



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. **18.**]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 9.30 a.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. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home 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. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance

The Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

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. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

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

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. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development

The Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Ports and Shipping

The Hon. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

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

The Hon. D. M. Swaminathan, Minister of Prisons Reforms, 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 Religious 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. T. B. Ekanayake, State Minister of Lands

The Hon. Piyanara Jayaratne, State Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development

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

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 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. (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. Susantha Punchinilame, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and
Management

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

The Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital
Infrastructure

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. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

The Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

The Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

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. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha

The Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

The Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

The Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

The Hon. Chandima Gamage

The Hon. Siripala Gamalath

The Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

The Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

The Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

The Hon. Edward Gunasekara

The Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera

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. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

The Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam

The Hon. Sirinal de Mel

The Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa

The Hon. Anura Dissanayaka

The Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake

The Hon. Salinda Dissanayake

The Hon. Mohamed Navavi

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. 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. S. C. Mutukumarana
The Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheeswaran
The Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
The Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
The Hon. Ishak Rahuman
The Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
The Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
The Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
The Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
The Hon. Gamini Lokuge
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 Vidanagamage
The Hon. S. Viyalanderan
The Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
The Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
The Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
The Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
The Hon. M. H. M. Salman
The Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
The Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan
The Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

The Hon. Vadivel Suresh
The Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
The Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
The Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
The Hon. (Dr.) A. R. A. Hafeez
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 Speaker took the Chair.

1. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcements:-

I

“I wish to inform this House that I have nominated the following Members of Parliament to serve in the Select Committee of Parliament to discuss the Heads of Expenditure of Ministries selected from the Budget Estimates of the year 2016, with the Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe as the Chairman, in terms of Standing Order No. 97 of the Parliament and the Resolution passed by Parliament on 23 October 2015:-

Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Bandula Gunawardana
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. S. Shritharan”

II

“I wish to inform this House that further to the announcement made by me on 23 October 2015 and in terms of Standing Order No. 125 of the Parliament and the Resolution passed by Parliament on 04 November 2015, the Committee of Selection has nominated the following Members to serve in the Committee on Public Accounts:-

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda”

III

“I wish to inform this House that further to the announcement made by me on 23 October 2015 and in terms of Standing Order No. 126 of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 04 November 2015, the Committee of Selection has nominated the following Members to serve in the Committee on Public Enterprises:-

Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. S. Shritharan”

IV

“I wish to inform this House that in terms of Standing Order No. 128 of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 04 November 2015, the Committee of Selection has nominated the following Members to serve in the Committee on Public Petitions:-

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. S. Sivamohan”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented,—

- (i) the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education for the year 2012;
- (ii) the Annual Report of the University of Peradeniya for the year 2012;
- (iii) the Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Kelaniya for the year 2012;
- (iv) the Annual Report of the University of Jaffna for the year 2012;
- (v) the Annual Report of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka for the year 2012;
- (vi) the Annual Report and Accounts of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka for the year 2012;
- (vii) the Annual Report of the Uva Wellassa University for the year 2012;
- (viii) the Annual Report of the Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute of the University of Kelaniya for the year 2012;
- (ix) the Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology of the University of Kelaniya for the year 2012;
- (x) the Annual Report and Accounts of the Postgraduate Institute of Science of the University of Peradeniya for the year 2012;
- (xi) the Annual Report and Accounts of the Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka for the year 2013;
- (xii) the Annual Report of the Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology of the University of Colombo for the year 2013; and
- (xiii) the Ninth Annual Report of the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (NCAS) for the year 2013.

and moved that these reports be referred to the relevant Consultative Committee.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

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

- (i) the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 112 read with Section 13 (1) (d) and Section 16 of the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act, No. 43 of 2000 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1907/17 of 25th March 2015;
- (ii) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 regarding Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1933/14 of 21st September 2015;
- (iii) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1934/40 of 2nd October 2015; and

- (iv) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under subsection (1) of Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, regarding Excise Duties on Liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1934/41 of 2nd October 2015 (Excise Notification Numbers 975, 976 and 977).

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

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,— the Regulations with regard to Electricity (Electrical Inspectors' Functions, Duties and Procedures) made by the Minister of Power and Energy under Section 54 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 on the recommendation of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1918/2 of 8th June 2015.

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

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,— the Order made by the Minister of Justice under subsection (3) of Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1926/46 of 6th August 2015.

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

3. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item No. 2 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Appropriation Bill (2016) - (First Allotted Day) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on Question (20th November, 2015).

“ That the Bill be now read a second time”

Question again proposed; and debate resumed.

(At 10.58 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,— That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.11 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

The Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management 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.)

(At 5.36 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,— That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put, and agreed to.

Debate to be resumed on Monday, November 23, 2015.

5. Select Committee of Parliament to discuss the Heads of Expenditure of the Ministries selected from the Budget Estimates of the year 2016 : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the Annexure of the motion on the “Select Committee of Parliament to discuss the Heads of Expenditure of the Ministries selected from the Budget Estimates of the year 2016” approved by the Parliament on October 23rd, 2015, be amended omitting, “(xiv) Ministry of Southern Development” in the Annexure with substitution of, “(xiv) Ministry of Special Assignment” thereto.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.20 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Monday, November 23, 2015 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on 06th November 2015.