



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 95.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, August 26, 2016 at 10.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairman of Committees

His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Minister of Defence, Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment and Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation

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. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

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

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

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

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Ports and Shipping

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakse, 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. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous
Medicine

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. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

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

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

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

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

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

Hon. Duneshe Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

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

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

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

Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

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. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Edward Gunasekara

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek

Hon. Sirinal de Mel

Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka

Hon. Douglas Devananda

Hon. Mohamed Navavi

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
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. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah

Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

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 Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Regulations under Paragraph (f) of Sub Section (2) of Section 63 of the Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460), relating to the amendment of Land Acquisition (Payment of Compensation) Regulations 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1977/8 of 26th July 2016 and moved that these Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report of the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report of the Insurance Board of Sri Lanka for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented,—

- (i) the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1971/5 of 13th June 2016;
- (ii) the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1971/6 of 13th June 2016;
- (iii) the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1973/21 of 28th June 2016; and

- (iv) the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1975/40 of 12th July 2016;

and moved that these Orders be referred to the Committee on Public Finance and to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development .

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports under Standing Order 47(5) of the Parliament : The Minister of Labour and Trade Union Relations presented the report under Standing Order No. 47(5) of the Parliament on the Bill entitled “Institute of Personnel Management, Sri Lanka (Amendment)”.

Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, September 06, 2016.

3. Petitions

(1) Hon. Chandima Weerakkody presented—

- (i) A petition dated 09.07.2016 from Mr. D. N. Galhenage of No. 71, Sapugahawatte, Deegoda, Imaduwa; and
- (ii) A petition dated 12.07.2016 from Mrs. P. D. Siriyawathie of Kendagahawatte, Panvila Road, Narawala, Poddala.

(2) Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara presented —

- (i) A petition dated 20.04.2016 from Mr. R. V. C. C. Rahupola of Hettigama, Hettipola; and
- (ii) A petition dated 18.02.2016 from Mr. Sanjeewa Samarasinghe of No. 775/S, Vihara Mawatha, Narangodapaluwa, Ragama.

(3) Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna presented —

- (i) A petition dated 30.05.2016 from Mrs. Charini Deepthi Niragama of No. 84/2, Udugama, Palapathwala, Matale;
- (ii) A petition dated 26.07.2016 from Ms. L. H. Chalani Theekshana of No. 490/2, Anura Mawatha, Hokandara North, Hokandara;
- (iii) A petition dated 30.05.2016 from Mr. M. B. R. Siriwardene of No. 131/1, Aliwalapalla, Walgammulla; and
- (iv) A petition dated 14.07.2016 from Mr. R. A. Chandrasena of No. 427 C, Batuwaththa, Ragama.

(4) Hon. Vijitha Herath presented —

- (i) A petition dated 11.04.2016 from Mr. N. J. Edirisinghe serving in Police Station, Kankasanthurei; and
- (ii) A petition dated 25.01.2016 from Mr. R. M. Amaratunga serving in Faculty Office, Faculty of Medicine, Ragama.

(5) Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala presented—

- (i) A petition dated 14.07.2016 from Mr. C. M. Anura Jayantha Chandrasekara of Mangulagama, Mangulagama;
- (ii) A petition dated 11.05.2016 from Mr. D. Ranasinghe of No. 54, Prince Lane, Kiribathgoda, Kelaniya; and
- (iii) A petition dated 18.07.2016 from Mr. G. M. Udaya Kumara Sirisena of No. 19, Maralanda, Mawathagama.

(6) Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam presented a petition dated 25.01.2016 from Mr. T. Kamalanathan of No. 164/16, Lower Road, Orr's Hill, Trincomalee.

(7) Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi presented —

- (i) A petition dated 16.06.2016 from Mr. Gunapala Witharana of No. 181, Bandaranayaka Place, Galle; and
- (ii) A petition dated 18.07.2016 from Mrs. W. Ramyasheeli Jayawardene of “Jayanthi”, Manampita, Meethiyagoda, Galle.

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

Suspension of Sitting

12.00 noon

The Sitting was suspended until 1.30 p. m.

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The Sitting was resumed. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

(At 1.55 p. m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

4. Vote of Condolence,— The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved the Vote of Condolence on the late Hon. M. K. A. D. S. Gunawardana, ex-Member of Parliament.

The Speaker announced that he associated himself with the sentiments expressed by both sides of Parliament on the death of Hon. M. K. A. D. S. Gunawardana, ex-Member of Parliament and former Minister of Lands and ordered the Secretary General of Parliament to send a copy of the Official Report (Hansard) of the relevant Meeting to the members of the bereaved family.

5. Adjournment (Injustice Caused to Students of Nuwara Eliya District at Advanced Level Examination) : 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. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.30 p. m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.38 p. m. adjourned until 1.00 p. m. on Tuesday, September 06, 2016.