



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 30.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Monday, December 07, 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. 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. 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. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

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. 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. 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. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

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

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

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. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

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. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

The Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

The Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

The Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

The Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

The Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

The Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

The Hon. Velu Kumar

The Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

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. Sisira Jayakody

The Hon. Malith Jayathilake

The Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

The Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

The Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana

The Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

The Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma

The Hon. Arumugan Thondaman

The Hon. Sirinal de Mel

The Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa

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. Manusha Nanayakkara
The Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
The Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
The Hon. Buddhika 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 Maharoof
The Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
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. Angajan Ramanathan
The Hon. Gamini Lokuge
The Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura

The Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi

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. Chaminda Wijesiri

The Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara

The Hon. Hesha Withanage

The Hon. Kumara Welgama

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. Muthu Sivalingam

The Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan

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. 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. 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

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

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

1. Presentation of Papers : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Performance Report of the Forest Department for the year of 2014.

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

2. Petitions :

(1) Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie presented —

- (i) a petition dated 17.09.2015 from Ms. Sundaram Sivadarshani of Kovila Road, Kalmune 2; and
- (ii) a petition dated 06.10.2015 from Mr. W. D. Perera of No. 242/8, Navodaya Mawatha, Jalthara, Ranala.

(2) Hon. Anura Dissanayaka presented —

- (i) a petition dated 23.09.2015 from Mr. A. V. Jayarathna of Palagolla, Labukele;
- (ii) a petition dated 01.10.2015 from Mr. B. A. Saman Laksiri of No. 56, Diddeniya Road, Hanwella;
- (iii) a petition dated 25.09.2015 from Mr. B. G. Samarakoon of Banagewatta, Amunupura, Manikdiwela; and
- (iv) a petition dated 25.09.2015 from Mr. H. M. P. Bandara of No. 01, Aluthwatta Road, Digana, Rajawella.

(3) Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma presented —

- (i) a petition dated 23.09.2015 from Mr. K. P. Keerthisinghe of No.117, Pansala Road, Kaluthara North;
- (ii) a petition dated 06.10.2015 from Ven. Kandahene Pagnnawansa Thero of Sri Abhimangalaramaya, Kandahena, Mathugama;
- (iii) a petition dated 25.09.2015 from Ms. S. A. D. Prabudika of Beligala Road, Nahalla, Neboda;
- (iv) a petition dated 27.09.2015 from Mrs. T. M. Chandralatha of Samagipura, Miriswatta, Iththapana; and
- (v) a petition dated 03.10.2015 from Mrs. U. Disna Ranjane Udawatta of Akkara 18, Puhabugoda, Dodangoda.

(4) Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna presented —

- (i) a petition dated 19.09.2015 from Mr. K. Sisira Shantha of No.88, Purana Mirigama, Mirigama; and
- (ii) a petition dated 02.10.2015 from Mr. M. A. Senevirathna of No. 107, Karavdeniya, Mandawala.

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

3. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan seconded by Hon. Chandima Gamage moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Batticaloa Young Men’s Christian’s Association.”

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 Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs for report.

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

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 120

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 10.30 a.m. Hon. Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

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

(At 2.00 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 3.50 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 6.03 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 625,130,000 for Head 120, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 73,300,000 for Head 120, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 8,048,355,000 for Head 120, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 711,310,000 for Head 120, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 217

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 29,940,000 for Head 217, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,030,000 for Head 217, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 259,140,000 for Head 217, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 17,950,000 for Head 217, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 160

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.
Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 305,897,000 for Head 160, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 779,500,000 for Head 160, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,403,000,000 for Head 160, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 60,922,700,000 for Head 160, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 283

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,253,600,000 for Head 283, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 788,500,000 for Head 283, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.
Head 291

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 215,110,000 for Head 291, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,827,500,000 for Head 291, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 198

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 137,620,000 for Head 198, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 111,950,000 for Head 198, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 274,775,000 for Head 198, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 11,970,200,000 for Head 198, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 282

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 668,650,000 for Head 282, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 43,100,000 for Head 282, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,343,700,000 for Head 282, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 12,528,330,000 for Head 282, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

And it being 6.40 p.m. the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to Parliament.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Tuesday, December 08, 2015.

5. Adjournment (Crisis Faced by Gem Industry) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.44 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

Question proposed, and debated.

And it being past 7.00 p.m. the Parliament was at 7.10 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member without question put.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 08, 2015 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on 28th November, 2015.