



[Sixth Parliament — Third Session]

No. 82.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Monday, April 20, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0099/'08

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Air Crafts leased out, bought or hired for Mihin Air from the inception to-date;
 - (ii) the amount being paid or amount paid, per month basis;
 - (iii) the load factor required to break even;
 - (iv) the load factor from the origin of the airline per month basis; and
 - (v) the total cargo lift capacity and data capacity lifted to-date per month basis?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total outstanding as of today with age analysis for fuel, airport aviation office space and warehouse space, taxes, aircraft dues, bank loans and any other obligation of significance;
 - (ii) the total staff recruited along with the total remittance payable per month basis with perks included for all staff drawing over Rs. 200,000/- in total per month; and
 - (iii) the additional cost that they pay for Aircraft Crew Maintenance Insurance (ACMI) even though the agreements cover the same?
- (c) If not, why?

0752/'08

2.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(2)

(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?

0993/'08

3.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that the Kirinda Fisheries harbour gets filled up from time to time?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money that was spent in the years 2007 and 2008 to remove the sand that gets collected in the aforesaid harbour;
- (ii) whether that sand is sold; and
- (iii) if so, the price per cube of sand?

(c) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of cubes of sand that have been sold up to now and the income received through that sale; and

- (ii) the names and addresses of buyers?
- (d) If not, why?

1053/'08

4.

Hon. M. D. Namal Karunaratne,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that people have been living for more than 40 years in the colony by the name of “Irudeniya Highland Development Scheme” situated within Pallekale land in Kahagalla which comes under Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District?
- (b) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) of the extent of the aforesaid land and the number of families who are residing there;
 - (ii) whether their names have been included in the electoral register;
 - (iii) if there are Grama Niladharis, Samurdhi Officers and Agricultural Productivity and Research Officers who are serving there on Government appointments, the names of such officers;
 - (iv) if there are Government schools, the number of schools and the names of those schools;
 - (v) if there are a Co-operative shop and a Clinic, the names of them; and
 - (vi) if the Government has constructed bridges, culverts and roads, the number of those bridges, culverts and roads so constructed and their names?
- (c) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the buses of the Sri Lanka Central Transport Board and private buses are operating in the above mentioned colony; and
 - (ii) the state banks have provided farmer loans and cultivation loans to the residents of the above mentioned colony?
- (d) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a former President has developed and declared open the “Irudeniya Highland Development Scheme” on 23.03.1994; and
 - (ii) following the advice of a former Deputy Minister of Environment a survey has been conducted in the Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division with regard to the distribution of the aforesaid land?
- (e) Will he take necessary steps to release these lands to the people who are residing in the aforesaid land?
- (f) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House the names of the country and the institution from which the financial allocations are provided to the “Nila Sevana” project for public servants which is being constructed at Habaraduwa Town and Wakunagoda in Galle District and Kundasale in Kandy?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the agreement that was signed for the aforesaid project?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid financial allocations are provided as a loan or a grant;
 - (ii) if it is given as a loan, the interest rate, the time period within which it should be paid back and the conditions of the loan;
 - (iii) whether the country / institution which provides the aforesaid allocations has put forward conditions to the Government of Sri Lanka with regard to the aforesaid project;
 - (iv) if so, what those conditions are;
 - (v) of the date on which the project was started and the scheduled date for the completion of it;
 - (vi) if the construction work was not completed on the scheduled date, the reasons for it; and
 - (vii) of the date on which the projects are expected to be completed under the new conditions?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the company/ companies that obtained the contract of this housing project and the name of the institution that provide consultation services;
 - (ii) separately, the number of houses in these three projects and the number of square feet of a house;
 - (iii) the basis and the methodology on which the houses are given to the public servants; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that should be paid for a house and the method of payment?
- (e) If not, why?

1067/'08

6.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,—To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information and Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd., has been unable to recover any advance payments that have been made to foreign companies for the purchase of goods;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for it;
 - (iii) of the names of the countries and the names of the companies to which the advance payments have been made; and
 - (iv) of the courses of action that have been followed to recover the aforesaid monies?
- (b) If not, why?

1086/'08

7.

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the extent of crown land in the Mahiyangana town; and
 - (ii) separately, the extent of those plots of land?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken by now to provide plots of land in the Mahiyangana town to the private sector; and
 - (ii) if so, the procedure that was followed to provide those plots of land?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the details of the persons who obtained the aforesaid lands?
- (d) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to provide the aforesaid lands to the private sector in future;
 - (ii) the plots of land in Mahiyangana town that have been reserved for the constructions of the public sector in future; and
 - (iii) the extent of those plots of land and the names of the relevant institutions?
- (e) Will he state—
 - (i) if lands have not been reserved for the construction of Government offices and official residences, the reason for it; and

(6)

- (ii) the area in which required lands will be reserved?
- (f) If not, why?

1122/'08

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of teachers who had been serving in this country as at 31st October 2008;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of such teachers in each Province;
 - (iii) whether there is an excess of teachers at Provincial Council level;
 - (iv) if so, the subject streams for which there is an excess of teachers;
 - (v) whether there is a shortage of teachers at Provincial Council level; and
 - (vi) if there is such a shortage, the subject streams for which there is a shortage?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the shortage and excess of teachers in respect of each Provincial Council; and
 - (ii) the remedies that have been adopted by the relevant Ministry to solve the issue of the aforesaid shortage and excess of teachers?
- (c) If not, why?

1124/'08

9.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,—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 of—
 - (i) the date on which the Road Maintenance Trust Fund was established;
 - (ii) the legal basis of it;
 - (iii) the manner in which this Fund is managed; and
 - (iv) the method in which money is obtained for this Fund?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the amount of money that was agreed upon to be deposited in the Road Maintenance Trust Fund from each litre of petrol and each litre of diesel;

(7)

- (ii) the amount of income collected to be deposited in the Fund for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 accordingly;
 - (iii) the amounts of money that were allocated from the Budget annually for the years specified above for road maintenance; and
 - (iv) the amounts of money that were released annually from the Road Maintenance Trust Fund to the Ministry of Highways and Road Development in the years specified above?
- (c) If not, why?

1125/'08

10.

Hon. Dimuthu Bandara Abayakoon,—To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of hectares of tea smallholdings that have been brought under cultivation at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) of the number of hectares of such tea smallholdings in each district;
 - (ii) out of the number of hectares mentioned in the answer for (b) (i) above, the number of hectares of seed tea and the number of hectares of sapling tea; and
 - (iii) the gross yield per hectare of seed tea and sapling tea in kilograms?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the measures taken at present for increasing the productivity in the tea smallholdings?
- (d) If not, why?

0718/'08

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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—
 - (i) the names of the members of the President's Fund;
 - (ii) the date it was constituted; and
 - (iii) the names of the members of the Fund immediately prior to the term of present members?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the expenditure incurred through the President's Fund along with the names of each item of expenditure for the last five years;

- (ii) all the costs over Rs. 100,000/- for the last 05 years on yearly basis;
- (iii) the revenue source for the President's Fund; and
- (iv) the revenue earned for the last five years to-date on yearly basis?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the last date that the accounts were audited along with the audit reports?
- (d) Will he also state —
 - (i) the amount paid to the politicians over the last 05 years to-date on yearly basis along with the reason for each item;
 - (ii) the number of requests from politicians that have been rejected from the last year to-date; and
 - (iii) their names and the reason?
- (e) If not, why?

1072/'08

12.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,—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 amount of money due to the Telecommunication Regulation Commission as at 31.12.2007 as a result of default in payments; and
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid amount, the amount of money due from Government institutions?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the amount of money due from other institutions who obtain regular services, other individuals and the fishing community who have obtained radios under various programmes implemented by the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources as at the aforesaid date, in addition to the monies due from Government institutions?
- (c) If not, why?

1126/'08

13.

Hon. Dimuthu Bandara Abayakoon,—To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately, of the number of employees presently attached to Tea Smallholdings Development Authority on the basis of each post?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether measures were taken for rightsizing the Tea Smallholdings Development Authority;

- (ii) if so, what those measures are;
 - (iii) whether the employees who had completed 57 years of age were sent on retirement without paying any compensation in order to achieve the objective of rightsizing;
 - (iv) the number of persons who were sent on retirement as mentioned above; and
 - (v) if employees were sent on retirement with their consent and on a payment of compensation, the number of such employees?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the total amount of money that was paid as compensation for the purpose mentioned above; and
 - (ii) the sources from which the aforesaid amount of money was obtained?
- (d) If not, why?

0720/'08

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House the amount of the loans given to Hotel Developers (Lanka) Ltd. (Hilton Hotel) by the Treasury?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the following information for each loan by tabling copies of the Treasury letters separately—
 - (i) the date and the amount of the loan;
 - (ii) interest rates and repayment terms;
 - (iii) repayment terms of the capital;
 - (iv) interest accrued as of to-date; and
 - (v) total interest outstanding and the total capital outstanding as of to-date?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the loans stated above reflect the defaulted loans as well;
 - (ii) the date, amount and the terms of loans given in 2008;
 - (iii) as to how the above loans and interests be recovered by the Treasury;
 - (iv) the original planned cost and the subsequent actual cost of building the Hotel;
 - (v) the net value of the Hotel as of today; and
 - (vi) the total land extent of the Hotel?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,—To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of the officers in the grades of General Manager, Deputy General Manager and Assistant General Manager in the Ceylon Electricity Board who have been found guilty of not adhering to tender procedures during the last 05 years and who are still in the service after being recommended to be expelled from the service;
- (ii) of the name of the person who has the authority to terminate their service; and
- (iii) of the reason for keeping them still in service by the aforesaid authorities who are in charge of discipline?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to expel the aforesaid officers who have been accused of the above charges following the decision of the disciplinary inquiry; and
- (ii) whether disciplinary action will be taken against the authorities who are keeping the officers who have been accused of the above charges, in service?

(c) If not, why? _____

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 05.06.2008, the hours of sitting this day shall be 09.30 a.m. to 04.30 p.m. At 03.30 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That for the purpose of the proceedings of the current session, Standing Order No.30 shall operate with the substitution of the words “one hour” for the words “half an hour”.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*2.

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

Default Taxes (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Resolution under the Local Treasury Bills Ordinance,—That this Parliament resolves that a sum not exceeding Rupees One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Million (Rs. 150,000 million) may in addition to sums authorized by the resolution in that behalf, be borrowed by the issue in Sri Lanka of Sri Lanka Government Treasury Bills and that, for such purpose, the Minister of Finance and Planning be granted all requisite authority under Section 2(1) of the Local Treasury Bills Ordinance (Chapter 417).

(Cabinet approval signified)

*5.

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 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.12 hereto, be approved.

ORDER

Appropriation Act. No.61 of 2007

Order No. 12 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: 21302 “Printing, publicity and Sales of Books Advance Account - Department of Educational Publications” of the Second Schedule to that Act.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	2,250,000,000
		To	Rs.	—	3,736,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	2,250,000,000
		To	Rs.	—	2,500,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	4,000,000,000
		To	Rs.	—	6,000,000,000
(iv)	Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	100,000,000
		To	Rs.	—	250,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2008 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

13.02.2009
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*6.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,—That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235), relating to import duties which was presented on 20.03.2009, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1587/9 of February 03, 2009)
(Cabinet approval signified)

*7.

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. 1585/10 of January 20, 2009, which was presented on 20.03.2009, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*8.

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. 1587/10 of February 03, 2009, which was presented on 20.03.2009, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*9.

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.3),—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. 1590/17 of February 26, 2009, which was presented on 20.03.2009, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*10.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Regulations under the Import and Export (Control) Act (No.1),—That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with Section 4(3) and Section 14 of the Import and Export (Control) Act, No.1 of 1969 and paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1592/9 of 11th March, 2009, which were presented on 07.04.2009, be approved.

*11.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Regulations under the Import and Export (Control) Act (No.2),—That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with Section 4(3) and Section 14 of the Import and Export (Control) Act, No.1 of 1969 and paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1592/10 of 11th March, 2009, which were presented on 07.04.2009, be approved.

*12.

Sri Lanka Institute of Landscape Architects Bill — Second Reading.

*13.

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health Bill — Second Reading.

*14.

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

*15.

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

*16.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*17.

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

*18.

Governors' Pension 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.

The Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—Orders under the
Soil Conservation Act,— That the Orders made by the Minister of Agricultural
Development and Agrarian Services under Section 4 (Chapter 450) of the Soil
Conservation Act, for publication in the Gazette Extraordinary in terms of Section 9(1)
of the said Act, which were presented to the Parliament on 07.04.2009, be approved.

*25.

The Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—Order under the
Soil Conservation Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Agricultural
Development and Agrarian Services under Section 3 (Chapter 450) of the Soil
Conservation Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1550/9 of 22nd May,
2008, which was presented on 07.04.2009, be approved.

*26.

The Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—Regulations under the Plant Protection Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services under paragraphs (h) and (i) of Sub Section (2) of Section 12 of the Plant Protection Act, No.35 of 1999 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1588/6 of 10th February, 2009, which were presented on 07.04.2009, be approved.

*27.

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

*28.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.2),— That 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)

*29.

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)

*30.

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)

*31.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Rules under the 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.

*32.

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.

*33.

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.

34.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

35.

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

36.

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

37.

Social Service Foundation of Wickramashila Dharmayathenaya in Bandaragama (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

38.

Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.

39.

Kosala Dullewa Foundation for Children with Special Needs (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* Indicates Government Business

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0952/08

1.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,—To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of Chief Post Masters, Control Assistants, Post Office Investigation Inspectors, Post Office Audit Inspectors of segment "B" of Grade III of Group "A" of the Unified Postal Service, who were summoned to the Postal Headquarters from 12.10.2005 to 14.10.2005 for the interview held for promoting officers to the posts of segment "A" of Grade III of Group "A" of the Unified Postal Service by the letter of the Post Master General, bearing No 10/10/2525/2004 (05) and dated 30.09.2005?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names, designations and official addresses of the aforesaid officers;
 - (ii) the number of officers who obtained promotions to the segment "A" of the Grade III of Group "A" of the Unified Postal Service by 31.07.2007, out of the persons who faced the above mentioned interview; and
 - (iii) the names, designations, the dates of promotion and the official addresses of these officers?
- (c) If not, why?

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Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of officers recruited to cover the duties of the vacant posts in the Group “A” grade III segment “A” of the Unified postal service, on permanent basis with effect from 01.03.2006 and in terms of the letter of the Postmaster General bearing number 10/10/AIIIA/03/06 and dated 27.02.2006 under the covering approval of the Public Service Commission and on the approval of the Secretary to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication?
 - (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the names, designations and the official addresses of the above officers;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid officers, the number of officers who have been sent on retirement upon reaching 60 years of age as at 31.03.2007; and
 - (iii) their names, personal addressees and positions held at the time of retirement?
 - (c) Will he take necessary steps to confirm Mr. G. Godage, Mr. K.G. Gamage, and Mr. R.A Kottahachchi, who count a period of service not less than four decades and who were appointed to cover duties of posts of Superintendents of Posts on full time basis in Puttalam, Badulla and Hambantota Districts respectively in terms of the “(a)” above, in those positions, as they were sent on retirement on 22.08.2006, 21.12.2006 and 09.02.2007 respectively upon reaching 60 years?
 - (d) If not, why?
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