



*(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)*

No. 20.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, July 06, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

**Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri**, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

**Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan**, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

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**Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe**, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

**Hon. Wajira Abeywardana**, Minister of Home Affairs

**Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera**, Minister of Agriculture

**Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka**, Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and Chief Government Whip

**Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam**, Minister of Education

**Hon. Daya Gamage**, Minister of Social Welfare and Primary Industries

**Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva**, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

**Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen**, Minister of Industry and Commerce

**Hon. Faiszer Musthapha**, Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports

**Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

**Hon. Rauff Hakeem**, Minister of City Planning and Water Supply

**Hon. Abdul Haleem**, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs

**Hon. P. Harrison**, Minister of Social Empowerment

**Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka**, Minister of Sustainable Development, Wildlife and Regional Development

**Hon. Ranjith Aluwihare**, State Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

**Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture

**Hon. Piyasena Gamage**, State Minister of Youth Affairs, Project Management and Southern Development

**Hon. Lucky Jayawardana**, State Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development

**Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

**Hon. Ajith P. Perera**, State Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

**Hon. Niroschan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

**Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan**, State Minister of Education

**Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**, State Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs

**Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie**, State Minister of National Unity and Co-existence

**Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

**Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**, Deputy Minister of Finance and Mass Media

**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

**Hon. Faizal Cassim**, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

**Hon. Edward Gunasekara**, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs & Wayamba Development

**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**, Deputy Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order

**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**, Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce

**Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana**, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage

**Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**, Deputy Minister of Environment

**Hon. Muthu Sivalingam**, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare & Primary Industries

**Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen**, Deputy Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs

**Hon. H. M. M. Harees**, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development

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**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**

**Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana**

**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**

**Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**

**Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**

**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**

**Hon. Velu Kumar**

**Hon. Siripala Gamalath**

**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**  
**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane**  
**Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera**  
**Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne**  
**Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne**  
**Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne**  
**Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena**  
**Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah**  
**Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam**  
**Hon. M. S. Thowfeek**  
**Hon. Sirinal de Mel**  
**Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva**  
**Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa**  
**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**Hon. S. B. Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer**  
**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Susantha Punchinilame**  
**Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**  
**Hon. Ashoka Priyantha**  
**Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha**  
**Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda**  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**  
**Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor**  
**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. Imran Maharroof**  
**Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. Bimal Rathnayake**

**Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. A. A. Wijethunga**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne**  
**Hon. Duleep Wijsekera**  
**Hon. Heshan Withanage**  
**Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage**  
**Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**  
**Hon. Wimal Weerawansa**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Rajavaritham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan**  
**Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**  
**Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne**  
**Hon. Shehan Semasinghe**  
**Hon. Vijitha Herath**

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

**Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.**

**1. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Speaker presented the Performance Report of the Finance Commission for the First quarter (01.01.2018 - 31.03.2018) of 2018 in terms of Article 41B (6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(2) The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine presented the Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat - Polonnaruwa for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine presented the Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Police for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine presented the Order made by the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs under Section 20(4)(b) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, with regard to the appointment of a Competent Authority in lieu of Vice-Chancellor of South Eastern University and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2076/13 of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and moved that this Order be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

**2. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** (1) Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Member of the Committee, on behalf of Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Reconciliation and North and East Reconstruction presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Performance Reports and Annual Accounts of the Ministry of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs for the years 2015 and 2016;
- (ii) Annual Reports and Statement of Accounts of the Rehabilitation of Persons, Properties and Industries Authority for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (iii) Annual Performance Reports of the Ministry of National Co-existence, Dialogue and Official Languages for the years 2016 and 2017; and
- (iv) Annual Report of the National Institute of Language Education and Training for the year 2014

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(2) Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah, Member of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Apartment Ownership (Special Provisions) Bill” which was referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

**3. Sittings of the Parliament :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No.8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 20.06.2018, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 11.00 a.m. Standing Order No. 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

**4. Questions of Privilege:** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakse, M.P. on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges under Standing Order No. 118 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

**5. Adjournment (Provincial Council Election and Electoral System) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

(At 11.22 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 1.30 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of Agriculture moved,— That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.48 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

The Minister of Industry and Commerce moved,— That Hon. K. Thurairtnasingam do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.50 p.m. Hon. K. Thurairtnasingam took the Chair.)

(At 5.56 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Deputy Chairman of Committees without question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2018.