



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 114.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Monday, December 01, 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. Anura Karunathilaka, Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation

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

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

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

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. Anton Jayakody, Deputy Minister of Environment
Hon. Nishantha Jayaweera, Deputy Minister of Economic Development
Hon. Major General (Rtd.) Aruna Jayasekera, Deputy Minister of Defence
Hon. Sugath Thilakaratne, Deputy Minister of Sports
Hon. Muneer Mulafter, Deputy Minister of Religious and Cultural Affairs
Hon. Sunil Watagala, Attorney at Law, Deputy Minister of Public Security and
Parliamentary Affairs
Hon. Eranga Weeraratne, Deputy Minister of Digital Economy
Hon. (Dr.) Namal Sudarshana, Deputy Minister of Women and Child Affairs
Hon. Nalin Hewage, Deputy Minister of Vocational Education

Hon. Amirthanathan Adaikkalanathan
Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Hessa Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi
Hon. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi
Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika
Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe
Hon. (Mrs.) Oshani Umanga
Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. M. Nizam Kariapper, PC
Hon. Kathiravelu Shanmugam Kugathanan
Hon. Kaveenthiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Chathura Galappaththi
Hon. (Mrs.) Samanmali Gunasingha
Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Attorney at Law
Hon. Dilith Jayaweera
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law
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. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. Nandana Pathmakumara
Hon. Aruna Panagoda
Hon. Nimal Palihena
Hon. G.G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Stepni Fernando
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga
Hon. S.M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Ruwan Mapalagama
Hon. Danushka Ranganath
Hon. Sanjeewa Ranasingha
Hon. Thuraiyasa Ravikaran
Hon. Mujibur Rahman
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth
Hon. Darmapriya Wijesinghe
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana
Hon. Jagath Vithana
Hon. Gnanamuththu Srineshan
Hon. (Dr.) Nishantha Samaraweera
Hon. Dewananda Suraweera
Hon. Arjuna Sujeewa Senasinghe, Attorney at Law
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah
Hon. Chandima Hettiaratchi
Hon. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra, Attorney at Law

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. **Messages from the President:** The Speaker read the following messages received from the President:—

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President of Sri Lanka

My No. PS/CSA/00/7/IX/3/01

November 30, 2025

Hon. I.W.M. Jagath Wickramaratne
Speaker
Parliament of Sri Lanka

Hon. Speaker,

The Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40)

I have declared by Proclamation dated 28th November, 2025 under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40) that the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance shall come into operation throughout Sri Lanka from 28th November, 2025.

The Parliament is hereby duly informed in terms of Article 155 (4) of the Constitution that the purpose of the above Proclamation is to the protection of public order and the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the life of the community, considering the situation that has arisen due to the severe adverse weather condition currently prevailing.

Yours sincerely,


Anura Kumara Dissanayake
President

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November 26, 2025

Hon. I.W.M. Jagath Wickramaratne
Speaker
Parliament of Sri Lanka

Hon. Speaker,

The Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40)

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 12 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), I have issued an order to the effect that all members of the Armed Forces specified in the First Schedule are summoned for the maintenance of Public Order in the areas specified in Second Schedule thereof taking into consideration the need for the Public Order to be maintained.

Accordingly, I hereby inform the Parliament of the said Order in terms of Section 2(3) of the aforesaid Ordinance read with Section 21(2) thereof.

Yours sincerely,


Anura Kumara Dissanayake
President

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Suspension of Sittings

At 9.07 a.m.

The Sitting was then suspended until 9.37 a.m.

At 10.17 a.m.

The Sitting was resumed. The Speaker took the Chair.

2. Announcements by the Speaker: The Speaker made the following announcement:—

“A motion may be moved to refer the matter pertaining to the Privileges raised by the Hon. (Dr.) Ramanathan Archchuna, M.P., through the letter No. 2025/G/A/68 dated 21st November 2025 forwarded to me to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges.”

3. Presentation of Public Petitions:

Hon. (Dr.) Nishantha Samaraweera presented —

- (i) A petition dated 20.10.2025 from Mr. D.S. Sanjana Vidanapathirana of No. 92, China Friendship Village, Kurunduwatta, Walahanduwa;
- (ii) A petition dated 20.10.2025 from Mrs. H.L.A. Chandika of No.308/37, Medahena Road, Welegoda, Matara; and
- (iii) A petition dated 25.07.2025 from Mrs. Tharanga Paranavithana of No. 97 A, Isiwara Place, Kurunduwatta, Walahanduwa.

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

4. Appropriation Bill—(Eighteenth Allotted Day): Considered in the Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports on behalf of Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 9 in page 36 and substitute the following:—

“Capital 6,800,000,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 194

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 634,000,000 for Head 194, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 173,000,000 for Head 194, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,561,000,000 for Head 194, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,661,000,000 for Head 194, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 219

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 144,000,000 for Head 219, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 16,000,000 for Head 219, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports on behalf of Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 16 in page 36 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 2,161,000,000 3,950,000,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Ministry of Women and Child Affairs

The Minister of Women and Child Affairs on behalf of Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 3 in page 34 and substitute the following:—

“Capital 800,000,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 171

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 460,150,000 for Head 171, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 35,000,000 for Head 171, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Women and Child Affairs on behalf of Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 7 in page 34 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 14,800,100,000 661,800,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 217

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 61,750,000 for Head 217, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,500,000 for Head 217, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 478,000,000 for Head 217, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 100,700,000 for Head 217, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs on behalf of Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out lines 14 and 15 in page 10 and substitute the following:—

“Recurrent	9,525,000,000
Capital	5,025,000,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 101

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 699,600,000 for Head 101, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 59,400,000 for Head 101, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs on behalf of Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 4 in page 11 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 2,859,400,000 2,371,600,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 201

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 177,600,000 for Head 201, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 24,000,000 for Head 201, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,029,400,000 for Head 201, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 119,000,000 for Head 201, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 202

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 164,000,000 for Head 202, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 40,000,000 for Head 202, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 203

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 95,000,000 for Head 203, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 83,000,000 for Head 203, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 204

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 230,000,000 for Head 204, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 55,000,000 for Head 204, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 205

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 107,000,000 for Head 205, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,000,000 for Head 205, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 206

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 177,600,000 for Head 206, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 15,100,000 for Head 206, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 942,400,000 for Head 206, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 284,900,000 for Head 206, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 207

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 384,000,000 for Head 207, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 35,500,000 for Head 207, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,862,000,000 for Head 207, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 372,500,000 for Head 207, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 208

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 106,500,000 for Head 208, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 13,800,000 for Head 208, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 358,500,000 for Head 208, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 236,200,000 for Head 208, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 209

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 224,000,000 for Head 209, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 56,800,000 for Head 209, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 108,000,000 for Head 209, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,253,200,000 for Head 209, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Ministry of Environment

The Minister of Environment on behalf of Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out lines 4 and 5 in page 33 and substitute the following:—

“Recurrent	14,450,000,000
Capital	4,960,000,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 160

The Minister of Environment on behalf of Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 8 in page 33 and substitute the following:—

“Programme	01	Operational Activities	1,093,000,000	107,000,000”
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,944,000,000 for Head 160, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,165,000,000 for Head 160, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 283

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,020,000,000 for Head 283, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,365,000,000 for Head 283, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 284

The Minister of Environment on behalf of Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 8 in page 33 and substitute the following:—

“Programme	01	Operational Activities	6,051,000,000	1,233,000,000”
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 291

The Minister of Environment on behalf of Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 15 in page 33 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 01 Operational Activities 483,000,000 612,000,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 294

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 895,000,000 for Head 294, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 222,000,000 for Head 294, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 322

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 964,000,000 for Head 322, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 256,000,000 for Head 322, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Whereupon the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development proposed that the Chair do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question put and agreed

Committee report progress; to sit again on Wednesday December 03, 2025.

5. Annual Report of the National Youth Services Council (2022): The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports moved,— That the Annual Report of the National Youth Services Council 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 18.12.2024 under Section 31 of the National Youth Services Act, No. 69 of 1979, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority (2022): The Minister of Women and Child Affairs moved,— That the Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 23.07.2024 under Section 32 of the National Child Protection Authority Act, No. 50 of 1998, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority (2023): The Minister of Women and Child Affairs moved,— That the Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 09.04.2025 under Section 32 of the National Child Protection Authority Act, No. 50 of 1998, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Adjournment: The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 11.00 a.m. adjourned by the Speaker until 9.00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 03, 2025 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 13th November 2025.