



No. 59.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, January 06, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0283/'08

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Deputy Minister of Higher Education;
 - (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

(2)

- (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?

0590/'08

2.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— 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 a certain group of people have taken unauthorized and forcible possession of the crown land around the Ponnarayankulam tank which is situated behind the Anuradhapura hospital?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) whether the aforesaid portion of land which was acquired in an unauthorized manner, was a plot of land that had been proposed to be used for the activities of the faculty of Medicine of Rajarata University; and
- (ii) of the steps that would be taken against the aforesaid unauthorized and forcible acquisition?

(c) If not, why?

0604/'08

3.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Ministries, the Departments and the Institutions of the Provincial Councils took part in the 'Deyata Kirula - 2008' exhibition;
- (ii) separately, the activities in which each Provincial Council was involved, if Provincial Councils took part in the aforesaid exhibition;
- (iii) whether exhibition stalls or exhibits were provided by the Provincial Councils which took part in it;
- (iv) separately, the activities of the aforesaid exhibition in which each Provincial Council was engaged, if they provided exhibition stalls or exhibits as mentioned above;
- (v) the number of exhibition stalls conducted by the Ministries or the institutions of each Provincial Council and the amount of money spent on them;

(3)

- (vi) the names of the institutions which spent the above mentioned amount of money and the relevant expenditure Heads; and
 - (vii) the total expenditure borne by all the Provincial Councils for the aforesaid exhibition?
- (b) If not, why?

0551/'08

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
- (i) the Government has taken an intelligence assessment report from National Intelligence Bureau (N.I.B.) with regard to number of cadres and weapons being held by Tamil Makkal Viduthalai Pulikal (TMVP) in order to reconcile with actual weapons to be handed over by TMVP on a future date; and
 - (ii) the Government has any intention of requesting TMVP to submit a list of weapons being used by them?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the date that the Government intends to proceed with the demobilization of weapons being used by TMVP; and
 - (ii) if not so, whether the Government has a plan to register these weapons as the names / addresses (names can be withheld for security reasons) of each cadre along with the description of weapons used by them?
- (c) If not, why?

0552/'08

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) all the products manufactured or imported by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC); and
 - (ii) the selling price less profit and break-up of cost composition in each different item?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) all the taxes at all stages arisen for the creation of the cost as given below:

(4)

Selling Price		xxxxxxxxxxxxx
Production cost	xxxxx	
Administration cost	xxxxx	
Marketing cost	xxxxx	
Finance cost	xxxxx	
Advertising cost	xxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxx

Gross Profit		xxxxxxxxxxxxx
Less Taxes	xxxxx	
(All types stated separately)		xxxxxxxxxxxxx

Net Profit		xxxxxxxxxxxxx
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- (ii) the profit of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) and its subsidiaries for the last 15 years per year basis?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the total debt to Banks on un-encashed Dollars yet to be converted to Rupees;
- (ii) who bears the exchange loss; and
- (iii) the total quantity sold as per a (i) of above along with the total monetary value?
- (d) If not, why?

0556/'08

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the cost of the construction of Kiribathgoda flyover;
- (ii) the length and the square metres of the entire flyover;
- (iii) the cost, if it was built in normal cement structure;
- (iv) whether tenders have been called; and
- (v) if so, the names of competitive quotations received?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the source of funds for this overhead bridge construction;
- (ii) the total cost along with the interest;
- (iii) the time period of the loan;
- (iv) the number of such overhead bridges that are going to be constructed along with their locations;
- (v) the cost per bridge, total cost and the funding basis; and
- (vi) the local agents, and the commissions paid to them?

(c) If not, why?

0600/'08

7.

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the reason for removing the first stanza of the poem titled 'Wessa' by poet Kudaligama which is included in the text book prescribed for Grades 10 and 11, Sinhala Sahithya Sangrahaya, which has been issued by the Educational Publications Department, in the year 2007; and
- (ii) the reasons for not mentioning the name of the poet of a poem titled 'Magul Geeya' by poet Arisen Ahubudu which has been included in the same text book?

(b) Will he admit that the meaning of certain poems found in the aforesaid text book have been distorted?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether steps will be taken to correct these errors found in such educational text books;
- (ii) whether the persons who should be held responsible for the aforesaid errors have been identified; and
- (iii) if so, who they are?

(d) If not, why?

0752/'08

8.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Samurdhi recipients in each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Gampaha District as at 30th June in each year from the year 2004 to the year 2007;
- (ii) the amounts of money paid for them along with their names and addresses; and
- (iii) the amount of money paid for the Samurdhi Recipients in the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of persons who were Samurdhi recipients during the aforesaid four years but whose names were removed from the list of Samurdhi recipients subsequently and their names and addresses;
- (ii) the basis on which they were removed from the list of Samurdhi recipients as mentioned above; and
- (iii) if there are new Samurdhi recipients, the amount of money paid for them and their addresses?

(c) If not, why?

0769/'08

9.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of members of the staff of the Niyagama MOH office in Galle at present;
- (ii) the number of members of the staff that should be there in relation to the population of the aforesaid area;
- (iii) separately, the difference between the staff that should be there and the present staff; and
- (iv) whether payments including traveling expenses have been paid to the staff without arrears?

(7)

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Gramodaya Health Centres situated in the area of the Niyagama MOH office;
 - (ii) whether the facilities such as water, electricity, weighing machines and seating facilities for the mothers who come to these centres have been provided; and
 - (iii) whether necessary toilet facilities have been provided under the aided latrine scheme?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid office has vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of fuel allocated monthly for the aforesaid vehicles; and
 - (iii) whether that amount is sufficient for traveling related to official work?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether Public Health Inspectors and Family Health Officers have been given the motor cycles entitled to them; and
 - (ii) if not, the time period within which the aforesaid motor cycles will be given?
- (e) If not, why?

0779/'08

10.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Chant Lanka Confectionaries situated in Ginimellagaha, Baddegama is run as local factory which provides jobs to a large number of people;
 - (ii) it has not been possible to increase the capacity of the aforesaid factory as it has not been provided with three-phase electricity supply; and
 - (iii) even though the Ceylon Electricity Board has been requested to provide three-phase electricity supply it has not been provided so far due to the difference of a number of metres in the distance?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether it has been reported to the relevant Ministry that electricity supply has to be obtained by installing a new electricity transformer as a result of the above mentioned reason?

- (c) Will he admit that—
- (i) it is impossible to invest such a huge amount of money on a single occasion as the current cost of production is very high; and
 - (ii) jobs could be provided to many more people, if an electricity sub-station could be provided for this factory under the Mahinda Chinthana Programme of developing domestic industry?
- (d) Considering the above mentioned situation, will he state whether action will be taken after exploring the possibility of providing at least part of the cost of setting up a new electricity sub-station under the programme of protecting and developing domestic industries?
- (e) If not, why?

0773/'08

11.

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunaratne,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) even though private (freehold) lands in Imihaminegama Grama Niladhari Division have been depicted within the forest reserve, when depicting the parts of the forest reserve named 'Halmilla Demada' which are situated in 431/a, Gombawa Grama Niladhari Division of Matale district and 411, Imihaminegama Grama Niladhari Division of Kurunegala district on either side of the district border, the land in 'Halmilla Demada' forest reserve which is occupied by the person named P.D. Kanthi Meegoda has been depicted as a land which is not a part of the forest reserve; and
 - (ii) even though a sum of Rs. 1,048,044.00 has been received by 'Pubudu' Village Development Society of Imihaminegama from the Ministry of Rural Industries and Self-employment Promotion for a community water project, the aforesaid occupant is obstructing the access to the land surrounding 'Halmilla Demada' stream in spite of an Annual Permit (Miscellaneous) has been obtained from the Senior Deputy Forest Conservator for that purpose?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to remove the obstructions done by the aforesaid occupant and her supporters;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to depict the forest reserve again avoiding the shortcomings that has taken place in the depiction of the forest reserve; and

(9)

(iii) whether legal action will be taken against the individuals who took action to take possession of the forest reserve while destroying it?

(c) If not, why?

0863/'08

12.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that there are students who study the subject of fisheries in the school system?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) separately, the number of students who study the subject of fisheries in Sinhala, Tamil and English mediums in the school system; and

(ii) the number of schools in which the subject of fisheries is taught?

(c) Will he state—

(i) the number of text books printed in the Sinhala, Tamil and English mediums on the subject of fisheries for the year 2008; and

(ii) the amount of money spent on it?

(d) If not, why?

0866/'08

13.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the extent of the island of Kachchativ;

(ii) the total population of the aforesaid island; and

(iii) the number of fishermen living in that island?

(b) Will he admit that this island does not belong to the Indian Government?

(c) Will he state the types of influences made by the Indian Government on Sri Lankan Government regarding the aforesaid island?

(d) If not, why?

14.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

(a) Will he admit the facts that—

- (i) the Homagama Pradeshiya Sabha and the residents of the area have intimated in writing the need of a protected level crossing or a colour light signal, following the accidents that have taken place at the two points known as, 'Samadhi Mawatha', Pelpolwatta, Godagama, Meegoda and Kirimetta road; and
- (ii) in reply to this request, a letter dated 30.04.2008 has been sent to the Chairman of the Homagama Pradeshiya Sabha by the General Manager of Railways, with a copy to him?

(b) Will he admit the facts that—

- (i) the second paragraph of that letter states that the Department of Railways has no need whatsoever to provide protection to passengers who pass railroad crossings;
- (ii) the third paragraph states that the Department of Railways holds no responsibility in providing protection to motorists who pass railroad crossings; and
- (iii) the fourth paragraph states that the Department of Railways has taken a policy decision in this regard?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) as to when the policy decision was taken to disregard the protection of passengers and motorists who pass railroad crossings as stated by the letter of the General Manager of Railways;
- (ii) as to who were involved in taking this decision; and
- (iii) whether steps have been taken to keep the general public informed of this decision?

(d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Ranaviru Seva Authority (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Ranaviru Seva Authority Act, No.54 of 1999.

Notice of motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 23.

3.

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 04.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

4.

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

“Bill to incorporate the Mahindananda Aluthgamage Foundation ”

5.

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

“Bill to incorporate the Global Humanitarian Foundation ”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance,— That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959, Law No. 6 of 1978, and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from 02nd January, 2009, be approved.

*2.

Nation Building Tax Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

Animals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

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

*5.

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

*6.

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)

*7.

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)

*8.

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)

*9.

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)

*10.

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)

*11

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

*12.

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

*13.

National Institute of Textile and Clothing Bill— Second Reading.

*14.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*15.

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

*16.

Sri Lanka Electricity Bill—Second Reading.

*17.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*18.

Land Development Ordinance (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*19.

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

*20

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

*21

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

*22.

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

*23.

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

*24.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*25.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*26.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.1),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the monthly salaries payable to the Hon. Chief Justice, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the President of the Court of Appeal and the Judges of the Court of Appeal, with effect from 01.01.2006, shall subject to the provisions of the Public Administration Circular No.6/2006 dated 25.04.2006, be as follows:

Hon. Chief Justice	Rs. 70,000.00
	Rs. 1,500.00
Judges of the Supreme Court and the President of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 65,000.00
Judges of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 63,500.00

And this Parliament further resolves that the salaries determined by this resolution, replace the salaries determined by the resolution moved in Parliament on September 09, 2004, relating to the salaries payable to the judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*27.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.2),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the monthly personal allowance payable to the Hon. Chief Justice, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the President of the Court of Appeal and the Judges of the Court of Appeal shall be an amount equivalent to 25% of their respective salaries, with effect from 01.07.2008.

And this Parliament further resolves that the personal allowance determined by this resolution, replaces the personal allowances determined by resolution moved in Parliament on March 17th, 1998, relating to the personal allowances payable to the Judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*28.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.3),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the monthly rent allowance payable to the Hon. Chief Justice, Judges of the Supreme Court, the President of the Court of Appeal and the Judges of the Court of Appeal with effect from 01.08.2007, be as follows:

Hon. Chief Justice	Rs. 27,500.00
Judges of the Supreme Court and the President of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 25,000.00
Judges of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 22,500.00

And this Parliament further resolves that the rent allowances determined by this resolution, replaces the rent allowances determined by Parliament on September 09, 2004, as payable to the judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.4),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the Hon. Chief Justice shall be paid a monthly allowance of Rs. 3,500/- as an entertainment allowance with effect from 01.07.2008.

And this Parliament further resolves that the entertainment allowance determined by this resolution, replaces the entertainment allowance determined earlier by the resolution moved in Parliament, relating to the entertainment allowance payable to the Hon. Chief Justice.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*30.

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.61 of 2007 and specified in the Order No.02 hereto, be approved.

ORDER
Appropriation Act. No.61 of 2007
Order No. 02 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.61 of 2007, 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: 22302 “Stores (Explosive Items) Advance Account” Sri Lanka Navy 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. | From | Rs. | — | 345,000,000 |
| | | To | Rs. | — | 420,000,000 |
| (ii) | Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act. | | | | Not Revised |
| (iii) | Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act. | From | Rs. | — | 200,000,000 |
| | | To | Rs. | — | 275,000,000 |
| (iv) | Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act. | | | | Not Revised |

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2008 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

05.11 .2008
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*31.

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.

*32.

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.

*33.

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.

*34.

The Minister of Post 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.

35.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

36.

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

37.

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

* Indicates Government Business

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0234/'08

1.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will she inform this House—

- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Youth Affairs (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?
- (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?

0236/'08

2.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Post and Telecommunication,—(2)

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

0246/'08

3.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Disaster Relief Services (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;
 - (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?

0250/'08

4.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(2)

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

0267/'08

5.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—(2)

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

0269/'08

6.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

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

0284/08

7.

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 Deputy Minister of Vocational Training;
- (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?

0285/'08

8.

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

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

0286/'08

9.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(1)

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

0287/'08

10.

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

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

0288/'08

11.

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 Deputy Minister of Land and Land Development;
- (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?

0289/'08

12.

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

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

0770/'08

13.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of members of the staff of the Yakkalamulla MOH office in Galle at present;
 - (ii) the number of members of the staff that should be there in relation to the population of the aforesaid area;

- (iii) separately, the difference between the staff that should be there and the present staff; and
 - (iv) whether payments including traveling expenses have been paid to the staff without arrears?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of Gramodaya Health Centres situated in the area of the Yakkalamulla MOH office;
 - (ii) whether the facilities such as water, electricity, weighing machines and seating facilities for the mothers who come to these centres have been provided; and
 - (iii) whether necessary toilet facilities have been provided under the aided latrine scheme?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the aforesaid office has vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of fuel allocated monthly for the aforesaid vehicles; and
 - (iii) whether that amount is sufficient for traveling related to official work?
- (d) Will he state—
- (i) whether Public Health Inspectors and Family Health Officers have been given the motor cycles entitled to them; and
 - (ii) if not, the time period within which the aforesaid motor cycles will be given?
- (e) If not, why?

0771/08

14.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of members of the staff of the Thawalama MOH office in Galle at present;
 - (ii) the number of members of the staff that should be there in relation to the population of the aforesaid area;
 - (iii) separately, the difference between the staff that should be there and the present staff; and
 - (iv) whether payments including traveling expenses have been paid to the staff without arrears?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Gramodaya Health Centres situated in the area of the Thawalama MOH office;
- (ii) whether the facilities such as water, electricity, weighing machines and seating facilities for the mothers who come to these centres have been provided; and
- (iii) whether necessary toilet facilities have been provided under the aided latrine scheme?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the aforesaid office has vehicles;
- (ii) the amount of fuel allocated monthly for the aforesaid vehicles; and
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(d) Will he state—

- (i) whether Public Health Inspectors and Family Health Officers have been given the motor cycles entitled to them; and
- (ii) if not, the time period within which the aforesaid motor cycles will be given?

(e) If not, why?
