



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 21.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, July 08, 2010 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0045/'10

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the inflation rate for the last 10 years to-date;
 - (ii) the inflation rate for the last 2 years on monthly basis;
 - (iii) the interest rates, Treasury Bill rates and Repo rates for the last 10 years ?
- (b) If not, why?

0078/'10

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Highways,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that in the 100 metres stretch of the Wakamulla-Niyandagala road in the Wakamulla Grama Niladhari Division in the Beliatta Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, which was constructed by laying concrete about one year ago, concrete has scaled off and it is in a dilapidated condition by now?
- (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 the constructions;
 - (iii) from what other institutions recommendations were obtained in making payments for the constructions of the said road?

(2)

(c) Will he take action to conduct a proper inquiry in this respect and restore it?

(d) If not, why?

0128/'10

3.

Hon. J. Sri Ranga,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) the budgetary allocation of the Ministry of Youth Affairs for the year 2009 and first quarter of the year 2010 (upto 01/04/2010);

(ii) the amount spent in year 2009 and up to 1st April 2010;

(iii) the amount spent per district and the purpose spent for separately ?

(b) Will he state whether any amount of money which was allocated for youth affairs has been used for political advertisements?

(c) If not, why?

0274/'10

4.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

(a) Is he aware of an organization called the Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA)?

(b) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether this organization has benefited from foreign funding;

(ii) if so, the amount received in each year over the last decade;

(iii) whether the above all foreign funding received, has been approved by the Department of External Resources; and

(iv) the proportion of the budgets of CPA and its subsidiary organizations, met by foreign funding during 2008 and 2009?

(c) Will he inform —

(i) whether this organization or any of its employees is liable for tax in Sri Lanka;

(ii) if so, whether they have met their liabilities;

(iii) the salaries and other emoluments have been received by the Directors and other senior officials of this organization; and

(iv) whether the tax has been paid on these?

(3)

(d) Will he also state the names of subsidiary organizations established by CPA and as to how they have been funded?

(e) If not, why?

0276/'10

5.

Hon. R. Yogarajan,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) the names of the institutions that come under the Vocational Education Commission of Sri Lanka;

(ii) the names of the courses or programmes conducted at these institutions;

(iii) the mediums of instructions of the courses; and

(iv) the number of students who are enrolled for each of the courses in each medium ?

(b) If not, why?

0298/'10

6.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

(a) Will he admit that —

(i) as pointed out by the Auditor Generals' report of 2006, 6800 concrete posts have been purchased for the Southern Province Rehabilitation Program, when the actual requirement was 4524 posts;

(ii) accordingly, an additional expenditure of Rs. 11.8 million has been incurred as a result of purchasing 2276 extra concrete posts;

(iii) this additional purchase was an irregularity?

(b) If not, why?

0300/'10

7.

Hon. Harin Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Highways,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) the Malangamuwa bridge over the Malangamuwa Oya on the Badulla-Kandagolla road via Rambukpotha, broke down in the floods of 2007 ;

(ii) due to the rains that fell on 01st May 2010 the remaining part of the bridge has collapsed causing great damage ;

(iii) nearly ten thousand residents living in several villages including Malangamuwa, Sirimalgoda, Kandagolla, Hinnarangolla, Atambagahakandura, Muthumala and Kahataruppa have been put to inconvenience as their transportation activities have been completely blocked as a result ?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons for not repairing it even after a lapse of 2 1/2 years as mentioned above ; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to recover from the contractor the loss incurred to the government as a result of not constructing the bridge as per the standard ?
- (c) If not, why

0304/'10

8.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the date on which the incumbent Commissioner of Elections will retire ;
 - (ii) his present salary ; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken regarding the violation of his human rights caused by employing the Commissioner of Elections, who has passed his age of retirement, further in the service?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether necessary steps will be taken to establish the Election Commission under the 17th amendment to the constitution ;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which such steps will be taken ?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2010)— (Eighth Allotted Day)—Committee (Progress 7th 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 value 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,— Order under the Revenue Protection Act,— That the Order made by the President, under Section 2 of the Revenue Protection Act, No. 19 of 1962, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No 1656/9 of 31st May 2010, which was presented on 06.07.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*12.

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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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.

(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)

*15.

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="padding-right: 10px;">From</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Rs. 5,300,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">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)

*16.

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)

*17.

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)

*18.

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

Sgd: MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA,
Minister of Finance and Planning.

06, April 2010
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*19.

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)

*20.

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).
