



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

No. **15.** ]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, November 05, 2015 at 1.00 p.m.

### PRESENT :

**The Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

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

**The Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan**, Deputy Chairman of Committees

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**The Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe**, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies  
and Economic Affairs

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

**The Hon. Wajira Abeywardana**, Minister of Home Affairs

**The Hon. John Amaratunga**, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian  
Religious Affairs

**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. Ravi Karunanayake**, Minister of Finance

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

**The Hon. Mano Ganesan**, Minister of National Dialogue

**The Hon. Daya Gamage**, Minister of Primary Industries

**The Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**, Minister of Sports

**The Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva**, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

**The Hon. Palany Thigambaram**, Minister of Hill Country New Villages,  
Infrastructure and Community Development

**The Hon. Navin Dissanayake**, Minister of Plantation Industries

**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. A. D. Susil Premajayantha**, Minister of Science, Technology and Research

**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. Sagala Ratnayaka**, Minister of Southern Development

**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. Malik Samarawickrama**, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

**The Hon. Mangala Samaraweera**, Minister of Foreign Affairs

**The Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

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

**The Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne**, Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations

**The Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

**The Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa**, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management

**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. Kabir Hashim**, Minister of Public Enterprise Development

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

**The Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**, State Minister of Finance

**The Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture

**The Hon. Mohan Lal Grero**, State Minister of Higher Education

**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. A. D. Premadasa**, State Minister of Industry and Commerce Affairs

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

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

**The Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah**, State Minister of Rehabilitation and Resettlement

**The Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

**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. Dunesh Gankanda**, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

**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. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

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

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

**The Hon. Arundika Fernando**, Deputy Minister of Tourism Development and  
Christian Religious Affairs

**The Hon. Nimal Lanza**, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

**The Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development

**The Hon. Duleep Wijsekera**, 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

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**The Hon. Hector Appuhamy**

**The Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana**

**The Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**

**The Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara**

**The Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**

**The Hon. Dilum Amunugama**

**The Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala**

**The Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**

**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. Velu Kumar**

**The Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne**

**The Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran**

**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. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera**

**The Hon. S. M. Chandrasena**

**The Hon. D. V. Chanaka**

**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. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah**  
**The Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma**  
**The Hon. Arumugan Thondaman**  
**The Hon. Sirinal de Mel**  
**The Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa**  
**The Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**The Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**The Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake**  
**The Hon. Salinda Dissanayake**  
**The Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**The Hon. Mohamed Navavi**  
**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. Sanath Nishantha Perera**  
**The Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**The Hon. Johnston Fernando**  
**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. K. Kader Masthan**  
**The Hon. Imran Maharoof**  
**The Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff**  
**The Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**The Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran**  
**The Hon. Bimal Rathnayake**  
**The Hon. C. B. Rathnayake**

**The Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**  
**The Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**The Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella**  
**The Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**The Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**The Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**The Hon. Namal Rajapaksa**  
**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. S. Viyalanderan**  
**The Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**The Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan**  
**The Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa**  
**The Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**The Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**The Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**The Hon. E. Saravanapavan**  
**The Hon. M.H.M. Salman**  
**The Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**  
**The Hon. S. Sivamohan**  
**The Hon. Muthu Sivalingam**  
**The Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan**  
**The Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**The Hon. Vadivel Suresh**  
**The Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne**  
**The Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed**  
**The Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah**

**The Hon. Shehan Semasinghe**

**The Hon. Sunil Handunnetti**

**The Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi**

**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 Speaker took the Chair.**

**1. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Speaker presented,— the Fourth Instalment – Part X and Sixth Instalment – Part XXI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2012; Second Instalment – Part XIII and XIV, Fourth Instalment – Part V and Fifth Instalment – Part I of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2013; and Fourth Instalment – Part I of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2014 under Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the National Building Research Organization for the year 2012 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.

(3) The Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs presented the Performance Report of the Department of Immigration and Emigration for the year 2014.

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

**2. Leave to introduce Bill :** The Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff, seconded by the Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Markas Sakafathul Islamiyya.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time, and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order No. 47(5) of the Parliament, to the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs for report.

**3. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act :** The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, in relation to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1903/39 of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015, which was presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

The Minister of Megapolis and Western Development moved,— that Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.45 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,— that Hon. Bimal Rathnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.02 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,— that Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.30 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 6.01 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

**4. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.1) :** The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1899/33 of 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015)

Question put, and agreed to.

**5. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.2) :** The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1903/40 of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015)

Question put, and agreed to.

**6. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.3) :** The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 06.10.2015, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1913/3 of 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015)

Question put, and agreed to.

**7. Notification under the Excise Ordinance :** The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,—That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding Excise Licenses and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1901/19 of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015, which was presented on 20.10.2015, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 974)

Question put, and agreed to.

**8. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act :** The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 read with Sub-section 3 of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969, as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1918/22 of 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015, which were presented on 20.10.2015, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**9. Adjournment (Evacuation of Abodes in Locations Vulnerable to Landslides) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— that the Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,— that Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.30 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

And it being 7.30 p.m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member without question put.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 1.30 p.m. on Friday, November 06, 2015.