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REPORT

OF

THE COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS

Presented by

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker
Chairman of the Committee
07th March 2018

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Report

Report of Committee on Standing Orders based on proposals submitted at Committee meetings of Standing Orders and details gathered at four member Special committee deliberations was submitted to Parliament on 07th November 2017.

A parliamentary debate on the said report was held in Parliament on 19.02.2018 and a special meeting was held on 05.03.2018 at 5 p.m. in Committee room No. 01 with participation of all MPPs representing Committee on Standing Orders and four member committee leaving room to request for further consideration of proposals for proposed standing orders submitted by Hon. Members.

All MPPs were invited to take part at this special meeting.

At this meeting, a number of proposals were made by Hon. MPPs and they are given below.

1. To have sittings on Mondays from 10.30 a.m.– **SO 8**
2. Maximum time limit to answer oral questions be three months and three times–**SO 32**
3. Not to reduce the number of supplementary questions to two - **SO 33 (1)**
4. Examine the suitability of Public Officials by High Posts Committee prior to appointment-make it compulsory that all Secretaries and Chairmen of certain key Corporations be cleared by the Committee before confirming in their posts and until such time they be given temporary appointments - **SO 123**
- 5' Recognition of **Leader of the Opposition** in the Standing Orders considering the fact that he plays a constitutional role.
6. To amend **SO 77 (4)** to give a clear meaning that members will be named one by one but not in groups. (77 (4) reads as “Not more than one Member shall be named at the same time, unless several Members present together have jointly disregarded the authority of the Chair”.
7. To remove the sentence “The Serjeant-at-Arms shall act on such order as he may receive from the Chair in pursuance of such order” in **SO 79 (1)**
8. To delete **91(m)** – new addition (The Members shall except when voting, make an acknowledgement to the Chair on entering and leaving the Chamber.)
9. Consultative Committees be reestablished. (Already agreed by the Committee on Parliamentary Business)

A meeting of four member special Committee meeting and Committee on Standing Orders was held on 06.03.2018 for consideration of afore given proposals.

There, further deliberations were held on afore said proposals and following decisions were reached.

Standing Order 8 – After considering at length it was decided to extend sitting hours rather than having meetings on Mondays.

Accordingly, it was proposed to start meetings on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30 a.m. subjective to possibility of having Cabinet meeting on Monday afternoon which regularly held on Tuesdays.

1. Standing Order 32 – it was agreed here to limit times of answering oral questions to three at maximum.

2. Standing Order 33 (1) – It was agreed to limit additional questions to two considering on time factor.

3. Standing Order 123 – In case a person is appointed or designated to a post of Secretary to ministry, high post of Foreign Missions or chairmanship of main institutes decided by Committee on High Posts, suitability of persons so appointed to be examined within 03 months.

4. Following lengthy deliberations, it was agreed to follow the existing traditions and conventions in connection with Leader of Opposition in Parliament.

5. Standing Order 77 (4) – Having considered this it was decided not to amend this Stranding order.

Standing Order 79 (1) - Following lengthy deliberations, it was agreed to replace the sentence **“The Serjeant-at-Arms shall act on such order as he may receive from the Chair in pursuance of such order”** with **“The Serjeant-at-Arms shall act as he may receive such orders ”**

It was agreed to include the following suggestions into the final draft of the Standing Orders.

After deliberations, the Committee decided that this report be presented to Parliament by the Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker and the Chairman of the Committee on the 07th March, 2018.

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1) New Standing Order

Insert the following immediately after Standing Order 111:-

112. MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

1. There shall be “Ministerial Consultative Committees” corresponding to the number of Ministries of the Cabinet of Ministers, comprising,-
 - a. The Cabinet Minister as Chairperson,
 - b. State Minister,
 - c. Deputy Minister, and
 - d. Five other Members of Parliament nominated by the Committee of Selection.
2. The duty of the Committee is to discuss such matters as are referred to the Committee by any Member of Parliament.
3. Apart from the Members comprising the Committee, any other Member may also attend the meetings of the Committee with the permission of the Chairperson of that Committee.
4. The Committee shall meet once a month and shall report its findings to Parliament within two weeks of their meeting.
5. The meetings of the Committee shall be summoned in consultation with the Secretary to the respective Ministry.
6. The Committee shall have the power to summon before it and question any person, call for and examine any paper, book record or other documents.
7. General Rules for Committees shall apply to Ministerial Consultative Committees.

Following Standing Orders be amended in consequence to the New Standing Order 112:-

1) Standing Order 113

a) line 3 of 113(1) be amended as

“constitution, number, functions and quorum of Sectoral Oversight Committees and Ministerial Consultative Committees and”

b) Insert the following after (e) of Section 113(1):-

“(f) the Ministerial Consultative Committees”

2) Standing Order 124

In **124 (2) (h)** insert the following words after Sectoral Oversight Committees:-

“Ministerial Consultative Committees,”