



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. **29.**]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Saturday, December 05, 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

The Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

The Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and 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. 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. 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. 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. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

The Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Ports and Shipping

The Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

The Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

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. 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. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Finance

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

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. V. S. Radhakrishnan, State Minister of Education

The Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

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. Duneshe 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. 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. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

The Hon. Dilum Amunugama

The Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

The Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

The Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

The Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

The Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

The Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

The Hon. Chandima Gamage

The Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

The Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

The Hon. Edward Gunasekara

The Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

The Hon. Sisira Jayakody

The Hon. Malith Jayathilake

The Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

The Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

The Hon. Lucky Jayawardana

The Hon. Premalal Jayasekara

The Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

The Hon. Sirinal de Mel

The Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva

The Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa

The Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake

The Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka

The Hon. Salinda 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. S. M. Marikkar
The Hon. K. Kader Masthan
The Hon. Imran Maharooof
The Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
The Hon. Tilak Marapana
The Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
The Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
The Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
The Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
The Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
The Hon. Ishak Rahuman
The Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
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. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
The Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
The Hon. S. Shritharan
The Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
The Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
The Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
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. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne

The Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

The Hon. (Dr.) A. R. A. Hafeez

The Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

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 announcement:—

“I wish to make an announcement regarding the issue that arose in the Chamber yesterday in relation to the progress reports provided to the Hon. Members of Parliament by the relevant Ministries at the Committee stage debate on the Appropriation Bill (2016).

The Committee on Parliamentary Business which met on 21st October 2011 has taken a decision to provide those reports in the form of CDs or DVDs instead of printed reports, as a measure to minimize the high cost of printing such reports submitted to Parliament.

In pursuance of the said decision, the relevant ministries were briefed that instead of printed reports sent by various ministries and statutory bodies established under them to be presented in Parliament, they should be submitted in the form of CDs and DVDs and were also informed to submit a limited number of printed copies.

I wish to inform that arrangements can be made to keep the copies of the said reports placed in the library of Parliament at one place in chamber for the use of the Hon. Members of Parliament as required.

Further, if the Hon. Members want such reports in the printed form itself, the matter can be discussed at the Parliamentary Business Committee in order to revise the previous decision and necessary measures can be initiated from next year.”

2. Petitions :

(1) Hon. John Amaratunga presented —

- (i) a petition dated 20.09.2015 from Mr. Gamini Liyanage of No. 17, Handala Road, Wattala;
- (ii) a petition dated 10.10.2015 from Mr. R. M. M. Rathnayake of No.04, 2nd Lane, Kanuwana Kurunduwatta, Ja-Ela; and
- (iii) a petition dated 15.09.2015 from Mr. W. M. K. Wijesundara of No. 100, Aloba Mawatha, Napana, Gunnepana.

(2) Hon. Wajira Abeywardana presented —

- (i) a petition dated 25.08.2015 from Mr. A. H. S. P. K. Gunawardena of “Sampath”, Maraggoda, Porawagama; and
- (ii) a petition dated 06.10.2015 from Mr. Sudheera Nishantha Perusinghe of Aranya Road, Wathuruvila, Kahaduwa.

(3) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti presented —

- (i) a petition dated 08.10.2015 from Mr. A. P. Rajeeva of No. E/16, Jathika Niwasa, Thimbirigasyaya Road, Colombo 05;
- (ii) a petition dated 05.10.2015 from Mr. Hemapala Kankanamge of No. 1000/12, 3rd Lane, Gonawatta Road, Thalagama North, Malabe;
- (iii) a petition dated 17.09.2015 from Mrs. K. G. Kusumawathie of Bevuladeniya, Wilpita, Akuressa;
- (iv) a petition dated 28.09.2015 from Mr. P. L. S. Perera, Secretary, Samastha Lanka Eksath Sevaka Sangamaya, of No. 103, P. S. Perera Mawatha, Mampe, Piliyandala;
- (v) a petition dated 26.09.2015 from Mr. P. L. S. Perera, Secretary, Samastha Lanka Eksath Sewaka Sangamaya, of No. 103 P. S. Perera Mawatha, Mampe, Piliyandala;
- (vi) a petition dated 28.09.2015 from Mr. P. L. S. Perera, Secretary, Sri Lanka Seeni Karmantha Sewaka Sangamaya, of No. 103, P. S. Perera Mawatha, Mampe, Piliyandala;
- (vii) a petition dated 28.09.2015 from Mr. P. L. S. Perera, Secretary, Sri Lanka Seeni Karmantha Sewaka Sangamaya, of No. 103, P. S. Perera Mawatha, Mampe, Piliyandala;
- (viii) a petition dated 05.09.2015 from Mr. S. G. Edmond of Beddewaththa, Welihinda, Denipitiya;
- (ix) a petition dated 05.09.2015 from Mr. T. G. Ananda Rathnakumara of “Ariyasiri”, Akurugoda, Kamburupitiya;
- (x) a petition dated 21.09.2015 from Mr. W. P. Dayarathne of No. 405 B, Ritigahahena, Mawathagama, Padukka;
- (xi) a petition dated 18.09.2015 from Mrs. W. P. Gnanawathie of Near Kovilakanda, Weligama; and

- (xii) a petition dated 10.10.2015 from Mr. W. L. Gunapala of No. 251/5, Meda Mawatha, Athurugiriya.

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

3. Appropriation Bill (2016) - (Twelfth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee .

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 136

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 10.28 a.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardena took the Chair.)

(At 11.00 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 2.05 p.m. Hon. Anura Sydney Jayarathne took the Chair.)

(At 4.35 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardena took the Chair.)

(At 6.02 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 291,500,000 for Head 136, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 571,450,000 for Head 136, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 80,900,000 for Head 136, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 49,350,000 for Head 136, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 219

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 58,050,000 for Head 219, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,600,000 for Head 219, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 579,150,000 for Head 219, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,683,100,000 for Head 219, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 126

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 12,065,665,000 for Head 126, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 643,200,000 for Head 126, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 151,588,500,000 for Head 126, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 16,918,550,000 for Head 126, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 207

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 130,150,000 for Head 207, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 10,000,000 for Head 207, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 730,500,000 for Head 207, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 152,500,000 for Head 207, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 209

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 51,940,000 for Head 209, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 11,850,000 for Head 209, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 60,715,000 for Head 209, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 208,400,000 for Head 209, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 212

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,926,400,000 for Head 212, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 334,250,000 for Head 212, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 213

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 58,880,000 for Head 213, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 84,530,000 for Head 213, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 117

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 22 in page 15 of the Schedule, and insert the following:-

“Ministry of Higher Education and Highways”

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 23 and 24 in page 15 of the Schedule, and insert the following:-

“Recurrent	30,537,930,000
Capital	142,525,950,000 ”

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 26 in page 15 of the Schedule, and insert the following:-

“Head 117 - Minister of Higher Education and Highways”

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

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 500,930,000 for Head 117, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,219,050,000 for Head 117, 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 another amendment to leave out line 28 in page 15 of the Schedule, and insert the following:-

“Programme 02 Development Activities 1,056,000,000 123,364,900,000”

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

Question that the Head 117, Programme 02, Recurrent and Capital Expenditure, as amended stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 214

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 28,981,000,000 for Head 214, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 15,942,000,000 for Head 214, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

And it being 7.30 p.m. the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to Parliament.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Monday, December 07, 2015.

4. Adjournment (Re-establishment of Sri Lanka Publication Development Bureau) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 7.30 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

And it being past 7.00 p. m. the Parliament was at 7.50 p. m. adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Monday, December 07, 2015 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on 28th November, 2015.