33.

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 per month</u>
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)

*34.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Constitution (No.2),— It is determined by this Parliament that the allowances of the Chairman and Members of the National Police Commission established under Article 155a (1) of the Constitution shall be as set out below with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Allowance	Rs. 65,000.00 per month
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00 per month</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

Members

Allowance	Rs. 30,000.00 per month
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It is further determined by this Parliament that while 50% of the increased allowances (excluding fuel allowances) in respect of the Chairman and Members of the National Police Commission shall be payable with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full amount from 01.01.2007. The allowances previously determined and adopted by Parliament as payable to the Chairman and the Members of the said Commission shall be substituted by allowances determined by this resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*35.

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)

*36.

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 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 determined by this resolution should be substituted for the salaries and allowances previously determined by Parliament.

(Cabinet approval signified)

37.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

38.

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. "
