



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 68.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, May 06, 2016 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Foreign Employment

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

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. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Co-existence, Dialogue and Official
Languages

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

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

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake, Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare

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

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

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

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

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

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

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

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Ports and Shipping

Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development

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

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations

Hon. D. M. Swaminathan, Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement
and Hindu Religious Affairs

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

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

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Mohan Lal Grero, State Minister of Higher Education

Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

Hon. Niroshan Perera, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

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

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

Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan, State Minister of Education

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research

Hon. Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources
Management

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. Dunes Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

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

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

Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development and
Wildlife

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment

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

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

Hon. Arundika Fernando, Deputy Minister of Tourism Development and Christian
Religious Affairs

Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

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. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Dilum Amunugama

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Siripala Gamalath

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. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
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. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
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Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Hon. Vijitha Herath

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

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 Media guidelines to be followed/ Policies to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referendums and Elections published by the Election Commission in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1955/19 of 25th February 2016 in terms of Article 104B (5)(a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

(2) The Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs and Minister of Lands presented the Performance Report of the Land Use Policy Planning Department for the year 2015.

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

(3) The Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations presented the Annual Report of the Employees' Provident Fund for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva presented a petition dated 15.12.2015 from Mr. D. K. R. Heenatimulla of No. 32, Silva Lane, Meethotamulla.
- (2) Hon. Navin Dissanayake presented a petition dated 08.02.2016 from Mr. H M. Weerakoon Banda of No 19, Elk Plains, Nuwara Eliya.
- (3) Hon. Dunesh Gankanda presented a petition dated 13.01.2016 from Mr. A. L. G. Perera of Ketandolawatta, Rathnapura.
- (4) Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 03.03.2016 from Mr. D. S. Adikaram of No. 47/31, Medawelikada, First Lane, Tissapolduwa Road, Rajagiriya;

- (ii) a petition dated 27.12.2015 from Ms. S. A. D. Sunanda of No. 46, Wajirawansa Mawatha, Obesekarapura, Rajagiriya;
- (iii) a petition dated 17.02.2016 from Mr. Upasena Mahagamage of No.229/1, Siri Sumana Mawatha, Mulleriyawa; and
- (iv) a petition dated 17.02.2016 from Mr. Upasena Mahagamage of No.229/1, Siri Sumana Mawatha, Mulleriyawa.

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

Suspension of Sitting

11.09 a. m.

The Sitting was suspended until 12.10 p. m.

12.10 p. m.

The Sitting was resumed. The Speaker took the Chair.

(At 12.13 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

3. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—
That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 and 8 appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order No. 20(7) of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Formulation of a National Youth Policy [P.7/'15] (Hon. Buddhika Pathirana) : Motion lapsed under Standing Order 34(2).

5. Completing the constructions of the Oluvil, Palamunai Harbour [P.142/'15] (Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff) : Motion lapsed under Standing Order 34(2).

6. Making religious school education compulsory [P.144/'15](Hon. S. M. Marikkar) : Motion lapsed under Standing Order 34(2).

7. Building a Memorial for the people who lost their lives due to the war and declaring a common day to commemorate them [P.147/'15] (Hon. Douglas Devananda) : Motion lapsed under Standing Order 34(2).

8. Introducing a proper standard for early childhood development centers [P.149/'15] (Hon. Hesha Withanage) : Motion lapsed under Standing Order 34(2).

9. Providing speedy relief to those who have been deprived of Divineguma benefits on political grounds [P.153/'15] (Hon. Lucky Jayawardana) : Motion lapsed under Standing Order 34(2).

10. Providing appointments in the field of education to the sportsmen and sportswomen who have achieved victories at all island level [P.161/'15] (Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala) : Motion lapsed under Standing Order 34(2).

11. Introducing a Haj Pilgrimage Act [P.167/15] (Hon. M. H. M. Salman) : Motion lapsed under Standing Order 34(2).

12. Adjournment (Selection of Students for Colleges of Education) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 2.30 p. m. adjourned until 1.00 p. m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2016.