



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 85.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 1.00 p. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairman of Committees

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

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

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

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

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. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance

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

Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

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. Nawinne, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs

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

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction

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

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. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

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

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

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

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

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. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

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

Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

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

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

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. (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. 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. Eran Wickramaratne, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development

Hon. Duleep Wijsekera, 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. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
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. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa

Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
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. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne

Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri

Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara

Hon. Heshan Withanage

Hon. S. Viyalanderan

Hon. Wimal Weerawansa

Hon. Kumara Welgama

Hon. S. Shritharan

Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

Hon. E. Saravanapavan

Hon. M. H. M. Salman

Hon. Muthu Sivalingam

Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Hon. Kanaka 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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Announcements by the Speaker : The Deputy Speaker made the following announcement : -

“I wish to inform the Parliament that Hon. Speaker has received copies of the three petitions filed at the Supreme Court under Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented,—

- (i) the Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the Post Graduate Institute of English - Open University of Sri Lanka for the year 2013;
- (ii) the Annual Report of the Post Graduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies - University of Kelaniya for the year 2013;
- (iii) the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the University of Moratuwa for the year 2013;
- (iv) the Annual Report of the Institute of Indigenous Medicine - University of Colombo for the year 2013;
- (v) the Annual Report of the University of Colombo School of Computing for the year 2013; and
- (vi) the Annual Report of the Post Graduate Institute of Agriculture - University of Peradeniya for the year 2012;

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Mid-Year Fiscal Position Report 2016 under Section 10 of the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No. 3 of 2003 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Performance Report of the Department of the Law Commission for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti -corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Chief Government Whip of Parliament for the year 2015.

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

(5) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Performance Reports of the Sri Lanka Police Department for the years 2013 and 2014 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. C. B. Rathnayake, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage regarding the Regulations under the Sports Law referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Petitions :

(1) Hon. Gamini Lokuge presented —

- (i) A petition dated 01.02.2016 from Mr. W. K. Gunasoma of No. 60/9, Wekanda Road, Homagama; and
- (ii) A petition dated 23.04.2016 from Mr. W. M. Upul Rohitha of No. 241/1, Polwatta, Gunasekara Mawatha, Himbutana, Angoda.

(2) Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara presented—

- (i) A petition dated 16.03.2016 from Mrs. D. L. Hettihewa of No. 170/A, Makola South, Makola; and
- (ii) A petition dated 08.06.2016 from Mrs. Rameela Mervin Clarence of No.158/4, Temple Road, Jaffna.

(3) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma presented—

- (i) A petition dated 27.01.2016 from Mr. D. Rajapakshe of 432/12, Naduna, Ganemulla;
- (ii) A petition dated 14.05.2016 from Mrs. K. L. Nilushi of No. 199/A, Gamini Mawatha, Batuwatte, Ragama;
- (iii) A petition dated 28.12.2015 from Mr. K.P. Yogarathnam of No. 18, Gemunu Road, Nuwara Eliya; and
- (iv) A petition dated 03.03.2016 from Mrs. Mary Edirisinghe of No. 86/16, Heenpandeniawatta, Haloluwa, Kotadeniyawa.

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

5. Regulations under the Sports Law : The Minister of Sports moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Sports under Section 41 of the Sports Law No. 25 of 1973 read with Section 31 of that Law, amending the Sections 13 and 17 contained in the National Sports Association Regulations No. 01 of 2013 published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1793/3 of 15th January 2013, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1940/7 of 9th November 2015, which were presented on 26.01.2016, be approved.

The Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.25 p. m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

The Minister of Sports moved,—That Hon. Kanaka Herath do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.45 p. m. Hon. Kanaka Herath took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.36 p. m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Ports and Shipping moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.50 p. m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

(At 6.00 p. m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Adjournment (Graduate Teacher Appointments in Western Province) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.32 p. m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.00 p. m. adjourned until 10.30 a. m. on Thursday, July 21, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 08th March, 2016.