



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. **16.**]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, November 06, 2015 at 1.30 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

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

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

The Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Special Assignment

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

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

The Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

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

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

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

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

The Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Southern Development

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

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

The Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

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

The Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Child Affairs

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

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

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

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

The Hon. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

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

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

The Hon. Hector Appuhamy

The Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

The Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

The Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

The Hon. Dilum Amunugama

The Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

The Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

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. 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. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
The Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
The Hon. D. V. Chanaka
The Hon. Sisira Jayakody
The Hon. Malith Jayathilake
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. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
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. 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. Sanath Nishantha Perera

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. K. Kader Masthan
The Hon. Imran Maharooof
The Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
The Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
The Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
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. Angajan Ramanathan
The Hon. Gamini Lokuge
The Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
The Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
The Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
The Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
The Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
The Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
The Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
The Hon. Hesha Withanage
The Hon. S. Viyalanderan
The Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
The Hon. Kumara Welgama

The Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan

The Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera

The Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

The Hon. Rajavaritham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

The Hon. E. Saravanapavan

The Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan

The Hon. Muthu Sivalingam

The Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne

The Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed

The Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

The Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

The Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

The Hon. Indika Anuruddha 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 Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Leader of the Opposition of Parliament for the year 2014.

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

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented 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**.

2. Appropriation (Amendment) : The Minister of Finance presented,—“Bill to amend the Appropriation Act, No.41 of 2014.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Monday, November 23, 2015 and to be printed.

3. Business of the Parliament (No.1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That for the purpose of the proceedings of the Appropriation Bill (2016), Standing Order No.70 (1) of the Parliament shall operate with the substitution of the words “Twenty-four” for the word “Twenty-six” and Standing Order No.70 (4) of the Parliament of the word “nine” for the word “seven”.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Business of the Parliament (No.2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That November 21st Saturday, 23rd Monday, 24th Tuesday, 26th Thursday, 27th Friday, 28th Saturday, 30th Monday and December 01st Tuesday and 02nd Wednesday, 2015 be allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2016)”.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 70(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sitting on allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2016)” from November 21st Saturday to December 02nd Wednesday, 2015 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. paragraph (5) and (6) of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament shall operate.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 70(2) of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament this day, the hours of sitting on November 27th Friday for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2016)” shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. paragraph (5) and (6) of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament shall operate.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 2.00 p.m. on Friday 20th November 2015.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Leave to introduce Bill (No.1) : Hon. Piya Nishantha De Silva seconded by Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Institute of Sri Lanka Professional Psycho Social Work.”

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 Social Empowerment and Welfare for report.

9. Leave to introduce Bill (No.2) : Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake seconded by Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Royal Charity Foundation.”

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 Social Empowerment and Welfare for report.

(At 2.25 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

10. Re-organizing the Public Administration Structure : Hon. Buddhika Pathirana seconded by Hon. Hector Appuhamy moved,— That this Parliament resolves since the Ministry of Public Administration is in the process of re-demarcating Grama Niladhari Divisions, the entire Public Administration Structure be re-organized in such a way that Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Districts be demarcated afresh through the re-demarcated Grama Niladhari Divisions and such newly demarcated Divisional Secretary's Areas be made Local Government Areas and such area should consist of jurisdictions of all public institutions including Divisional Education Area, Police Area, Agrarian Services Area and the Regional Health Services Officers Area.[P.1/'15]

The Minister of Public Administration and Management moved,— That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.20 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Resumption of the further development activities of the Nilwala Ganga project : Hon. Buddhika Pathirana seconded by Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi moved,—That this Parliament resolves that further development activities of the Nilwala Ganga project be resumed forthwith and steps be taken expeditiously to solve the problems faced by the people who cultivate various crops on the catchment area of the Nilwala Valley, due to the stalled development activities of the Nilwala Ganga project in the Matara District. [P.2/'15]

Hon. K. K. Piyadasa seconded by Hon. Ashoka Priyantha moved,— That Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.10 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa took the Chair.)

The Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management moved,— That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.00 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Extending the honorary post of Justice of the Peace even beyond the term of the Peoples Representatives of the Provincial Councils and Local Government Bodies : Hon. Buddhika Pathirana seconded by Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena moved,— Since the honorary post of Justice of the Peace accorded to the Peoples Representatives of the Provincial Councils and Local Government Bodies are confined only to their term of office, a large number of people who approach them for the relevant service, even after their terms of office is over, are greatly inconvenienced. Therefore this Parliament resolves that a suitable system be adopted to extend this post to the Peoples Representatives even beyond their terms of office.[P.3/'15]

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Reconsideration of allowances and privileges of all People's Representatives of the Provincial Councils : Hon. Buddhika Pathirana seconded by Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena moved,— That this Parliament resolves that proper measures be adopted in this regard following deep consideration since the allowances privileges and facilities of the Hon. Ministers, Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, Chief Government Whips, Leaders of the House, Leaders of the Opposition, Chief Opposition Whips and Hon. Members of the existing Provincial Councils, are not in a proper state. [P.4/'15]

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Reconsideration of the allowances and privileges granted to all Peoples Representatives in Local Authorities : Hon. Buddhika Pathirana seconded by Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena moved,— That this Parliament resolves that since there are irregularities with respect to the allowances, privileges and other facilities granted to the Mayors, Chairmen, Deputy Mayors, Vice Chairmen, Leaders of the Opposition and the Members of the existing Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas in the Island and the Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas which are planned to be established in the future, serious consideration be drawn to this matter and proper courses of action be followed in this regard.[P.5/'15]

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Adjournment : And it being past 6.30 p.m. the Parliament was at 6.38 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member without question put.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 2.00 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2015 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on this day.