



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. **20.**]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, November 24, 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. (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. (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. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

The Hon. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

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

The Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

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

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. Dunes Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

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

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

The Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

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

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

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

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

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. Ranjith Aluvihare

The Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

The Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

The Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha

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 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. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
The Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
The Hon. Sirinal de Mel
The Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
The Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
The Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
The Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
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. K. K. Piyadasa
The Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
The Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
The Hon. S. Premarathna

The Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
The Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
The Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
The Hon. S. M. Marikkar
The Hon. K. Kader Masthan
The Hon. Imran Maharoof
The Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
The Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
The Hon. Tilak Marapana
The Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
The Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheeswaran
The Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
The Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
The Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
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. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
The Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
The Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
The Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
The Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
The Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
The Hon. Hesha Withanage
The Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
The Hon. S. Viyalanderan
The Hon. Kumara Welgama
The Hon. S. Shritharan
The Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
The Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
The Hon. Rajavarothing Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
The Hon. M. H. M. Salman

The Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan

The Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

The Hon. Vadivel Suresh

The Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne

The Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah

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. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs presented the Performance Report of the Department of National Planning for the year 2014.

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

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

- (i) the Performance Report of the Department of Trade and Investment Policy for the year 2014; and
- (ii) the Performance Report of the Department of Inland Revenue for the year 2014.

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

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

- (i) the Annual Report of the National Enterprise Development Authority for the year 2012;
- (ii) the Annual Report of the Lanka Leyland Limited for the year ended 31st March 2013; and
- (iii) the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Design Centre for the year 2012

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.

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority 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.

(5) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Director General's Performance Report of the Rubber Development Department for the year 2013.

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

2. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, November 26th, 2015.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Leave to introduce Bill (No.1) : Hon. Dilum Amunugama seconded by Hon. Namal Rajapaksa moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to Incorporate Kandy Sri Pushpadana Society Ltd.”

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 Buddhasasana for report.

4. Leave to introduce Bill (No.2) : Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna seconded by Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to Incorporate Dhammadeepa 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 Buddhasasana for report.

5. Appropriation Bill (2016) - (Third 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 11.00 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

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

(At 4.00 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri seconded by Hon. Vadivel Suresh moved,— That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.00 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Hon. K. K. Piyadasa seconded by Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe moved,— That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.50 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned; debate to be resumed on Thursday, November 26, 2015.

6. Adjournment : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.30 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, November 26, 2015 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on this day.