



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 54.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. (Dr.) Jagath Wickramaratne, Speaker

Hon. (Dr.) Rizvie Salih, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

Hon. (Mrs.) Hemali Weerasekara, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Hon. Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education

Hon. (Prof.) A.H.M.H. Abayarathna, Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Anura Karunathilaka, Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing

Hon. Ramalingam Chandrasekar, Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Hon. Kumara Jayakody, Minister of Energy

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayatissa, Minister of Health and Mass Media and Chief Government Whip

Hon. Harshana Nanayakkara, Attorney at Law, Minister of Justice and National Integration

Hon. (Dr.) Upali Pannilage, Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment

Hon. (Mrs.) Saroja Savithri Paulraj, Minister of Women and Child Affairs

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake, Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. Ananda Wijepala, Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs

Hon. Wasantha Samarasinghe, Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development

Hon. (Dr.) Hiniduma Sunil Senevi, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti, Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. Chathuranga Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development

Hon. Namal Karunaratne, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Livestock

Hon. Janitha Ruwan Kodithuwakku, Deputy Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation

Hon. Eranga Gunasekara, Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs

Hon. (Dr.) Prasanna Gunasena, Deputy Minister of Transport and Highways

Hon. Anton Jayakody, Deputy Minister of Environment

Hon. Mahinda Jayasinghe, Deputy Minister of Labour

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) Aruna Jayasekera, Deputy Minister of Defence

Hon. Sugath Thilakaratne, Deputy Minister of Sports

Hon. Wasantha Piyathissa, Deputy Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment

Hon. Sundaralingam Pradeep, Deputy Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure

Hon. Muneer Mulaffer, Deputy Minister of National Integration

Hon. (Dr.) Susil Ranasinghe, Deputy Minister of Land and Irrigation

Hon. Sunil Watagala, Attorney at Law, Deputy Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs

Hon. (Dr.) Hansaka Wijemuni, Deputy Minister of Health and Mass Media

Hon. Upali Samarasingha, Deputy Minister of Cooperative Development

Hon. T. B. Sarath, Deputy Minister of Housing

Hon. (Dr.) Namal Sudarshana, Deputy Minister of Women and Child Affairs

Hon. (Dr.) Harshana Suriyapperuma, Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning

Hon. P. Ruwan Senarath, Deputy Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Arun Hemachandra, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Employment

Hon. Nalin Hewage, Deputy Minister of Vocational Education

Hon. Ajith Agalakada

Hon. Aboobucker Athambawa

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. U.P. Abeywickrama, Attorney at Law

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama

Hon. (Dr.) Nihal Abeysinghe

Hon. (Dr.) Ramanathan Archchuna
Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala
Hon. M.K.M. Aslam
Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi
Hon. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi
Hon. (Dr.)(Ms.) Kaushalya Ariyaratne
Hon. B. Ariyawansa
Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika
Hon. K. Ilankumaran
Hon. Arkam Ilyas
Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe
Hon. (Mrs.) Oshani Umanga
Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. (Ms.) Krishnan Kalaichelvi
Hon. M. Nizam Kariapper, PC
Hon. Upul Kithsiri
Hon. Kathiravelu Shanmugam Kugathanan
Hon. Wasantha Pushpa Kumara
Hon. Chaminda Lalith Kumara
Hon. Sarath Kumara, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Mrs.) Nilanthi Kottahachchi, Attorney at Law
Hon. Kaveenthiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Lasith Bhashana Gamage
Hon. Thilanka U. Gamage
Hon. (Mrs.) Nilusha Lakmali Gamage
Hon. Ajantha Gammeddage
Hon. Chathura Galappaththi
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Ajith Gihan
Hon. (Dr.) Jagath Gunawardana
Hon. (Mrs.) Samanmali Gunasingha
Hon. Ashoka Gunasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Gayan Janaka

Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Attorney at Law
Hon. Dilith Jayaweera
Hon. (Mrs.) Thushari Jayasingha, Attorney at Law
Hon. T.K. Jayasundara
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Mayilvaganam Jegatheeswaran
Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy
Hon. M.A.M. Thahir
Hon. (Dr.) Sellaththamby Thilaganathan
Hon. (Mrs.) Anushka Thilakarathne, Attorney at Law
Hon. Chandana Thennakoon
Hon. Jeevan Thondaman
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Sugath Wasantha de Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Thanura Dissanayake
Hon. Dharmapriya Dissanayake
Hon. Sujeewa Dissanayake
Hon. Susantha Dodawatta, Attorney at Law
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna
Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Nandana Pathmakumara
Hon. Aruna Panagoda
Hon. Nimal Palihena
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. G.G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law
Hon. Stepni Fernando
Hon. Kanthasamy Prabu
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Nanda Bandara

Hon. Padmasiri Bandara
Hon. Ravindra Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Sudath Balagalla
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sri Bavanandarajah
Hon. E.M. Basnayaka
Hon. Wijesiri Basnayake
Hon. Sunil Biyanwila
Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga
Hon. Jagath Manuwarna
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Chanaka Madugoda
Hon. Ruwan Mapalagama
Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, PC
Hon. Ismail Muththu Mohamed
Hon. Danushka Ranganath
Hon. Sanjeewa Ranasingha
Hon. R.M. Samantha Ranasinghe
Hon. Sunil Rathnasiri
Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake
Hon. Manjula Sugath Rathnayaka
Hon. Suranga Rathnayaka
Hon. (Mrs.) A.M.M.M. Rathwaththe
Hon. Asoka Sapumal Ranwala
Hon. Thurairasa Ravikaran
Hon. Mujibur Rahman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Manoj Rajapaksha
Hon. Sunil Rajapaksha
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. (Mrs.) Hasara Liyanage, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Mrs.) Deepthi Wasalage
Hon. Kanchana Welipitiya

Hon. Priyantha Wijerathna , Attorney at Law
Hon. Darmapriya Wijesinghe
Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana
Hon. Jagath Vithana
Hon. Athula Welandagoda
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuththu Srineshan
Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam
Hon. Thilina Samarakoon
Hon. (Dr.) Nishantha Samaraweera
Hon. (Ms.) Ambika Samivel
Hon. (Dr.) Elayathamby Srinath
Hon. Shantha Pathma Kumara Subasingha
Hon. Dewananda Suraweera
Hon. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi
Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara
Hon. Kitnan Selvaraj
Hon. (Dr.) Janaka Senarathna
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah
Hon. Chandima Hettiaratchi
Hon. Dinindu Saman Hennayake
Hon. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra, Attorney at Law
Hon. Dinesh Hemantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Herath, Attorney at Law
Hon. Bhagya Sri Herath, Attorney at Law
Hon. Muhammad Faizal
Hon. Riyas Farook

Mr. Chaminda Kularatne, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Hansa Abeyrathne, Assistant Secretary-General

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

1. Presentation of Reports from Committees: (1) The Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva, the Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on the Resolutions pertaining to the Orders under the Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 34 of 2023 (Nos. 01 to 10 of the Resolutions included in the Addendum to the Order Book No. 2(2) of Parliament dated 14th May 2025) which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table**.

(2) The Hon. Darmapriya Wijesinghe, Member of the Committee on behalf of the Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika, the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection presented the Report of the Committee on Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) bill which was referred to the Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table**.

2. Presentation of Public Petitions:

- (1) Hon. Chaminda Lalith Kumara presented a petition dated 05.12.2024 from Mr. G.H. Gunathilaka of No. 226/1/C, Maligathenna, Veyangoda.
- (2) Hon. (Mrs.) Nilusha Lakmali Gamage presented a petition dated 02.03.2025 from Mr. M.L. Punchi Sinno of 'Senasuma', Dodampawatta, Niwithigala.
- (3) Hon. Aruna Panagoda presented a petition dated 28.02.2025 from Mr. K.R. Palitha Kularathna of No. 32/79, Gaala Bendi Hena Watta, Watareka, Meegoda.
- (4) Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law presented a petition dated 10.02.2025 from Mr. P. W. R. Fernando of Police Head Quarters, Negombo.
- (5) Hon. Wijesiri Basnayake presented a petition dated 27.02.2025 from Mr. N.L.D. Hettiarachchi of Bodhirukkarama Road, Forty Park Corner, Alubomulla, Panadura.
- (6) Hon. (Mrs.) A.M.M.M. Rathwatthe presented a petition dated 04.02.2025 from Mr. G. A. A. Priyadarshana of No. 236, Ranawirugama, Dehiaththakandiya.
- (7) Hon. Dinindu Saman Hennayake presented a petition dated 29.01.2025 from Mr. D. M. Sudubanda of 'Gayani Niwasa', Kukurumahanthenna, Thaldena, Badulla.
- (8) Hon. Dewananda Suraweera presented a petition dated 24.02.2025 from Mrs. H. I. S. Caldera of No. 468/5, Welipara, Thalawathugoda.
- (9) Hon. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi presented a petition dated 26.02.2025 from Mr. S.N.W.M. Jayasundara of No.16, Kettarama Mawatha, Grandpass, Colombo 14.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order 30(10) of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

3. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act: The Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2428/07 of 19th March 2025, which were presented on 08.05.2025, be approved.

(At 11.10 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of Women and Child Affairs moved,—That Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.26 p.m. Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Defence moved,—That Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Kaushalya Ariyaratne do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.15 p.m. Hon. (Dr.)(Ms.) Kaushalya Ariyaratne took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 1): The Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 34 of 2023 and specified in the Order No. 01 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER

Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023

Order No. 01 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023, I, Anura Kumara Dissanayake, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 01002 “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.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Revision</u>	
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure	From	Rs. 50,000,000
	specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs. 150,000,000
(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.		Not Revised
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2024)

Sgd./Anura Kumara Dissanayake
Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

27.04.2025
Colombo 01

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 2): The Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 34 of 2023 and specified in the Order No. 02 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER

Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023

Order No. 02 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023, I, Anura Kumara Dissanayake, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development 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 Publications Advance Account - Department of Educational Publications” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Revision</u>
(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.	From Rs. 20,000,000,000 To Rs. 8,500,000,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised
(iv) Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2024)

Sgd./Anura Kumara Dissanayake
Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

27.04.2025
Colombo 01

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 3): The Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023 and specified in the Order No. 03 hereto, be approved :—

ORDER

Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023

Order No. 03 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023, I, Anura Kumara Dissanayake, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 22302 “Stores Advance Account (Explosive items) - Sri Lanka Navy” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Revision</u>		
(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.	From	Rs.	2,700,000,000
	To	Rs.	2,650,000,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iv) Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2024)

Sgd./Anura Kumara Dissanayake
Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

27.04.2025
Colombo 01

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 4): The Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023 and specified in the Order No. 04 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER
Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023
Order No. 04 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023, I, Anura Kumara Dissanayake, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 23202 “Prisons Industrial and Agricultural Undertakings Advance Account – Department of Prisons” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>			<u>Revision</u>
(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. Rs.	140,000,000 160,354,000
(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. Rs.	140,000,000 160,000,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iv) Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2024)

Sgd./Anura Kumara Dissanayake
Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

27.04.2025
Colombo 01

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 5): The Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023 and specified in the Order No. 05 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER
Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023
Order No. 05 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023, I, Anura Kumara Dissanayake, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 24702 “Seized and forfeited goods Advance Account – Sri Lanka Customs” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>			<u>Revision</u>
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From Rs. To Rs.	8,000,000 16,000,000
(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.		Not Revised
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2024)

Sgd./Anura Kumara Dissanayake
Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

27.04.2025
Colombo 01

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 6): The Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023 and specified in the Order No. 06 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER

Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023

Order No. 06 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023, I, Anura Kumara Dissanayake, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 25003 “Miscellaneous Advances Account – Department of State Accounts” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Revision</u>		
(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.	From To	Rs. Rs.	1,500,000 400,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iv) Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2024)

Sgd./Anura Kumara Dissanayake
Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

27.04.2025
Colombo 01

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 7): The Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023 and specified in the Order No. 07 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER

Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023

Order No. 07 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023, I, Anura Kumara Dissanayake, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 30602 “Railway Stores Advance Account – Department of Sri Lanka Railways” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Revision</u>	
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 2,500,000,000
		To	Rs. 3,000,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 2,500,000,000
		To	Rs. 1,900,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2024)

Sgd./Anura Kumara Dissanayake
Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

27.04.2025
Colombo 01

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 8): The Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023 and specified in the Order No. 08 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER

Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023

Order No. 08 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023, I, Anura Kumara Dissanayake, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 31002 “Stores Advance Account – Government Factory” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Revision</u>		
(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.	From To	Rs. Rs.	200,000,000 50,000,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. Rs.	40,000,000 80,000,000
(iv) Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. Rs.	50,000,000 60,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2024)

Sgd./Anura Kumara Dissanayake
Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

27.04.2025
Colombo 01

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 9): The Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023 and specified in the Order No. 09 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER
Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023
Order No. 09 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023, I, Anura Kumara Dissanayake, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 31003 “Government Factory Work Done Advance Account— Government Factory” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Revision</u>		
(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.	From To	Rs. Rs.	400,000,000 350,000,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iv) Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2024)

Sgd./Anura Kumara Dissanayake
Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

27.04.2025
Colombo 01

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 10): The Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the Orders made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act. No. 34 of 2023 and specified in the Schedule hereto be approved.

(These Orders are valid only up to 31.12.2024)

Schedule

(As per the Schedule attached)

SCHEDULE**Appropriation Act, No. 34 of 2023 Order under Section 8**

Schedule of variation of limits of Advance Accounts pertaining to Advances to public officers authorized by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 34 of 2023 in respect of Finance year 2024.

Group Order No. 01

By virtue of the powers vested in me under Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023, I, Anura Kumara Dissanayake, the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development with the approval of the Government do by this Order alter/vary the maximum limits specified in Column II and IV of the Third Schedule to the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023, and the minimum limits specified in Column III of that Schedule being the limits corresponding to Item Nos. 18701, 20201, 20401, 21001, 21101, 24501, 24701, 25401, 26101, 27401, 30401, 31001, 33501, 33601, 50101, 22101, 26301, 28201 and 32701 relating to Advances to public officers in the manner set out in the Schedule hereto.

Srl No.	Ministry/Department	Item No.	II Maximum Limit of Expenditure of Activities of the Government (Rs)		III Minimum Limit of Receipts to be credited to the Accounts of Activities of the Government (Rs)		IV Maximum Limit of Debit Balance of Activities of the Government (Rs)		Order No.
			From	To	From	To	From	To	
1	Minister of Investment Promotion	18701	-	-	6,000,000	5,876,298.39	-	-	10
2	Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs	20201	-	-	2,600,000	1,950,000	-	-	11
3	Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs	20401	-	-	5,000,000	4,850,000	-	-	12
4	Department of Government Information	21001	-	-	11,000,000	10,000,000	-	-	13
5	Department of Government Printing	21101	-	-	60,000,000	57,000,000	-	-	14

6	Department of Public Finance	24501	-	-	4,000,000	3,500,000	-	-	15
7	Sri Lanka Customs	24701	-	-	55,000,000	52,000,000	-	-	16
8	Department of Registrar General	25401	-	-	-	-	320,000,000	336,000,000	17
9	District Secretariat, Galle	26101	-	-	-	-	320,000,000	410,000,000	18
10	District Secretariat, Anuradhapura	27401	-	-	-	-	260,000,000	345,000,000	19
11	Department of Meteorology	30401	-	-	8,700,000	6,500,000	-	-	20
12	Department of Government Factories	31001	-	-	16,000,000	13,000,000	-	-	21
13	National Education Commission	33501	-	-	-	-	1,500,000	3,100,000	22
14	Merchant Shipping Secretariat	33601	-	-	-	-	6,000,000	11,000,000	23
15	Non Cabinet Minister of State Plantation Enterprises Reforms	50101	-	-	-	-	1,800,000	8,000,000	24
16	Department of Labour	22101	75,000,000	77,900,000	-	-	-	-	25
17	District Secretariat, Hambantota	26301	80,000,000	80,500,000	-	-	-	-	26
18	Department of Irrigation	28201	250,000,000	260,108,952.10	-	-	-	-	27
19	Department of Land Use Policy Planning	32701	20,000,000	20,000,400	-	-	-	-	28

Sgd./Anura Kumara Dissanayake
Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

27.04.2025

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Question put, and agreed to.

14. Adjournment (Empowerment of Small and Medium-Scale Exporters in the Northern Province): The Minister of Justice and National Integration moved,—
That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

And it being 5.30 p.m. Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member.

Parliament adjourned accordingly, until 9.30 a.m. on Friday, May 23, 2025.