



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 155.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 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. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home 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 Chief Government Whip

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

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

Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

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

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Minister of Public Administration and
Management

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. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

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

Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management

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. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

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

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

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development

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

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

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

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

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

Hon. Dunes Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

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

Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

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

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

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development

Hon. Duleep Wijesekera, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs

Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh 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. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan

Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Acting Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, 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 Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau for the year 2012 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the National Science and Technology Commission for the year 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd for the year 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Examination, Sri Lanka for the year 2015 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Petitions :

(1) Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare presented —

- (i) a petition dated 26.02.2017 from Mr. B. M. S. K. Basnayaka of No. 640/1, Lake Road, Dambulla;
- (ii) a petition dated 02.01.2017 from Mr. I.M.K.R. Ilangasinghe of No. 232, Galoya, Ukuwela, Matale;
- (iii) a petition dated 28.11.2016 from Mrs. J.S.M. Gunnepana of No. 326, Vawinna, Palapathwala;
- (iv) a petition dated 21.12.2017 from Mr. K.A. Dhammika Manju Sri of No. 49/1, Gangabada Road, Kaludewala, Matale; and
- (v) a petition dated 30.12.2016 from Mr. P.U.R.W.M.R.S.D. Sri Rajaguru Bandara of No. 40, Kalalpitiya Road, Ukuwela.

(2) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —

- (i) a petition dated 31.01.2017 from Mrs. Champika Priyanthi Liyanapathirana of Thuru Sevana, Madiha, Kamburugamuwa;
- (ii) a petition dated 19.12.2016 from Mrs. D.M. Sumanawathie of Badalkurunduwatta, Miris Uthura, Mirissa;
- (iii) a petition dated 19.12.2016 from Mr. Edmund Liyanage of No. 14, Bandarawatta, Pamburana, Matara;
- (iv) a petition dated 18.01.2017 from Mr. G.K. Dayapala of “Sampath”, Gamagewatta, Bopagoda, Akuressa;
- (v) a petition dated 27.02.2017 from Mr. H. D. S. Karunathilaka of No. 51/2, Wattegedara, Muddaragama;
- (vi) a petition dated 31.01.2017 from Mr. H. K. Ranjee Arunashantha of No. 55, Dampalgama, Unella, Palatuwa;

- (vii) a petition dated 03.01.2017 from Ms. H.M.Inoshika Sandamali of Aluthgedara, Akurugoda, Thelijawila;
- (viii) a petition dated 20.12.2016 from Mr. H.P.Somadasa of “Dharmali”, Makandura, Matara;
- (ix) a petition dated 01.02.2017 from Mr. J. K. Karunasena of Thrishani, Near Badada Pola, Rotumba;
- (x) a petition dated 21.12.2016 from Mr. K.G. Premasiri of Kahagalage Watta, Bibulewela, Karagoda, Uyangoda;
- (xi) a petition dated 06.03.2017 from Mr. L. P. Deeraratna of Kirillagahadeniya, Polapothugoda, Thihagoda;
- (xii) a petition dated 31.01.2017 from Mr. L. P. Premasiri of Yamangewatta, Sulthanagoda;
- (xiii) a petition dated 16.01.2017 from Mrs. L.D.S. Somawathie of No. 76, Nugegoda, Devinuwara;
- (xiv) a petition dated 19.12.2016 from Mr. M. Mohomadu Hussain of No. 35, Mahiyangana Road, Badulla;
- (xv) a petition dated 05.01.2017 from Mr. M.G. Premalal Kumara of “Shakthi”, Pokunuwala, Kekunadura;
- (xvi) a petition dated 02.01.2017 from Mr. N.D. Sarath of “Hirushani”, Palugahawatta, Kotawila, Kamburugamuwa;
- (xvii) a petition dated 31.01.2017 from Mr. Nandasena Vithanage of Deniya Gedara, Yahalamulla, Elgiriya, Thelijawila;
- (xviii) a petition dated 07.12.2016 from Mr. Niroshana Premarathna of No. 330, E-4, National Housing Scheme, Serpentine Road, Colombo 08;
- (xix) a petition dated 31.01.2017 from Mrs. P. L. Priyanthi Jayaratne of “Champa”, Ransegoda, Matara;
- (xx) a petition dated 18.01.2017 from Mr. P.G.D.S. Karunarathna of No. 1/68, Paramulla Road, Paramulla, Matara;
- (xxi) a petition dated 09.01.2017 from Mr. P.P.S. Gunasekara of “Bo Sevana”, Pitiduwa Road, Weligama;
- (xxii) a petition dated 20.01.2017 from Mr. R. Sumanadasa of "Samanthi", Lenabatuwa, Kamburupitiya;
- (xxiii) a petition dated 24.01.2017 from Mr. Ranjith Kandage of No. 403, Halgahapola, Ehalakanda;
- (xxiv) a petition dated 18.01.2017 from Ms. S.A.S. Pradeepika Surendra of “Pradeepika”, Hiriketiya Road, Dikwella;
- (xxv) a petition dated 25.11.2016 from Mr. S.M. Gnanarathne serving in District Magistrate Court, Hambantota;
- (xxvi) a petition dated 06.01.2017 from Mr. S.P.K. Kapugamaarachchi of No. 1047/3, Pothuarawa Road, Malabe;
- (xxvii) a petition dated 03.01.2017 from Mr. S.S.M. Wickramarathna of No. 61/1, “Wickramawasa“, Beruwewela, Hakmana;

- (xxviii) a petition dated 03.01.2017 from Mrs. Samantha Rupasinghe of “Piyasewana”, Udawathgama, Nalawana, Kananke;
 - (xxix) a petition dated 05.12.2016 from Mr. T. Nandasena of No. 1276, Kotte Road, Welikada, Rajagiriya;
 - (xxx) a petition dated 19.01.2017 from Mrs. U.G. Anoma Kanthi of Mahahena, Miriswatta, Kananke Bazaar;
 - (xxxi) a petition dated 31.01.2017 from Mr. W. G. Bandula Pathmasiri of No. 112, Victoria Park, Borolla Road, Kamburugamuwa;
 - (xxxii) a petition dated 16.01.2017 from Mr. W.G. Cyril of “Rathnasiri”, Maragoda, Thelijjawila; and
 - (xxxiii) a petition dated 05.01.2017 from Mr. W.M.D. Parinda of No. 111, Deniyaya Road, Akuressa.
- (3) Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi presented —
- (i) a petition dated 29.12.2015 from Mr. A.V. Rajitha Kosala of No. 196 A, Jayanthi Mawatha, Ihalagoda, Akmemana;
 - (ii) a petition dated 19.11.2015 from Mrs. R.S. Paranawithana of “Deepani”, No. 10/2, Sri Wijayarama Road, Kaluwadumulla, Ambalangoda; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 06.12.2016 from Mrs. W.G. Leelawathie of Pelawatta, Mawella, Hawpe.

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

3. Revision of limits of Bribery Raids Advance Account - 2016 Subject No.- 01002) : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Revision of limits of Bribery Raids Advance Account - 2016 (Subject No.- 01002) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption,— Whereas approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted for Revision of limits of Bribery Raids Advance Account of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption stipulated in the Schedule of Article 41(b) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as amended by the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution;

And whereas, approved limits stipulated in the estimates for payment of advances to be utilized in bribery raids are as follows:—

Maximum limit of expenditure	-	Rs. 150,000,000.00
Minimum limit of receipts	-	Rs. 5,000,000.00
Maximum limit of debit balance	-	Rs. 275,000,000.00 ;

And whereas, anticipated balances in Raids Account for 2016 are as follows:—

Debit balance as at 01.01.2016	-	Rs. 19,340,031.98
Anticipated debit for the year	-	Rs. 150,000,000.00
Anticipated credit for the year	-	Rs. 1,700,000.00
Anticipated debit balance as at 31.12.2016	-	Rs. 167,640,031.98 ; and

Whereas, a reduction in receipts is shown because of the inability to credit sums which are held as productions in pending cases filed in previous years;

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves to reduce the minimum limit of receipts in the Bribery Raids Advance Account of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption from Rs. 5,000,000.00 to Rs. 1,500,000.00.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.01 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Minister of Finance moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.31 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,— That Hon. Bimal Rathnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.53 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,— That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.31 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

4. Adjournment (Garbage Disposal Problem in Gampaha District) : 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 6.58 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2017 pursuant to the Resolutions of Parliament of 08th March, 2016.