



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 113.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, November 28, 2025 at 9.00 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.) Chrishantha Abeysena, Minister of Science and Technology

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

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

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

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

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

Hon. Mahinda Jayasinghe, Deputy Minister of Labour

Hon. Sugath Thilakaratne, Deputy Minister of Sports

Hon. Muneer Mulafter, Deputy Minister of Religious and Cultural Affairs

Hon. Eranga Weeraratne, Deputy Minister of Digital Economy

Hon. Amirthanathan Adaikkalanathan

Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi
Hon. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi
Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika
Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe
Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. M. Nizam Kariapper, PC
Hon. (Mrs.) Nilanthi Kottahachchi, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Mrs.) Samanmali Gunasingha
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Dilith Jayaweera
Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy
Hon. M.A.M. Thahir
Hon. Sugath Wasantha de Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Susantha Dodawatta, Attorney at Law
Hon. Nandana Pathmakumara
Hon. Aruna Panagoda
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Stepni Fernando
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Ruwan Mapalagama
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, PC
Hon. Ismail Muththu Mohamed
Hon. Sanjeewa Ranasingha
Hon. Asoka Sapumal Ranwala
Hon. Mujibur Rahman
Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth
Hon. Darmapriya Wijesinghe
Hon. Dewananda Suraweera

Hon. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah

Hon. Chandima Hettiaratchi

Hon. Champika Hettiarachchi

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. Announcements by the Speaker: The Speaker made the following announcements:—

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“Hon. Members,

After considering the current emergency situation prevailing in the country, it was decided in the meeting of the Committee on Parliamentary Business held on 27 November 2025 not to hold the Committee Stage Debate of the Budget today and not to hold the Parliament sittings on 29 November 2025, i.e. tomorrow. Accordingly, in the Committee Stage Programme of the 2026 Budget, the dates on which the expenditure heads of the following Ministries were scheduled to be taken up have been revised;

- Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure
- Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- Ministry of Women and Child Affairs

I would like to inform this august Assembly of the revised dates;

- Consideration of the expenditure heads of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs, which were scheduled to be taken up on Saturday, 29 November 2025, will be from 10.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. on Monday, 01 December 2025 (Passing at 6.00 p.m.); and from 6.00 p.m. to 12.00 midnight on the same day, expenditure heads of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs and the Ministry of Environment will be considered (Passing at 12.00 midnight) and;

- Consideration of the expenditure heads of the Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development will be from 10.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 02 December, 2025 (Passing at 6.00 p.m.), and the expenditure heads of the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure, which were scheduled to be taken up on Friday, 28 November, 2025, will be considered from 6.00 p.m. to 12.00 midnight (Passing at 12.00 midnight).”

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“A motion may be moved to refer the Question of Privilege raised by the Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law, M.P., in Parliament on 18th November 2025 to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges.”

2. Presentation of Papers: The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Health and Mass Media under Paragraph (u) of Section 142(2) read with Sections 59 and 63 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2452/39 of 04th September 2025 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees: Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva, the Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on the Regulations under Section 35 read with Sections 6(b), (c) and (j), 16 and 31 of the Public Debt Management Act, No. 33 of 2024 and the proviso to Article 44(3) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which were referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Business of the Parliament: The Minister of Health and Mass Media on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item No. 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day’s sitting from the provisions of Standing Orders 27 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1): The Minister of Health and Mass Media on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motions agreed to by Parliament on 13th November 2025, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.. At 9.30 a.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2): The Minister of Health and Mass Media on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament and the motions agreed to by Parliament on 13th November 2025, the hours of sittings of Parliament on allotted days for consideration of the ‘Appropriation’ Bill (2026) on 01st Monday and 02nd Tuesday, December 2025 shall be 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 12.00 midnight. At 12.00 midnight provisions of paragraphs (5) and (6) of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament shall operate. At 12.00 midnight Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3): The Minister of Health and Mass Media on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.00 a.m. on Monday, December 01st, 2025.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Regulations under the Public Debt Management Act: The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 35 read with Sections 6(b), (c) and (j), 16 and 31 of the Public Debt Management Act, No. 33 of 2024 and the proviso to Article 44(3) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, on the recommendation of the Public Debt Coordination Committee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2459/52 of 24th October 2025, which were presented on 24.11.2025, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Adjournment: The Minister of Health and Mass Media moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 9.24 a.m. adjourned by the Speaker until 9.00 a.m. on Monday, December 01st, 2025 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.