



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 119.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, January 06, 2026 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.) 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. 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 Vidyarathna, Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure

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

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti, Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development

Hon. Vijitha Herath, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism

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. Arkam Ilyas, Deputy Minister of Power

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. 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. Gamagedara Dissanayake, Deputy Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

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

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

Hon. (Prof.) Ruwan Ranasinghe, Deputy Minister of Tourism

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

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

Hon. Eranga Weeraratne, Deputy Minister of Digital Economy

Hon. Upali Samarasingha, Deputy Minister of Cooperative Development

Hon. T. B. Sarath, Deputy Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply

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. Nalin Hewage, Deputy Minister of Vocational Education

Hon. Roshan Akmeemana

Hon. Ajith Agalakada

Hon. Amirthanathan Adaikkalanathan

Hon. (Mrs.) Sagarika Athauda, Attorney at Law

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana

Hon. U.P. Abeywickrama, Attorney at Law

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama

Hon. (Dr.) Ramanathan Archchuna

Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Hessa Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi

Hon. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi

Hon. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi

Hon. B. Ariyawansha

Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika

Hon. K. Ilankumaran

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe

Hon. (Mrs.) Oshani Umanga

Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. (Ms.) Krishnan Kalaichelvi

Hon. M. Nizam Kariapper, PC

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Hon. Ashoka Gunasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Gayan Janaka
Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
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. Palani Thigambaram
Hon. Thanura Dissanayake
Hon. Dharmapriya Dissanayake
Hon. Sujeewa Dissanayake
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. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law
Hon. Stepni Fernando
Hon. Kanthasamy Prabu
Hon. Lal Premanath
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Nanda Bandara
Hon. Padmasiri Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma 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. (Dr.) Sandaruwan Madarasinghe
Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga

Hon. Jagath Manuwarna
Hon. Thahir Marrikkar
Hon. S.M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran MaharooF
Hon. Chanaka Madugoda
Hon. Ruwan Mapalagama
Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, PC
Hon. Danushka Ranganath
Hon. Sanjeewa Ranasingha
Hon. R.M. Samantha Ranasinghe
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Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake
Hon. (Mrs.) A.M.M.M. Rathwaththe
Hon. Asoka Sapumal Ranwala
Hon. ThuraiRasa Ravikaran
Hon. Mujibur Rahman
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Manoj Rajapaksha
Hon. Sunil Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. (Mrs.) Hasara Liyanage, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Mrs.) Deepthi Wasalage
Hon. Nayana Wasalathilaka
Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth
Hon. Kanchana Welipitiya
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. R.G. Wijerathna
Hon. Priyantha Wijerathna , Attorney at Law
Hon. Ruwan Wijeweera
Hon. Darmapriya Wijesinghe
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri

Hon. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana
Hon. Jagath Vithana
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Athula Welandagoda
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuththu Srineshan
Hon. Fasmin Sharif
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. Arjuna Sujeewa Senasinghe, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Dr.) Janaka Senarathna
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah
Hon. Chandima Hettiaratchi
Hon. Champika Hettiarachchi
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

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

December 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 December, 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 December, 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 post disaster situation caused by the cyclone Ditwah.

Yours sincerely,


Anura Kumara Dissanayake
President

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இலங்கை சனாதிபதி
President of Sri Lanka

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

“I wish to inform Parliament that I have received the Determination of the Supreme Court in respect of the Bill titled ‘Institute of Real Estate Professionals, Sri Lanka’ which had been challenged in the Supreme Court under Article 121(1) of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court has determined that the Bill as a whole or any provision thereof is not inconsistent with the Constitution and may be passed by the simple majority of Parliament.

I order that the Determination of the Supreme Court be printed in the official report of today's proceedings.”

3. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker presented the—

- (i) Ninth Installment – Part XLVI of the Report of the Auditor – General for the Financial Year 2022; and
- (ii) Second Installment – Part XXXIII, Third Installment – Part XXII and Ninth Installment – Part XX of the Report of the Auditor – General for the Financial Year 2024

in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Reports do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

(2) The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education presented the Annual Report of the Rakna Arakshaka Lanka Limited for the year 2021/2022 moved that Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education presented the Annual Report of the National Insurance Trust Fund for the year 2023 and moved that the report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations .

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education presented the—

- (i) Annual Nineteenth Annual Report of the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences for the year 2023; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Peradeniya for the year 2023

and moved that those reports be referred to the Committee Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education, Manpower and Human Capital.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education presented the Aswesuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 9 of the Welfare Benefits Act, No. 24 of 2002, relating to Welfare Benefits and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2467/03 of 15th December 2025 and moved that Scheme be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education presented the—

- (i) Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2468/46 of 28th December 2025 and Schedule thereto, by virtue of the powers vested with the President in terms of Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979; and
- (ii) Note on Supplementary Allocations from the Development Activities Programme appearing under Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget for the period from 01.11.2025 to 30.11.2025 in terms of Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 3 of 2025

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

(7) The Minister Transport, Highways and Urban Development presented the Annual Report of the State Development and Construction Corporation for the year 2022 and moved that Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Infrastructure and Strategic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources presented the

- (i) Annual Report of the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation for the year 2019; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2023

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

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Presentation of Reports from Committees: Hon. Ramalingam Chandrasekar, The Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources presented the Report of the Committee on —

- (i) Regulations made by the then Minister of Fisheries under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2371/35 of 15th February 2024; and
- (ii) Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources under Section 29 of the Fishermen's Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme Act, No. 23 of 1990 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2428/13 of 19th March 2025

which were referred to the Committee.

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

5. Presentation of Public Petitions:

- (1) Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka presented a petition dated 22.07.2025 from Mrs. R.G. Lakmali Wasana of No. 116 Bogahagodalla, Thawalama South, Thawalama, Galle.
- (2) Hon. (Ms.) Ambika Samivel presented a petition dated 05.06.2025 from Mr. T.A. Maithripala of No.6/2, Udammita, Veyangoda.

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

6. Business of the Parliament: The Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item No. 3 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 27 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Sittings of the Parliament : The Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act: The Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources moved,— That the Regulations made by the then Minister of Fisheries under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2371/35 of 15th February 2024, which were presented on 18.12.2025, be approved.

(At 11.45 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

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

(At 1.50 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources moved,—That Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.00 p.m. Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Regulations under the Fishermen's Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme Act: The Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources under Section 29 of the Fishermen's Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme Act, No. 23 of 1990 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2428/13 of 19th March 2025, which were presented on 18.12.2025, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance: The Minister Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959 and Law, No. 6 of 1978 of the National State Assembly and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from 28th December, 2025, be approved.

The Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs moved,—That Hon. Upul Kithsiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.09 p.m. Hon. Upul Kithsiri took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Committee of Parliament to look into and report to Parliament on the matter of selecting the Electoral System under which the Provincial Council Elections should be held and submit its proposals and recommendations in that regard: Minister of Health and Mass Media on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— Whereas all the Provincial Councils are currently functioning without people's representatives since the delimitation process of wards required for implementing the 'Mixed Proportional Representation System', which was introduced in terms of the provisions of Act No. 17 of 2017 which is in effect at present amending the Provincial Councils Elections Act No. 2 of 1988, has not been completed;

And whereas the Select Committee of Parliament to identify appropriate reforms of the Election Laws and the Electoral System and to recommend necessary amendments, which was appointed in 2022 by the Ninth Parliament, discussed the fact that draft laws are required for enabling the implementation of the 'Mixed Proportional Representation System', which was introduced by the Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Act No. 17 of 2017, by carrying out the delimitation as required in terms of the said Amendment Act as per the ratio stipulated therein, and recommended that appropriate laws be enacted for holding the Provincial Council Elections under the Proportional Representation System until draft laws referred to above are prepared, but the report of the said Committee, which consisted of 17 Members, had been presented to Parliament on 22 June 2022 with the signatures of only 8 Members;

And whereas the report of the Minister in terms of Standing Order 52(6) of Parliament on the Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill, which was presented to the Parliament on 05 June 2025 for the first reading, was presented to Parliament on 19.11.2025 by the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government; and

Whereas there are different viewpoints on the appropriate electoral system for holding the Provincial Council Elections and the dialogue on the electoral systems of the country has broadened and intensified after 2017, and whereas an extensive dialogue should be created on preparing an electoral system including provisions for mandatory women representation, youth representation, limits on expenditure, mixed proportional representation system, ensure right to advance voting and voting right of the Sri Lankans living abroad etc.;

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to look into and report to Parliament on the matter of selecting the Electoral System under which the Provincial Council Elections should be held and submit its proposals and recommendations in that regard.

2. (a) that the Chair and Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Speaker; and
(b) that in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 101 of Parliament, the Committee shall not consist of more than twelve (12) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to —
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of specialists and experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment or prorogation of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall present its report to Parliament within a period of three (03) months from the first meeting of the Committee or within such further period as Parliament may grant. (P.104/2025)

Question put, and agreed to.

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

And it being 5.30 p.m. Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member at 5.40 p.m. pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly, until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 07, 2026.