



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 97.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Monday, November 10, 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

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**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. (Prof.) Chrishantha Abeyseña**, Minister of Science and Technology

**Hon. Anura Karunathilaka**, Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation

**Hon. K.D. Lal Kantha**, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation

**Hon. Sunil Kumara Gamage**, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports

**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. (Dr.) Anil Jayantha**, Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning

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

**Hon. (Dr.) Dammika Patabendi**, Minister of Environment

**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. (Dr.) Susil Ranasinghe**, Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply

**Hon. Bimal Rathnayake**, Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development and Leader of the House of Parliament

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

**Hon. K.V. Samantha Viddyarathna**, Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure

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

**Hon. (Dr.)(Ms.) Kaushalya Ariyaratne**, Deputy Minister of Mass Media

**Hon. Namal Karunaratne**, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Livestock

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

**Hon. Rathna Gamage**, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

**Hon. Eranga Gunasekara**, Deputy Minister of Urban Development

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

**Hon. Anton Jayakody**, Deputy Minister of Environment

**Hon. R.M. Jayawardhana**, Deputy Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security

**Hon. Nishantha Jayaweera**, Deputy Minister of Economic Development

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

**Hon. (Dr.) Hansaka Wijemuni**, Deputy Minister of Health

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

**Hon. Aravinda Senarath**, Deputy Minister of Land and Irrigation

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

**Hon. (Dr.) Madhura Senevirathna**, Deputy Minister of Education and Higher Education

**Hon. Dinindu Saman Hennayake**, Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs

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

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**Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga**

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**Hon. Shantha Pathma Kumara Subasingha**  
**Hon. Dewananda Suraweera**  
**Hon. Chandana Sooriyaarakchchi**

**Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara**

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**Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Herath, Attorney at Law**

**Hon. Bhagya Sri Herath, Attorney at Law**

**Hon. Riyas Farook**

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Secretary-General of Parliament

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 Papers:** (1) The Speaker presented the Annual Report of the Auditor-General for the year 2024, in terms of Article 154(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 and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Ceylon German Technical Training Institute for the year 2023 and moved that Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education, Manpower and Human Capital.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the —

- (i) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka National Freedom from Hunger Campaign Board (National Food Promotion Board) for the year 2021; and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Export Agriculture for the year 2024

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning presented the Annual Report of the National Institute of Labour Studies for the year 2023 and moved that Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education, Manpower and Human Capital.

Question put, and agreed to.

**2. Presentation of Public Petitions:**

(1) Hon. Kins Nelson presented—

- (i) A petition dated 17.07.2025 from Mrs. M.G.D.S. Madakumbura of Mahanigawatta, Madakumbura, Dunukedeniya; and
- (ii) A petition dated 18.07.2025 from Mrs. R.M. Kanchana of No 127, Pihitiwewa, Nuwaragala.

(2) Hon. Nanda Bandara presented a petition dated 07.07.2025 from Mrs. M.R. Inoka Chandani of Pahala Walpola, Kotawella, Rambukkana.

(3) Hon. Jagath Manuwarna presented a petition dated 05.06.2025 from Ms. Jayami Sanjana De Silva of No 92, Ritiketiya New Colony, Meegama.

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

**3. Appropriation Bill—(Second Allotted Day):** Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (07<sup>th</sup> November 2025),—

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question again proposed, and debate resumed.

(At 11.05 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

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

(At 2.07 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Livestock moved,—That Hon. Kitnan Selvaraj do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.00 p.m. Hon. Kitnan Selvaraj took the Chair.)

The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development moved,—That Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.26 p.m. Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara took the Chair.)

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned; debate to be resumed on Tuesday, November 11, 2025.

**4. Adjournment:** And it being 6.30 p.m. Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member.

Parliament adjourned accordingly, until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2025.