



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 5.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, October 06, 2015 at 1.00 p.m.

PRESENT :

The Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

The Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

The Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Foreign Employment

The Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Development

The Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass
Media and the Chief Government Whip

The Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

The Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of University Education and Highways and the
Leader of the House of Parliament

The Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

The Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

The Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Transport

The Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

The Hon. S. B. Dissanayake, Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare

The Hon. S. B. Nawinne, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and
Cultural Affairs

The Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Sustainable Development and
Wildlife

The Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

The Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction

The Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

The Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Minister of Public Administration and
Management

The Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara, Minister of Women and Child Affairs

The Hon. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Law and Order and Prisons Reforms

The Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

The Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

The Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Ports and Shipping

The Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Megapolis and Western
Development

The Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, Minister of Justice and Minister of
Buddhasasana

The Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

The Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

The Hon. D. M. Swaminathan, Minister of Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu
Religious Affairs

The Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Minister of City Planning and Water Supply

The Hon. Abdul Haleem, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Affairs

The Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

The Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

The Hon. T. B. Ekanayake, State Minister of Lands

The Hon. Mohan Lal Grero, State Minister of University Education

The Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

The Hon. Niroshan Perera, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

The Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle, State Minister of City Planning and
Water Supply

The Hon. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister of Skills Development and
Vocational Training

The Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan, State Minister of Education

The Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

The Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Development

The Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera, State Minister of Labour and Trade Unions
Relations

The Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

The Hon. Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources
Management

The Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie, State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation

The Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister of Transport

The Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Megapolis and Western Development

The Hon. Faizal Cassim, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

The Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

The Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

The Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife

The Hon. H.R. Sarathie Dushmantha, Deputy Minister of Justice

The Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

The Hon. Susantha Punchinilame, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and Management

The Hon. Ajith P. Perera, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

The Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries

The Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping Affairs

The Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare

The Hon. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

The Hon. Duleep Wijesekera, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs

The Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

The Hon. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Sports

The Hon. Hector Appuhamy

The Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

The Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

The Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

The Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama

The Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala

The Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

The Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

The Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

The Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
The Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri
The Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha
The Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
The Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
The Hon. Chandima Gamage
The Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
The Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
The Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
The Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
The Hon. Edward Gunasekara
The Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
The Hon. Sisira Jayakody
The Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
The Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
The Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
The Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
The Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
The Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
The Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
The Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma
The Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
The Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
The Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
The Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
The Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
The Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
The Hon. Douglas Devananda
The Hon. Mohamed Navavi
The Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
The Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
The Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
The Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
The Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
The Hon. K.K. Piyadasa
The Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
The Hon. Johnston Fernando

The Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
The Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
The Hon. S. Premarathna
The Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
The Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
The Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
The Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
The Hon. S. M. Marikkar
The Hon. Imran Maharoo
The Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
The Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
The Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
The Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
The Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheeswaran
The Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
The Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
The Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
The Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
The Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
The Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
The Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
The Hon. Ishak Rahuman
The Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
The Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
The Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
The Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
The Hon. Gamini Lokuge
The Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
The Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
The Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
The Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
The Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
The Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
The Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
The Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
The Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
The Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara

The Hon. Hesha Withanage
The Hon. Thenuka Vidanagama
The Hon. S. Viyalanderan
The Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
The Hon. Kumara Welgama
The Hon. S. Shritharan
The Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
The Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
The Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
The Hon. M.H.M. Salman
The Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
The Hon. S. Sivamohan
The Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
The Hon. Vadivel Suresh
The Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
The Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed
The Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
The Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
The Hon. Kanaka Herath
The Hon. Vijitha Herath

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Deputy Secretary-General

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

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

1. Announcements by the Speaker : The Deputy Speaker made the following announcement,—

“ I wish to inform the Parliament that the Hon. Speaker has received a copy of the petition filed at the Supreme Court under Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Bill titled “Telecommunication Levy (Amendment)”.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,—

- (i) the Recommendation by the Finance Commission for the year 2015 to H.E. the President in terms of the Article 154 R (4) of the Constitution of Sri Lanka; and

- (ii) the Annual Performance Report of the Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management Department for the year 2014.

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

- (2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the year 2014.

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

- (3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,—

- (i) the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties (Gazette Extraordinary No. 1913/3 of 5th May 2015);
- (ii) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1907/19 of 25th March 2015;
- (iii) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1908/29 of 1st April 2015;
- (iv) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1911/9 of 23rd April 2015;
- (v) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1917/48 of 5th June 2015;
- (vi) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1919/33 of 16th June 2015;
- (vii) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1921/7 of 29th June 2015;
- (viii) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1924/9 of 20th July 2015;
- (ix) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1931/7 of 7th September 2015;

- (x) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under sub-section (3) of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1913/2 of 5th May 2015;
- (xi) the Annual Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Customs for the year 2014;
- (xii) the Performance Report of the Department of National Budget for the year 2014;
- (xiii) the Performance Report of the Department of Treasury Operations for the year 2014;
- (xiv) the Performance Report of the Department of Public Finance for the year 2014;
- (xv) the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Management Services for the year 2014;
- (xvi) the Performance Report of the Department of Information Technology Management for the year 2014;
- (xvii) the Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Excise Department for the year 2014; and
- (xviii) the Supplementary Allocations from the Budgetary Support Services and Contingency Liabilities Project appearing under Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget - 2015 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 41 of 2014.

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

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce for the year 2014.

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

(5) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Land Survey Council for the year 2013 and moved that this report be referred to the relevant Consultative Committee.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Report accordingly stood referred to the relevant Consultative Committee under Standing Order No. 109 of the Parliament.

(6) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,—

- (i) the Annual Performance Report of the Survey Department of Sri Lanka for the year 2014; and
- (ii) the Performance Report of the Commissioner General of Title Settlement for the Financial year 2014.

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

(7) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Tourism and Sports for the year 2014.

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

Suspension of Sitting

1.35 p.m.

The sitting was suspended until 1.50 p.m.

1.50 p.m.

The Sitting was resumed. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

3. Sittings of the Parliament (No.1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament, henceforth, the hours of sittings of Parliament on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. and on Fridays shall be 1.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Sittings of the Parliament (No.2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the motions agreed to by Parliament on 23.09.2015, and this day, the hours of sitting on Tuesday 06th October, 2015 shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Standing Committees (Legislative) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That two Legislative Standing Committees be appointed to be designated Standing Committee “A” and Standing Committee “B” respectively.

That each Committee do consist of fifteen (15) Members and that the Speaker be empowered to add not more than fifteen (15) additional Members to serve on the Committee during the consideration of any particular Bill;

That four (04) Members be the quorum of each Committee.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill : Second Reading.

Bill by leave withdrawn.

7. Adjournment (Revival of Death Penalty) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of City Planning and Water Supply moved,— That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.50 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 5.30 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

And it being 6.30 p.m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Deputy Speaker without question put.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 07, 2015 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on this day.