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No. 45.]

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Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0013/'08

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of TV stations that are in operation in the country;
 - (ii) the number of licences issued to operate TV Stations that have still not come into operation; and
 - (iii) the frequencies of their telecasting TV stations?
- (b) Is he aware that the Government had introduced taxes to discourage the foreign TV films flowing to the country with the intention of assisting the local film industry?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it has achieved its objective;
 - (ii) if so, where and how these benefits have been obtained; and
 - (iii) the amount that has been paid by each TV station per month since the tax was imposed to-date?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) the other taxes that have been imposed on these TV Stations; and
 - (ii) the amount earned by the Government for the last 12 months separately?
- (e) If not, why?

0065/'08

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of domestic containers and trans-shipment containers came to Colombo Port from 2004 to-date on per year basis separately;
 - (ii) the percentage of domestic containers moving through South Asian Gateway Terminal (SAGT); and
 - (iii) the revenue obtained by the Government through SAGT on per year basis from the date it commenced operations?
- (b) Will he submit to this House a comparison of these revenues on per year basis with the revenue forecasted to obtain from South Asian Gateway Terminal (SAGT) Project?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of staff members in Port of Colombo and at SAGT separately; and
 - (ii) the total labour and other enrollments cost in the Port of Colombo?
- (d) If not, why?

0066/'08

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(2)

- (a) Will he state whether the State Pharmaceutical Corporation comes under the purview of his Ministry?
- (b) if so, will he state for the last 03 years to-date—
 - (i) the amount of money due to them;
 - (ii) the amount of money they owe;
 - (iii) the amount of money that others owe to the State Pharmaceutical Corporation; and
 - (iv) the market share that the State Pharmaceutical Corporation holds?

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(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether this institution is under capitalized;
- (ii) if so, the amount of money required to regularize it;
- (iii) whether it has got any monopoly status on certain drugs; and
- (iv) if so, name them?

(d) If not, why?

0146/'08

4.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
- (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available; and
- (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available; which had been in the Hanwella Divisional Secretariat Division before the present Government came to power at the General Election held in the year 2004?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
- (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available; and
- (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available; which are in the Hanwella Divisional Secretariat Division at present after the present Government came to power at the General Election held in the year 2004?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops, holiday resorts and tourist resorts that are situated in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division and which have been issued with liquor licences after present Government came to power; and
- (ii) the names and addresses of the owners of them?

(d) If not, why?

0622/'08

5.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether there is a national policy on the disposal of waste in Municipal Council, Urban Council and Pradeshiya Sabha areas?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he approves the use of Karadiyana, Wewala marshy land in Piliyandala, bordering Veras river, for the disposal of waste of many Local Authorities;
 - (ii) the task assigned to the Golden Sunrise Company which is the caretaker of the aforesaid land; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid company has fulfilled the task assigned to it?
- (c) Will he admit that the disposal of waste in the aforesaid land has become a threat to the health of the people living in that area?
- (d) Will he state the steps that will be taken to stop the environmental destruction that has taken place in that area?
- (e) If not, why?

0623/'08

6.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the foundation stone was laid to repair the bridge at the Raththanapitiya junction on Colombo - Horana road bearing the route No.120 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the foundation stone was laid ;
 - (ii) the names of the Ministers who participated in that event as representatives of the Government;
 - (iii) the names of the Members of Provincial Councils who participated in that event;
 - (iv) the name of the person who organized the aforesaid function which was held for laying the foundation stone; and
 - (v) the amount of money that was spent for this function?
- (c) Will he state the reason as to why the completion of the work on this bridge has been delayed up to now?
- (d) If not, why?

0237/'08

7.

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

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

0253/'08

8.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self-employment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Rural Industries (non Cabinet);

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- (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?

0254/'08

9.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Vocational and Technical Training,—(1)

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

0306/'08

10.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of foreign countries which the relevant Minister visited since being appointed to the post up to now; and
 - (ii) the official and personal foreign visits separately, out of the aforesaid foreign visits?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each visit—
 - (i) the names and designations of the officials who accompanied him;
 - (ii) if any officers of his personal staff accompanied him their names and designations;
 - (iii) the names of the airline and the class in which the Minister and the other officials travelled; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent by the state on the Minister and the officials for the aforesaid visits to foreign countries?
- (c) Will he state separately, in respect of each visit, the foreign aid, foreign loans, projects or other benefits received by the country as a result of these visits?
- (d) If not, why?

0444/'08

11.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of foundation stones laid during the past 10 years for the purpose of building fisheries harbours and anchorages;
 - (ii) the places in which the aforesaid foundation stones were laid;
 - (iii) the number of the harbours and anchorages which have already been built and the relevant locations;
 - (iv) the date on which the construction work of these harbours and anchorages was completed; and
 - (v) the name of the institution that carried out construction work?
- (b) If not, why?

0492/'08

12.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether forged Grama Niladhari certificates have been issued by the relevant Grama Niladharis regarding the residence at the following addresses,
 - 1. No. 347A, 3rd Lane Hirunapukulama, Kandikulama.
 - 2. No.1/113, Lake Road, Ukulankulama.
 - 3. No. 45/4, Church Road, Wattala.
 - 4. No. 48/A, Albert Place, Dehiwela and
 - 5. L.M. Management Services Limited, No.291/32, Havelock Road, Colombo 05.

when documents were furnished in connection with a housing project implemented by the Reconstruction and Development Agency (RADA) spending public funds?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the Grama Niladhari reports certified by the relevant Divisional Secretary as to who resided at the aforesaid addresses and whose names had been registered in the electoral register under the same addresses in the years 2006 and 2007?
- (c) If not, why?

0618/'08

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the reason for not making financial allocations to the Development officers of the Ministry of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development who have followed the Post-graduate Diploma in Regional Planning in the year 2006, although requests have been made to provide financial allocations for following the aforesaid Diploma course?
- (b) Will he state the basis on which the above mentioned financial allocations were provided only to a certain group of officers from the relevant Ministry and the other Ministries who followed the aforesaid course?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether these financial allocations will also be made available to the relevant officers serving in the aforesaid Ministry, after changing the practice of providing money only to friendly officers; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which this will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0602/'08

14.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. Tennegedara Upul Priyantha Ranwala and the members of his family, Mr. Abeysinghe Mudiyanseelage Seneviratne and the Members of his family, Mr. Nipunachchari Ganithayalage Prema Ranjith and Mr. Jayasinghe Arachchige Dinesh Priya Suranga who are residents of the Peniweraluwa village of the Pahala Labbala Grama Niladhari Division bearing No.1574 residing respectively at Premises No. 430/76/01, Premises No.430/129, Premises No.430/232 and Premises No.930/217 have obtained dual registration by also registering at Premises No.430/176, Premises No.430/243, Premises No.430/165 and Premises No.430/63/01 respectively in the Electoral Register 2004?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) this will enable the same person to cast his vote twice; and
 - (ii) an injustice is caused to several political parties or a candidate due to this reason?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an investigation has been carried out on complaints made in this regard;

- (ii) whether the officers responsible have been identified at the investigation; and
- (iii) if they have been identified, the disciplinary action taken against them?
- (d) If action has not been taken against them, will he take measures to initiate disciplinary action against the officers responsible in the future?
- (e) If not, why?

0716/'08

15.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the cost of living of the country has escalated to such a level that it is unbearable for the people; and
 - (ii) a turnover tax of 5% has been imposed on goods and services by a special gazette notification, to be effective only within the Western Province?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the items on which the aforesaid taxes have been imposed and the manner in which they have been imposed;
 - (ii) the amount of tax revenue expected through this measure;
 - (iii) whether the prices of goods and services would not go up only within the Western Province, when this tax system is not implemented in other Provincial Councils;
 - (iv) of what the behaviour of markets of that Province would be, as a result of different prices existing within the country for the same goods; and
 - (v) whether it will be possible to obtain the expected tax revenue as a result?
- (c) Will he state whether measures will be taken to impose this tax in all Provincial Councils within the country?
- (d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2009),— (Tenth Allotted Day) — Committee — (Progress 18th November)

*2.

The Minister of Education,— Supplementary Sum— Head 126 — Programme 02,—
 †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees one thousand seven hundred and thirty six million (Rs. 1,736,000,000) 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 126	—	Ministry of Education
Programme 02	—	Welfare
Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	1,736,000,000
Capital Expenditure	= Rs.	—
Total Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>1,736,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.08 of 2008 presented on 04th November, 2008.
 Total of Supplementary Estimates Nos.1-7 Rs. 25,303,980,332/-

*3.

The Minister of Transport,— Supplementary Sum— Head 306 — Programme 02,—
 †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees one thousand and fifty million (Rs. 1,050,000,000) 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 306	—	Department of Sri Lanka Railway
Programme 02	—	Development activities
Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	186,000,000
Capital Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>864,000,000</u>
Total Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>1,050,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.09 of 2008 presented on 08th November, 2008.
 Total of Supplementary Estimates Nos.1-8 Rs. 27,039,980,332/-

*4.

The Minister of Science and Technology,— Order under the Sri Lanka Standards Institution Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Science and Technology, in terms of subsection 2 of Section 48 of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution Act, No.06 of 1984 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1552/28 of 06th June, 2008, which was presented on 04.11.2008, be approved.

*5.

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)

*6.

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)

*7.

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)

*8.

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)

*9.

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)

*10.

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)

*11.

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)

*12.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under National Education Commission Act,— It is determined by this Parliament that the salaries of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the National Education Commission shall be as follows with effect from 01.01.2006 in terms of Section 4(8) of the National Education Commission Act, No.19 of 1991:

Chairman (on a full time basis)

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

Vice Chairman

Salary	Rs. 50,000.00	per month
Fuel allowances	<u>Rs. 12,000.00</u>	per month
Total	<u>Rs. 62,000.00</u>	

It is further decided by this Parliament that 50% of the salary increase (excluding the allowances) shall be paid with effect from 01.01.2006 and the remuneration in full together with the balance 50% with effect from 01.01.2007 and that this salary increase shall also be applicable to Prof. Lal Perera who has been functioning as Vice Chairman of the Commission since 2006 to date and to Dr. G.D. Gunawardena who currently holds the said post and that the salaries and allowances determined by this resolution shall be substituted for the salaries and allowances determined by the resolution that was previously adopted by Parliament in relation to the salaries and allowances payable to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the National Education Commission.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*13.

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.

(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)

*14.

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.

*15.

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.

*16.

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.

*17.

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.

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

*19.

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

*20.

National Institute of Textile and Clothing Bill— Second Reading.

*21.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*22.

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

*23.

Sri Lanka Electricity Bill—Second Reading.

*24.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*25.

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

*26.

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

*27.

Land Development Ordinance (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*28.

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

*29

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

*30

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

*31

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

*32.

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

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.

35.

Adam's Peak Kalpawaruksha Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

36.

Thaliyawaka Sri Ananda Bodhi Cultural Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

37.

Eksath Janaisuru Padanama (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

38.

Rev. Moonamale Dhammarathana Memorial Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

39.

World Fellowship of Buddhists — Sri Lanka Regional Centre Establishment Bill — Consideration.

* Indicates Government Business

NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on Appropriation Bill (2009)— See separate Paper "Supplement to the Orders of the Day".

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