



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 46.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 1.00 p.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

Hon. John Amaratunga, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Special Assignment

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media and the Chief Government Whip

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Higher Education and Highways and the Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. S. B. Nawinne, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara, Minister of Women and Child Affairs

Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Minister of City Planning and Water Supply

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

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Mohan Lal Grero, State Minister of Higher Education

Hon. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Industry and Commerce Affairs

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

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

Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah, State Minister of Rehabilitation and Resettlement

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

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

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

Hon. Faizal Cassim, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

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

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Minister of Buddhasasana

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

Hon. Ajith P. Perera, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping Affairs

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare

Hon. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development

Hon. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Sports

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. S. Premarathna

Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

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 : (1) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited for the year 2013.

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

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,—

(i) the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Social Security Board for the year 2013; and

(ii) the Annual Report of the National Council for Elders for the year 2013.

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

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment for the year 2013.

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

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,—

(i) the Performance and Financial Report of the Colombo District Secretariat for the year 2014;

(ii) the Performance Report and Annual Accounts of the Badulla District Secretariat for the year 2014; and

(iii) the Annual Performance and Accounts Report of the Matale District Secretariat for the year 2014.

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

(5) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Monitoring Board for the year 2014.

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

(6) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Thurusaviya Fund for the year 2013.

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

(7) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Ceylon Shipping Corporation Limited for the year 2012/2013.

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

2. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 08.12.2015 from Mr. A. M. N. Dharmathilaka of Pahala Galayaya, Pannala; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 08.12.2015 from Mr. G. A. Fonseka of No. 19 C, Green Path, Kohuwala, Nugegoda.
- (2) Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara presented a petition dated 07.12.2015 from Mr. K. Ranasinghe of Kapugollewa Road, Morawewa, Horovpothana.
- (3) Hon. Susantha Punchinilame presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 17.12.2015 from Mr. M. Dharmaraj of No. 06, Ispelvin Road, Orshill, Trincomalee;
 - (ii) a petition dated 01.11.2015 from Mrs. Manoja Asanthi Kulasinghearachchi of “Hema Niwasa”, Aluth Gedara, Julampitiya;
 - (iii) a petition dated 03.11.2015 from Mrs. Nilmini Gunathilaka of No. 148/1 A, Prisons Quarters, Baseline Road, Colombo 09;
 - (iv) a petition dated 17.12.2015 from Mr. S. M. Kithsiri Bandara of 13th Post, Gandhi Town, Kumburupitiya, Kuchchaweli;
 - (v) a petition dated 22.12.2015 from Mr. Sarath Wijesuriya of Baseline Road, Amandoluwa, Seeduwa; and
 - (vi) a petition dated 17.12.2015 from Mr. W. R. Ranjith Premalal of Yaya 02, Morawewa, Pankulama.
- (4) Hon. Vijitha Herath presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 03.12.2015 from Mr. B. A. Karunathilaka of No. 59, Mattagoda, Ambagaspitiya, Gampaha; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 09.12.2015 from Mr. L. W. L. K. Dharmasena of No. 507/1 F, Koholwila Road, Gonawala, Kelaniya.
- (5) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 01.12.2015 from Mr. H. T. A. Thilakasiri of No. 151/1, Rekawa Road, Kahadawa, Ranna;
 - (ii) a petition dated 02.12.2015 from Mr. K. H. A. Prasanna of No. 712, Yaya 19, Kattakaduwa, Ranna;
 - (iii) a petition dated 08.12.2015 from Mr. Sisira Jayathilaka Dissanayaka of Gonnoruwa, Hambanthota; and

(iv) a petition dated 09.12.2015 from Mr. W. G. P. Epa of Rohanawatta, Dehigahalanda, Ambalanthota.

(6) Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma presented —

- (i) a petition dated 18.06.2015 from Mr. Arabage Premadasa of Lathpadurewatta, Polegoda, Mahagama;
- (ii) a petition dated 19.11.2015 from Mr. D. P. K. Mallikaarchchi of “Sevana”, Nawuththuduwa, Mathugama;
- (iii) a petition dated 26.11.2015 from Mr. K. A. D. Premarathne of No. 81, Kadana, Horana;
- (iv) a petition dated 01.11.2015 from Mr. K. Dias of “Indunil”, Bulathsinhala South, Bulathsinhala;
- (v) a petition dated 01.11.2015 from Mr. K. D. Lionel Ranasinghe of Kobawaka, Govinna;
- (vi) a petition dated 12.06.2015 from Mr. Mohamed Nauman Nasher Mohamed of Chairman, Small Shop Owners Association, No. 423/23, Galle Road, Kalutara; and
- (vii) a petition dated 24.11.2015 from Mr. Ranjith Upali of “Shanthipaya”, Yatagampitiya, Bulathsinghala.

(7) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented—

- (i) a petition dated 11.11.2015 from Mr. E. S. Shantha of The Chairman, Scientific and Technological Services Officers Association, Coconut Research Institute, Lunuwila;
- (ii) a petition dated 06.12.2015 from Mrs. K. D. Ashoka Sirimathie of Opalla Road, Ihala Naragala; and
- (iii) a petition dated 16.11.2015 from Mr. S. A. R. Chinthaka of No. 32, Athuraliya Batahira, Akuressa.

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

3. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motions agreed to by Parliament on 06.10.2015 and 09.01.2016, and in terms of the motion agreed to by Parliament on 19.12.2015, the hours of sittings of Parliament this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7 (5) of the Parliament shall operate.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama seconded by Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Kudabuthgamuwa Sri Piyadassinarama Viharasthana Performance 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.

5. Adjournment (Facilities to Police Officers and Conduct of Police in Recent Past) : 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. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.58 p. m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

The Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development moved,— That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.05 p. m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.34 p.m. adjourned until 1.30 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on Tuesday, 26th January, 2016.