



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 35.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Saturday, December 12, 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. (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 Co-existence, Dialogue and Official
Languages

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. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

The Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Science, Technology and Research

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. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

The Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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. P. Harrison, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

The Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Finance

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

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

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

The Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

The Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

The Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie, State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation

The Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Megapolis and Western Development

The Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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 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. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

The Hon. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

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. 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. J. C. Alawathuwala

The Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

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. 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. Anura Dissanayaka
The Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
The Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
The Hon. Douglas Devananda
The Hon. Mohamed Navavi
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. S. Premarathna
The Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
The Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
The Hon. S. M. Marikkar
The Hon. Imran Maharoof
The Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
The Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
The Hon. Tilak Marapana
The Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
The Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
The Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
The Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
The Hon. Ishak Rahuman
The Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
The Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
The Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
The Hon. Gamini Lokuge
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. Thenuka Vidanagamage
The Hon. S. Shritharan
The Hon. E. Saravanapavan
The Hon. M. H. M. Salman
The Hon. Vadivel Suresh
The Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
The Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
The Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
The Hon. (Dr.) A. R. A. Hafeez
The Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
The Hon. Indika Anuruddha 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 Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance Reports of the Department of Co-operative Development for the years 2013 and 2014.

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

2. Petitions :

(1) Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara presented —

- (i) a petition dated 12.09.2015 from Mrs. H. M. Nandawathie Menike of No. 265, 11th Post, Badalkumbura;
- (ii) a petition dated 26.02.2015 from Mr. K. M. Karunaratne of Dehilandayaya, New Road, Wellawaya; and

- (iii) a petition dated 06.09.2015 from Mr. R. A. P. Perera of No. 540/1, Wellawaya Road, Hulandawa, Monaragala.
- (2) Hon. Ajith P. Perera presented —
- (i) a petition dated 25.09.2015 from Mr. A. Somasiri of No. 93/2, Egoda Melegama Road, Melegama, Wadduwa;
 - (ii) a petition dated 19.09.2015 from Mr. A. N. Piyawardene of No. 335, Horana Road, Alubomulla;
 - (iii) a petition dated 28.10.2015 from Mrs. Chamari Priyangika Malavipathirana of No. 73/1, Circular Road, First Lane, Pothupitiya North, Wadduwa;
 - (iv) a petition dated 17.10.2015 from Mr. D. H. J. Lal De Silva of No. 16, John Keels Homes, Pinwatta – Panadura;
 - (v) a petition dated 02.10.2015 from Mr. G. Janaka Ravindra De Silva of No. 24, Goodhope Watta – II, Batagoda, Galpatha;
 - (vi) a petition dated 24.10.2015 from Mr. H. D. D. Wanshapala of No. 398, Akkaramalaya, Maggona;
 - (vii) a petition dated 06.10.2015 from Ms. J. M. D. P. Jayasinghe of No. 49/1, Kotgamgoda, Padukka;
 - (viii) a petition dated 15.09.2015 from Mr. K. S. Punchihewa of No. 335/4, Bulathgama, Balangoda;
 - (ix) a petition dated 09.10.2015 from Mr. K. P. Jayalal of No. 157, Punchideniya, Kuruppumulla, Panadura;
 - (x) a petition dated 09.09.2015 from Mr. P. P. K. S. Silva of No. 27 A, Mahabellana, Alubomulla;
 - (xi) a petition dated 07.11.2015 from Mr. S. D. S. Manohara of No. 312, Ihala Road, Delkada, Paragasthota;
 - (xii) a petition dated 09.10.2015 from Mr. S. Ranjith of No. 209/1, Panapitiya Road, Nugagoda, Waskaduwa;
 - (xiii) a petition dated 21.09.2015 from Mr. T. H. L. Gunathilake of No. 10–H, New Hedigama Road, Suwarapola, Piliyandala; and
 - (xiv) a petition dated 02.10.2015 from Mr. T. M. D. S. Munasinghe of No. 26/1, Munasinghe Mawatha, Mathugama.
- (3) Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri presented a petition dated 25.10.2015 from Mr. S. Chandrasekara of No. 113, Kandasurindugama, Kataragama.
- (4) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —
- (i) a petition dated 09.09.2015 from Mr. I. V. Gunadasa of “Lakmini”, Okanda Waththa, Kananke Kadaveediya, Matara;
 - (ii) a petition dated 21.09.2015 from Mr. Manage Hemasiri of “Hemali”, First Lane, Koratuwahena, Henegama, Akuressa;
 - (iii) a petition dated 15.09.2015 from Mrs. Pushpa Udayangani of Jagathvasa, Unella, Palatuwa, Matara; and

- (iv) a petition dated 20.09.2015 from Mr. S. P. Sarath of “Senasuma”, Nadugala, Watagedara, Matara.

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

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

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 122

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

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

(At 10.52 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 669,000,000 for Head 122, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,852,480,000 for Head 122, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 471,000,000 for Head 122, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 221,000,000 for Head 122, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 210

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 221,000,000 for Head 210, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 18,000,000 for Head 210, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 211

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,904,000,000 for Head 211 Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 98,000,000 for Head 211, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

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

Head 150

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. I Charles Nirmalanathan proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 2.55 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

(At 4.12 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 5.39 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

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

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 11,500,000 for Head 150, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 80,000,000 for Head 150, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 60,000,000 for Head 150, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 119

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 294,100,000 for Head 119, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 12,100,000 for Head 119, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 184,000,000 for Head 119, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 747,200,000 for Head 119, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

And it being 6.30 p. m. the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to Parliament.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Monday, December 14, 2015.

4. Regulation under the Sri Lanka Electricity Act : The Minister of Power and Renewable Energy moved,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Power and Energy on the recommendation of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka under Section 54 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No.20 of 2009, with regard to Electricity (Electrical Inspectors' Functions, duties and procedures) and published in the Gazette notification Extraordinary No. 1918/2 of 8th June 2015, which was presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.30 p. m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Monday, December 14, 2015 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on 28th November, 2015.