



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 96.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, September 06, 2016 at 1.00 p. m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala**, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

**Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan**, Deputy Chairman of Committees

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

**Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa**, Minister of Disaster Management

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

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

**Hon. Malik Samarawickrama**, Minister of Development Strategies and  
International Trade

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

**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. 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. Dilan Perera**, State Minister of Highways

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma**, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs,  
Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs

**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. Lakshman Wasantha Perera**, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries  
**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. Nimal Lanza**, Deputy Minister of Home 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

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**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. Velu 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. Bandula Gunawardane**  
**Hon. Edward Gunasekara**  
**Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera**  
**Hon. S. M. Chandrasena**  
**Hon. D. V. Chanaka**  
**Hon. Sisira Jayakody**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa**  
**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**  
**Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana**  
**Hon. Lucky Jayawardana**  
**Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah**  
**Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam**  
**Hon. M. S. Thowfeek**  
**Hon. Sirinal de Mel**  
**Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva**  
**Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva**  
**Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa**  
**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**Hon. Mohamed Navavi**  
**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. Johnston Fernando**  
**Hon. Ashoka Priyantha**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra**  
**Hon. S. Premarathna**  
**Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda**  
**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**  
**Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor**

**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**  
**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. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe**  
**Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Angajan Ramanathan**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. A. A. Wijethunga**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama**  
**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. S. Shritharan**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. M. H. M. Salman**

**Hon. Muthu Sivalingam**

**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**

**Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah**

**Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne**

**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. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,—

(i) Annual Report of the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau for the year 2013; and

(ii) Annual Report of the State Timber Corporation for the year 2013;

and moved that these reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Land Survey Council for the year 2014; and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs for the year 2015 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the National Transport Commission for the year 2013 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the National Institute of Social Development for the year 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Home Affairs presented the Performance and Financial Report of the Colombo District Secretariat for the year 2015 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under paragraph (l)(m) and (s) of sub section 61(1) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1878/11 of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014;
- (ii) Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) read with Section 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E, 14F, 14G, 14H, 14I, 14J, 14K, 14L, 14M and 14N of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1878/12 of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014;
- (iii) Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) read with Section 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E, 14F, 14G, 14H, 14I, 14J, 14K, 14L, 14M and 14N of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1892/41 of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014;
- (iv) Regulations made by the Minister of Home Affairs and Fisheries under Section 61(1)(h) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1904/10 of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015;
- (v) Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries under Section 61(1)(sg), (sh) and (t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1907/47 of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015;
- (vi) Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries under Section 61(1)(l) and (t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1907/47 of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015;

- (vii) Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 read with Section 30 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1924/6 of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015;
- (viii) Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 read with Section 29 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1938/2 of 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015;
- (ix) Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1938/2 of 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015;
- (x) Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) read with Section 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E, 14F, 14G, 14H, 14I, 14J, 14K, 14L, 14M and 14N of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/6 of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015; and
- (xi) Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/7 of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

and moved that these Resolutions be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Ceylon Shipping Corporation Ltd. for the year 2013/2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

## 2. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Susantha Punchinilame presented a petition dated 20.07.2016 from Mrs. U. B. Janika Malkanthi of Pulikandikulama, Bakmeegama, Trincomalee.
- (2) Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma presented—
  - (i) A petition dated 03.02.2016 from Mr. A. N Kumara of No. 165/3, Jayamawatha, Athurugiriya;
  - (ii) A petition dated 04.06.2016 from Mr. D. D. Dayarathne of Ukwatte, Koholana, Kalutara- South;



- (iii) A petition dated 30.04.2016 from Mr. D. H. Ananda Karunasiri of Marammulla, Iddagoda, Mathugama;
  - (iv) A petition dated 03.02.2016 from Mr. Douglass Rajapakse of Handigalla, Gurubedda, Baduraliya;
  - (v) A petition dated 21.06.2016 from Mrs. G. Nandawathie of Kekirihena, Delmalla, Bulathsinhala;
  - (vi) A petition dated 04.06.2016 from Mrs. H. C. Rosa Ranjani of No. 137/1 A, Athweltota, Morapitiya;
  - (vii) A petition dated 21.06.2016 from Mrs. M. H. Pathmini Kanthi of Dekanda, Gavaragiriya, Ayagama;
  - (viii) A petition dated 04.06.2016 from Mr. Muniyandi Premakumar of Eladuwatte, Matugama;
  - (ix) A petition dated 04.06.2016 from Mr. N. D. Rupasinghe of Uditha Grinding Mills, Gammana, Yagirala;
  - (x) A petition dated 20.05.2016 from Mrs. P. D. Ariyawathie of Puwakdola, Handigalla Settlement, Baduraliya;
  - (xi) A petition dated 08.05.2016 from Mr. P. M. Sanath Indrajith of No. 8/22 A, Aluthwatte Road, Panadura; and
  - (xii) A petition dated 03.05.2016 from Ms. Ramachandran Dhammika of No. 35, Thillawala Road, Bothalegama.
- (3) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti presented—
- (i) A petition dated 06.07.2016 from Mrs. B. K. A. Siriawathie of No. 27, Keselgamukanda, Vidulipura;
  - (ii) A petition dated 04.06.2016 from Mr. G. W. Lal Amarasinghe of No. 22, Near the Public Market, Jayanthipura; and
  - (iii) A petition dated 08.07.2016 from Mr. S. L. Ranaweera of No. 60, Gemunu Mawatha, Bangalawatte, Kottawa, Pannipitiya.
- (4) Hon. Bimal Rathnayake presented a petition dated 25.07.2016 from Mr. T. Athula Perera of No. 178, Subhadrarama Road, Nugegoda.
- (5) Hon. K. K. Piyadasa presented a petition dated 24.06.2016 from Mr. A. G. Jayaweera of No. 128/8, Kulugammana, Kandy.
- (6) Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera presented a petition dated 08.08.2016 from Mr. W. A. A. Ranasingha Perera of Weeragalla, Walihelathenna, Yatiyanthota.

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

**3. Regulations under the Industrial Disputes Act :** The Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations moved,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Labour and Trade Union Relations under Section 39 of the Industrial Disputes Act, No. 43 of 1950 (Chapter 131) as amended from time to time, which were presented on 07.07.2016, be approved.

(At 2.47 p. m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Sports moved,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.35 p. m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

The Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations moved,—That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.35 p. m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

**4. Adjournment (Statement made by United Nations Secretary-General on Sri Lanka) :** 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. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.19 p. m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

The Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training moved,—That Hon. Bimal Rathnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.38 p. m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

The Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training moved,—That Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.00 p. m. Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.30 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 07, 2016.