



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 19.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, July 06, 2010 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0028/'10

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the profit made by the Central Bank for the last 10 years;
 - (ii) the local and foreign reserves of the Central Bank that has been carried on behalf of the Government; and
 - (iii) the returns that the Central Bank receive for these reserves?
- (b) Will he state the amount of money that had been lent to the Government by the Central Bank owing to the lack of Government funds (Monetary Authority) as at 30th June and 31st December of each year for the last 7 years?
- (c) If not, why?

0063/'10

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Highways,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that in the 1.5 kilometer stretch of the road from Padalangala along the 250 route in the Beddewewa Grama Niladhari Division of the Suriyawewa Divisional Secretary Division of the Hambantota District which was constructed by laying concrete about a year ago, has fallen into disrepair as concrete has scaled off?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the financial provisions allocated for the development of the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) whether recommendations were obtained from Technical Officers to the effect that the work had been completed as per standards in releasing funds for constructions;
 - (iii) from what other organizations were recommendations obtained in making payments for the aforesaid road?

(2)

- (c) Will he take action to conduct a proper investigation in this regard and restore the aforesaid road?
- (d) If not, why?

0271/'10

3.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this house the training opportunities provided for journalists by state and other institutions?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether he will take steps to develop such training opportunities, in particular through exchanges with regional institutes for the training of journalists, and through apprenticeships with regional and international newspapers and other media outlets; and
 - (ii) whether he will commence discussions with the Press Complaints Commission to encourage it, not only to deal swiftly with complaints but also to monitor the press and advise with regard to inaccuracies as to fact and other improprieties?
- (c) If not, why?

0301/'10

4.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the 2500-rupee pay-hike promised in the “Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future 2010” will be granted;
 - (ii) if so, the amount estimated for it;
 - (iii) the number of public servants to whom this pay-hike is applicable;
 - (iv) the date on which this pay-hike will be granted, to the public servants;
 - (v) other concessions that will be granted to them?
- (b) If not, why?

0064/'10

5.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Highways,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that in a 1 km. stretch of the road from Alioluara Nuge to Hathporuwa, Alioluara Grama Niladhari Division of the Sooriyawewa Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, which was constructed by laying tar about five months ago, tar has scaled off and become unusable by now?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the financial provisions allocated for the development of the said road;
 - (ii) whether recommendations of Technical Officers have been obtained to the effect that the work had been completed as per the standards in releasing money for constructions;
 - (iii) from what other institutions were recommendations obtained in making payments for the constructions of the said road?
- (c) Will he take action to conduct a proper inquiry into the construction of this road and to restore it?
- (d) If not, why?

0117/'10

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the number of universities in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether they have got any International ratings or Asian ratings;
 - (iii) the cost to maintain each university per year;
 - (iv) the number of students in each University; and
 - (v) the cost per student?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) whether the government is trying to get foreign universities to come to operate in the country; and
 - (ii) If so, the names of such universities?
- (c) If not, why?

0272/'10

7.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— to ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the complaints that have been registered with the National Commission for Human Rights with regard to recruitment to academic positions in Colleges of Education and other teacher training institutions;
 - (ii) the rulings received from the Human Rights Commission with regard to such complaints; and
 - (iii) whether the above rulings have been complied with ?

(4)

(b) Will he state —

(i) the anomalies existed with regard to age requirements in advertisements for such positions?

(ii) whether he will take steps to ensure compliance with Human Rights Commission rulings in this regard, and to correct anomalies if any with regard to the requirement recruitments?

(c) If not, why?

0302/'10

8.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of National Heritage and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) whether any chemical was used to chase away the wasp colonies of Sigiriya National Heritage site;

(ii) whether other species of insects have invaded that site as a result of chasing away the wasps;

(iii) if so, the measures that will be taken in that respect; and

(iv) whether Sigiriya archaeological site has been sold or leased out to a Japanese Company or any other similar measure has been taken?

(b) Is she aware that toilets are being constructed at the foot of the Sigiriya rock?

(c) Will she take steps to stop all constructions carried out in a manner which is harmful to the Sigiriya rock?

(d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 & 10 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No.23.

2.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya,— Leave to introduce a Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Women's Conference.”

3.

Hon.Chandima Weerakkody,— Leave to introduce a Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Tharunyata Hetak Organization.”

4.

Hon.Roshan Ranasinghe,— Leave to introduce a Bill (No.3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Rohitha Abeygunawardhane Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2010) — (Sixth Allotted Day)— Committee (Progress 5th July)

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No 13 of 1989, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1659/17 of 23rd June 2010, which was presented on 05.07.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3C of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No 13 of 1989, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1656/25 of 02nd June 2010, which was presented on 05.07.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No 13 of 1989, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1656/3 of 31st May 2010, which was presented on 05.07.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) read with Paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1656/02 of 31st May 2010, which was presented on 05.07.2010, be approved.

(Excise Notification No 915)

(Cabinet approval signified)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), by rescinding the rules published in the Excise Notifications Nos. 907, 908 and 909 of Gazette Extraordinary No. 1594/24 of 26th March 2009 and Excise Notification No. 906 of Gazette Extraordinary No. 1570/8 of 07th October 2008, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1659/18 of 23rd June 2010, which was presented on 05.07.2010, be approved. (Excise Notification Nos. 916,917,918 & 919)

(Cabinet approval signified)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1656/4 of 31st May 2010, which was presented on 05.07.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Order under Section 10(A) of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties. (Gazette Extraordinary No. 1656/8 of 31st May 2010.), which was presented on 05.07.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Customs (Amendments) Act,— That the Order under Article 10 of Schedule “E” of the Customs (Amendments) Act, No. 2 of 2003 relating to valuate the used Motor Vehicle.(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1656/23 of 01st June 2010.), which was presented on 05.07.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act,— 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. 1652/59 of 07th May 2010, which was presented on 05.07.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 43 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, No. 28 of 2005, read with Sections 11,17 and 20(2) of the aforesaid Act and paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution and published in the Gazzette Extraordinary No. 1612/32 of 31st July 2009, which were presented on 03.07.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No.1),— 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. 43 of 2008 and specified in the Order No. 6 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008
Order No. 6 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.43 of 2008, 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. 28502 “Maintenance of Agricultural Farms and Seed Sales Advance Account-Department of Agriculture” of the third Schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 321,000,000
	To	Rs. 260,000,000
(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 321,000,000
	To	Rs. 210,000,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised
(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2009 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA,
Minister of Finance and Planning.

01.01.2010
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*13.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 2),— 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. 43 of 2008 and specified in the Order No. 7 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008
Order No. 7 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008, 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 “Stores Advance Account - Department of Sri Lanka Railways” of the third Schedule to that Act.

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| (i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the third Schedule to that Act. | From | Rs. 1,200,000,000 |
| | To | Rs. 1,800,000,000 |
| (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the third Schedule to that Act. | From | Rs. 1,200,000,000 |
| | To | Rs. 700,000,000 |
| (iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the third Schedule to that Act. | | Not Revised |
| (iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the third Schedule to that Act. | From | Rs. 500,000,000 |
| | To | Rs. 850,000,000 |

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2009 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA,
Minister of Finance and Planning.

01.01 .2010
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*14.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 3),— 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. 43 of 2008 and specified in the Order No. 20 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008
Order No. 20 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008, 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. 25002 “Advances for Payments on behalf of other Government Advance Account - Department of State Accounts” of the third Schedule to that Act.

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| (i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the third Schedule to that Act. | Not Revised | | | | |
| (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the third Schedule to that Act. | <table border="0"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">From</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Rs. 5,300,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">To</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Rs. 4,300,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | From | Rs. 5,300,000 | To | Rs. 4,300,000 |
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| To | Rs. 4,300,000 | | | | |
| (iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the third Schedule to that Act. | Not Revised | | | | |
| (iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the third Schedule to that Act. | Not Revised | | | | |

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2009 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA,
Minister of Finance and Planning.

22.04.2010
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*15.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 4),— 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. 43 of 2008 and specified in the Order No. 21 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008
Order No. 21 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008, 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. 25003 "Miscellaneous Advance Account - Department of State Accounts" of the third Schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 200,000,000
	To	Rs. 20,000,000
(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 560,000,000
	To	Rs. 44,700,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 400,000,000
	To	Rs. 588,000,000
(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2009 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA,
Minister of Finance and Planning.

22.04.2010
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*16.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No.5),— 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. 43 of 2008 and specified in the Order No. 23 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008
Order No. 23 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008, 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. 01602 “Advancing monies to be used in Bribery detection as Bribes Advance Account - Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption” of the third Schedule to that Act.

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| (i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the third Schedule to that Act. | Not Revised | | | | |
| (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the third Schedule to that Act. | Not Revised | | | | |
| (iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the third Schedule to that Act. | <table border="0"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">From</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Rs. 6,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">To</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Rs. 10,700,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | From | Rs. 6,000,000 | To | Rs. 10,700,000 |
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| To | Rs. 10,700,000 | | | | |
| (iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the third Schedule to that Act. | Not Revised | | | | |

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2009 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA,
Minister of Finance and Planning.

22.04.2010
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*17.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 6),— That this Parliament resolves that the Orders 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. 43 of 2008 and specified in the schedule hereto, be approved.

(These Orders are valid only up to 31.12.2009)

SCHEDULE

Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008 Order under Section 8

Schedule of variation of limits of Advance Accounts pertaining to Advances to public officers Authorized by the Minister of Finance and Planning under section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008 in respect of Finance year 2009

S. No.	Ministry/Department	Item No.	Maximum Limit of Expenditure in Column II		Minimum Limit of Receipts in Column III		Maximum Limit of Debit Balance in Column IV		Order No.
			From Rs.	To Rs.	From Rs.	To Rs.	From Rs.	To Rs.	
1	Minister of Housing and Common Amenities	12501	-	-	-	-	20,000,000	30,000,000	1
2	Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	29001	-	-	-	-	90,000,000	97,000,000	2
3	Minister of Justice and Law Reforms	11001	-	-	-	-	50,000,000	55,000,000	3
4	Minister of Export Development and International Trade	16701	-	-	-	-	9,000,000	13,000,000	4
5	Department of Technical Education and Training	21501	-	-	-	-	130,000,000	247,000,000	5
6	Minister of Resettlement and Disaster Management	14501	-	-	-	-	15,000,000	21,000,000	8
7	Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services	11601	-	-	-	-	21,000,000	25,000,000	9

8	Department of Government Printer	21101	-	-	-	-	175,000,000	245,000,000	10
9	District Secretariat, Monaragala	27701	-	-	23,500,000	18,000,000	-	-	11
10	District Secretariat, Kandy	25801	-	-	-	-	155,000,000	172,000,000	12
11	District Secretariat, Matara	26201	-	-	-	-	165,000,000	169,000,000	13
12	District Secretariat, Puttalam	27301	-	-	-	-	120,000,000	142,000,000	14
13	District Secretariat, Ampara	27001	-	-	29,500,000	27,000,000	72,000,000	170,000,000	15
14	District Secretariat, Kachcheri, Kilinochchi	26801	-	-	-	-	26,000,000	29,000,000	16
15	District Secretariat, Ratnapura	27801	-	-	35,400,000	26,000,000	115,000,000	132,000,000	17
16	District Secretariat, Polonnaruwa	27501	-	-	-	-	73,000,000	74,000,000	18
17	Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development	11501	-	-	-	-	6,500,000	8,200,000	19
18	Sri Lanka Navy	22301	-	-	-	-	600,000,000	677,000,000	22
19	Department of Up Country Peasantry Rehabilitation	30501	-	-	-	-	5,000,000	6,000,000	24
20	Department of Legal Affairs	32301	-	-	-	-	1,185,000	1,300,000	25
21	Department of Management Audit	32401	-	-	-	-	1,900,000	8,500,000	26

(14)

Sgd: MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA,
Minister of Finance and Planning.

06, April 2010
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*18.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act,— That the Regulations made by Minister of Lands and Land Development under section 67 of the Registration of Title Act, No 21 of 1998 read with Section 60 and 62 of that Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No 1616/23 of 24, August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*19.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution,— That this Parliament hereby resolves that the salary of Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) should be as follows with effect from 01.01.2009, in terms of the Article 156(3) of the Constitution of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) Rs. 65,000.00

And this Parliament further resolves that Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) is not entitled to any other allowances in addition to monthly salary of Rs. 65,000/=, with effect from 01.01.2009 since the aforesaid monthly salary is also inclusive of the rent allowance that was previously approved by Parliament.

(Cabinet approval signified)

* *Indicates Government Business*

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on Appropriation Bill (2010)— See separate Paper (Supplement to the Orders of the Day).
