



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 36.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Monday, December 14, 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development

The Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Ports and Shipping

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. 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. Abdul Haleem, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs

The Hon. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Public Enterprise Development

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. Piyankara Jayaratne, State Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development

The Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

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. Ravindra Samaraweera, State Minister of Labour and Trade Unions
Relations

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. 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. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Parliamentary Reforms
and Mass Media

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. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

The Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital
Infrastructure

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. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

The Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

The Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

The Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

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. Siripala Gamalath

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. Lucky Jayawardana

The Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

The Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam

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. Weerakumara Dissanayake

The Hon. Douglas Devananda

The Hon. Mohamed Navavi
The Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
The Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
The Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
The Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
The Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
The Hon. Johnston Fernando
The Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
The Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
The Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
The Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
The Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
The Hon. K. Kader Masthan
The Hon. Imran Maharoof
The Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
The Hon. Tilak Marapana
The Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
The Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
The Hon. Seeniththamby Yohewaran
The Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
The Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
The Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
The Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
The Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
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. (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. Viyalanderan
The Hon. S. Shritharan
The Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
The Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
The Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
The Hon. E. Saravanapavan
The Hon. M. H. M. Salman
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. 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. Petitions :

(1) Hon. Palitha Range Bandara presented —

- (i) a petition dated 06.10.2015 from Mrs. D. M. Priyangika Hemamali of Galkuliya West, Andigama; and
- (ii) a petition dated 10.10.2015 from Mr. P. Piyadasa of Near the tank, Kottukachchiya.

- (2) Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare presented —
- (i) a petition dated 07.11.2015 from Mr. B. G. Piyadasa of No. 34/12, Maladumapatha, Matale;
 - (ii) a petition dated 21.09.2015 from Mrs. P. W. Wasantha Manoranjani of No. 06, Pandivita Janapadaya, Matale;
 - (iii) a petition dated 17.10.2015 from Mr. R. Wasantha Kumarage of Police Training College, China Bay, Trincomalee;
 - (iv) a petition dated 01.11.2015 from Mrs. U. G.. Shreemathie Indrasekara of No. 154/1, Mathalewatta, Dumkolawatta, Matale; and
 - (v) a petition dated 29.10.2015 from Mr. Ubeseekara Gunawardene Allan of No. 60, Kurunegala Road, Palapathwala.
- (3) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented a petition dated 31.10.2015 from Mr. Tony S. Baduge of No. 103/5, Rewatha Lane, 5th Post, Kandy Road, Chinabay, Trincomalee.
- (4) Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa presented a petition dated 29.09.2015 from Mr. M. Karunadasa of No. 431/C, Belikele, Alubomulla, Panadura.
- (5) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —
- (i) a petition dated 26.10.2015 from Mrs. A. A. Padmini of Acting Sub Post Master, Sub Post Office, Koholana;
 - (ii) a petition dated 23.10.2015 from Mrs. D. E. J. Karunathilaka of No. 51, Lakshawatta, Meddawatta, Matara;
 - (iii) a petition dated 06.10.2015 from Mr. H. W. Priyantha Kumara of No. 35/1A, Soorachchiya, Wewahamanduwa, Matara; and
 - (iv) a petition dated 06.01.2015 from Mrs. S. L. J. Kamalani of “Udaya”, Hiththatiya - Meda, Matara.
- (6) Hon. Namal Rajapaksa presented —
- (i) a petition dated 07.10.2015 from Mr. M. H. K. Jayasekara of “Jayavila”, Hathporuwa, Mahagama Janapadaya, Sewanagala; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 25.10.2015 from Mr. Tilan Gunesh Amarasinghe of C/O Nalani Amarasinghe, No. 33, Dharmapala Mawatha, Ambalanthota.

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

2. Appropriation Bill (2016) - (Nineteenth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee .

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 153

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. S. Shriritharan proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 10.10 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

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

(At 3.10 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 298,525,000 for Head 153, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 12,850,000 for Head 153, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,917,000,000 for Head 153, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 286

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 333,900,000 for Head 286, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 53,960,000 for Head 286, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 287

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 384,700,000 for Head 287, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 19,000,000 for Head 287, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 288

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 216,843,000 for Head 288, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 104,910,000 for Head 288, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,897,259,000 for Head 288, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 142,750,000 for Head 288, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 327

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 349,065,000 for Head 327, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 70,012,000 for Head 327, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 118

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 197,855,000 for Head 118, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 29,900,000 for Head 118, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 38,761,100,000 for Head 118, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 788,700,000 for Head 118, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 281

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 393,400,000 for Head 281, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 45,000,000 for Head 281, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 6,527,000,000 for Head 281, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,618,000,000 for Head 281, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 285

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 407,682,000 for Head 285, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 31,700,000 for Head 285, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,891,575,000 for Head 285, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,509,300,000 for Head 285, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 145

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 20 in page 23 of the Schedule, and insert,—

“Ministry of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs”

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 24 in page 23 of the Schedule, and insert,—

“Head 145 - Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs”

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

Question that the Clauses of the Head 145, as amended stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 792,820,000 for Head 145, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 713,520,000 for Head 145, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 71,500,000 for Head 145, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,005,000,000 for Head 145, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 204

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 103,300,000 for Head 204, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 93,990,000 for Head 204, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 232

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,319,050,000 for Head 232, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,240,000,000 for Head 232, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 326

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 246,250,000 for Head 326, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 13,050,000 for Head 326, Programme 01 (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 Tuesday, December 15, 2015.

3. Adjournment (Renewal of Collective Agreement) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.30 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananada Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.59 p. m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on 28th November, 2015.