



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 37.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, December 15, 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. 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. A. D. Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Science, Technology and Research

The Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction

The Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

The Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Minister of Public Administration and
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. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations

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. 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. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

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. 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. Dunes 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. Susantha Punchinilame, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and
Management

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 Wijesekera, 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. Velu Kumar
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. 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. 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. Mohamed Navavi
The Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
The Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
The Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
The Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh 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. S. Premarathna
The Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
The Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
The Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
The Hon. S. M. Marikkar
The Hon. Imran Maharooof
The Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
The Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
The Hon. Tilak Marapana
The Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
The Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
The Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
The Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
The Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
The Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
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. Gamini Lokuge
The Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
The Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
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. Kumara Welgama

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. 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 announcement:-

“A motion may be moved to refer the question of privilege raised by the Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe, M.P., in Parliament on 02 December 2015 to the Committee on Privileges.”

2. Presentation of Papers : The Speaker presented the Second Instalment – Part XV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2011; Second Instalment – Part XX and XXI and Sixth Instalment – Part XXII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2012; First Instalment – Part III, IV and V and Second Instalment – Part XVII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2013; and Second Instalment – Part II and III and Third Instalment – Part I of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2014 under Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Reports do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. P. Harrison presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 15.09.2015 from Mr. A. M. W. Gnasinghe Banda of No.86, Bayagiri Road, Anuradhapura; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 02.11.2015 from Mr. R. M. A. Rathnayake of Paranagama, Udubaddawa.
- (2) Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 05.11.2015 from Mrs. J. S. Pieris of No. 39/4, D. S. Senanayake Mawatha, Colombo 08.; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 19.10.2015 from Mrs. Nanda Gunasekara of Hirikumbura, Uragasmanhandiya.
- (3) Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka presented a petition dated 17.10.2015 from Mr. P. W. Nihal Senarathne of No.36/88, Nugelanda, Rajagalathanna, Ampara.
- (4) Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne presented a petition dated 28.09.2015 from Mrs. D. M. Dilukshi Nandima Senanayake of No. 279, 2nd Lane, Nuwarawatta, Hingurakgoda.
- (5) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 30.10.2015 from Mr. G. K. Liyanagunawardhana of No. 55, Aluth Mawatha, Polhena, Matara;
 - (ii) a petition dated 28.10.2015 from Mr. H. K. G. Samarapala of Masmulle Gedara Watta, Wewahamanduwa, Matara;
 - (iii) a petition dated 28.10.2015 from Mr. Laksiri Lokuhetti of No. 219 C, Puwak Watta, Beraleliya, Welipitiya; and
 - (iv) a petition dated 22.10.2015 from Mr. U. P. Y. Abeywardhana of “Ganga”, Magallagoda, Navimana, Matara.
- (6) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 10.11.2015 from Mr. E. M. Anura Wijerathne of No. 38/7B, Abey Mawatha, Chapel Lane, Nugegoda;
 - (ii) a petition dated 09.11.2015 from Mr. S. H. Sunil of No. 220, Kirillawala, Wabada; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 09.11.2015 from Mr. W. A. Somachandra of No. 95, Kaluwala Road, Ganemulla.

(7) Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe presented —

- (i) a petition dated 15.09.2015 from Mr. S. K. Senanayaka of No. 69, Keppetipola Mawatha, Colombo 05; and
- (ii) a petition dated 04.11.2015 from Mr. Wasantha Sumanasena of No. 13/50, Tismalpola, Yatagama, Rabukkana.

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

4. Privilege : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. Mujibur Rahman, M.P. on 12th December, 2015 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order No. 127 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe seconded by Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate Association of Professional Bankers - Sri Lanka.”

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 Public Enterprise Development for report.

6. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma seconded by Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Organization of Protection of Antiquities.”

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 Education for report.

7. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha seconded by Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Kotasara Piyangala Rajamaha Viharastha Development Society.”

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 Buddhasasana for report.

8. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake seconded by Hon. Chandima Gamage moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the All Island Bhikshu Benevolent Development Foundation.”

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 Buddhasasana for report.

9. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake seconded by Hon. Chandima Gamage moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Atharagalla United Community Development Foundation.”

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 Social Empowerment and Welfare for report.

10. Appropriation Bill (2016) - (Twentieth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee .

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 130

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

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

(At 10.25 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 12.07 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,128,100,000 for Head 130, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 320,050,000 for Head 130, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 253

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 154,767,975,000 for Head 253, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 40,000,000 for Head 253, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 149

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

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

(At 1.30 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 2.14 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 2.44 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

(At 3.41 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 5.56 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 499,640,000 for Head 149, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 19,900,000 for Head 149, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,053,625,000 for Head 149, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,096,900,000 for Head 149, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 295

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 101,180,000 for Head 295, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 10,500,000 for Head 295, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 297

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 49,825,000 for Head 297, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 298

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 101,050,000 for Head 298, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 210,000,000 for Head 298, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 299

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 28,000,000 for Head 299, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 300

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 300,050,000 for Head 300, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 6,750,000 for Head 300, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 301

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 64,955,000 for Head 301, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 11,225,000 for Head 301, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 302

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 14,780,000 for Head 302, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 850,000 for Head 302, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 303

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 73,800,000 for Head 303, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 32,150,000 for Head 303, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 158

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 210,330,000 for Head 158, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 21,900,000 for Head 158, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 77,000,000 for Head 158, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 52,000,000 for Head 158, 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 Wednesday, December 16, 2015.

11. 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 Wednesday, December 16, 2015 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on 28th November, 2015.