



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 25.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, December 01, 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. Faiszer Musthapha, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

The Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

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

The Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Ports and Shipping

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

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. 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 Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs

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

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

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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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

The Hon. Hector Appuhamy

The Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

The Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

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. 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. 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. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma
The Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
The Hon. Sirinal de Mel
The Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
The Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
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. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
The Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
The Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
The Hon. Johnston Fernando
The Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
The Hon. S. Premarathna
The Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
The Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
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. Ajith Mannapperuma
The Hon. Tilak Marapana
The Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
The Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
The Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
The Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
The Hon. Ishak Rahuman
The Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
The Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
The Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
The Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
The Hon. Angajan Ramanathan

The Hon. Gamini Lokuge
The Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
The Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
The Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
The Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
The Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
The Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
The Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
The Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
The Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
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. Muthu Sivalingam
The Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
The Hon. Vadivel Suresh
The Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
The Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed
The Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
The Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
The Hon. (Dr) A. R. A. Hafeez
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 : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,—

- (i) the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of Malaysia for the Promotion and Protection of Investment entered in to on 16th April 1982;

- (ii) the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the People's Republic of China on the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments entered in to on 13th March 1986;
- (iii) the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand for the Promotion and Protection of Investments entered in to on 3rd January 1996;
- (iv) the Agreement on the Promotion and Protection of Reciprocal Investments between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt entered in to on 11th March 1996;
- (v) the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia concerning the Promotion and Protection of Investments entered in to on 10th June 1996;
- (vi) the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of India for the Promotion and Protection of Investment entered in to on 22nd January 1997;
- (vii) the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the Promotion and Protection of Investment entered in to on 5th January 2000;
- (viii) the Agreement on Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran entered in to on 25th July 2000;
- (ix) the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the Promotion and Protection of Investments entered in to on 22nd October 2009;
- (x) the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the State of Kuwait for the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments entered in to on 5th November 2009;
- (xi) the Agreement between the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Czech Republic for the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments entered in to on 28th March 2011; and
- (xii) the Agreement between the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the State of Qatar for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments entered in to on 22nd May 2012.

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

2. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 14.09.2015 from Mr. Mohamed Athikkan of Aswedduma, Kurunegala.

- (ii) a petition dated 05.10.2015 from Mrs. K. M. Tikirimenike of Bamunugedara, Ihalagama, Lokahettiya;
- (iii) a petition dated 05.10.2015 from Mrs. B. C. Ranathunga of Madawa, Udumulla, Pilessa;
- (iv) a petition dated 28.09.2015 from Mr. M. D. Kumarasinghe of Moragollawatta, Thorayaya; and
- (v) a petition dated 21.09.2015 from Mrs. B. W. Leisahami of Polkatu Janapadaya, Aragoda, Polgahawela;

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order No. 25A of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

3. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne seconded by Hon. Ajith P. Perera moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Trincomalee, Pankulama, Morawewa South, Sirigajabaa Gal Len Rajamaha Vihaarastha Sanwardhana Sabhawa.”

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.

4. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne seconded by Hon. Ajith P. Perera moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Susantha Punchinilame 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.

5. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha seconded by Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the M.K.A.D.S Gunawardana 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.

6. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Ishak Rahuman seconded by Hon. Mohamed Navavi moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Fathih Institute of Sri Lanka.”

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.

7. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon M. H. M. Salman seconded by Hon. Imran Maharooof moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Deltota Mahfalul Ulama Arabic College.”

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.

8. Appropriation Bill (2016) - (Eighth 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 10.42 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.00 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

(At 1.20 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.10 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Sports moved,— That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.00 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri 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 5.49 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned; debate to be resumed on Wednesday, December 02, 2015.

9. Adjournment (Impediment at Pradeshiya Sabha Level for Development of Estate Areas) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

And it being 7.00 p.m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member without question put.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 02, 2015 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on 06th November, 2015.