



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 28.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, December 04, 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

His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Minister of Defence, Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

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. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Dialogue

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. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

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. 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. (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. (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. 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. Piyanakara Jayaratne, State Minister of Law and Order and Southern
Development

The Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

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

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. Faizal Cassim, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous
Medicine

The Hon. Dunesh Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

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 Parliamentary Reforms
and Mass Media

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. Tharanath Basnayaka, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

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

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. Hector Appuhamy

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. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha

The Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

The Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

The Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

The Hon. Chandima Gamage

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. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma
The Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
The Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
The Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
The Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
The Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
The Hon. Douglas Devananda
The Hon. Mohamed Navavi
The Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
The Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
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. 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 Maharroof
The Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
The Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
The Hon. Tilak Marapana
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. Chamal Rajapaksa
The Hon. Namal Rajapaksa

The Hon. Mahinda 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. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
The Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
The Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
The Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
The Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
The Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
The Hon. S. Shritharan
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. 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. (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

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

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

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“I wish to announce that I have under the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka endorsed the certificate on the Bill entitled “**Appropriation (Amendment)**” on 03 December 2015.”

II

“A motion may be moved to refer the question of privilege raised by the Hon. Vasudewa Nanayakkara, MP in Parliament on 01 December 2015 to the Committee on Privileges.”

2. Presentation of Papers : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Lady Lochore Loan Fund for the year of 2013 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. Petitions :

(1) Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara presented —

(i) petition dated 03.10.2015 from Ms. Agampodi Harshi Danushka Silva of No. 384 C, Raddoluwa, Seeduwa; and

(ii) a petition dated 05.10.2015 from Mr. M. W. Sunil Deshapriya of No. B/594/02, Galkanda Mawatha, Ampara.

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

4. Appropriation Bill (2016) - (Eleventh Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee .

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 103

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswarana proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 10.45 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 1.30 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 4.40 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 6.11 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,681,288,000 for Head 103, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 8,003,690,000 for Head 103, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,171,074,000 for Head 103, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,213,355,000 for Head 103, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 222

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 151,893,685,000 for Head 222, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,837,520,000 for Head 222, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 223

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 48,655,198,000 for Head 223, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 12,357,700,000 for Head 223, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 224

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 34,047,252,000 for Head 224, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 19,237,000,000 for Head 224, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 320

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 17,214,792,000 for Head 320, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 283,000,000 for Head 320, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 325

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 29,770,000 for Head 325, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 32,500,000 for Head 325, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 110

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 840,080,000 for Head 110, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 160,390,000 for Head 110, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 205

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 45,280,000 for Head 205, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,080,000 for Head 205, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 228

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,378,550,000 for Head 228, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,224,450,000 for Head 228, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 229

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 659,600,000 for Head 229, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 606,300,000 for Head 229, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 230

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 86,560,000 for Head 230, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 31,300,000 for Head 230, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 231

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 15,890,000 for Head 231, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 800,000 for Head 231, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 233

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 245,300,000 for Head 233, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 409,200,000 for Head 233, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 234

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 152,920,000 for Head 234, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 9,400,000 for Head 234, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 235

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 14,860,000 for Head 235, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,800,000 for Head 235, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 18 to 23 (both inclusive) in page 30 of the Schedule.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Head 192

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 8 in page 32 of the Schedule, and insert the following:-

“Ministry of Law and Order and Southern Development”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 9 and 10 in page 32 of the Schedule, and insert the following:-

“Recurrent	63,151,620,000
Capital	5,069,800,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 12 in page 32 of the Schedule, and insert the following:-

“Head 192 - Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development ”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 13 in page 32 of the Schedule, and insert the following:-

Programme 01	Operational Activities	7,154,120,000	1,082,700,000
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Head 192, Programme 01, Recurrent and Capital Expenditure, as amended stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 225

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 55,997,500,000 for Head 225, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,987,100,000 for Head 225, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

And it being 7.15 p.m. the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to Parliament.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Saturday, December 05, 2015.

5. Adjournment : And it being past 7.00 p. m. the Parliament was at 7.15 p. m. adjourned by the Speaker without Question put.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, December 05, 2015 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on 28th November, 2015.