



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 120.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 9.30 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. 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. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Higher Education and Highways and 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. Palany Thigambaram, Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development

Hon. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

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. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

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

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

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. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

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

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. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Public Enterprise Development

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. T. B. Ekanayake, State Minister of Lands

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

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

Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries

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

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. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

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. Edward Gunasekara

Hon. Malith Jayathilake

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. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha 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. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna

Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothingam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha 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 Foreign Affairs presented the Order made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs under Section 4 of the Diplomatic Privileges Act, No. 9 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1987/23 of 05th October, 2016 and moved that this Order be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Finance presented the List of Proposed Alteration in the Legends of Drafts Estimate - 2017.

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

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, Chairman of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on Public Finance on “the Resolution under Article 108(1) of the Constitution for the revision of Salary for the Chief Justice, Puisne Judges and President and Judges of the Court of Appeal”, “Notification under the Excise Ordinance”, “ Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act” and “two Orders under Section 3 of Excise (Special Provisions) Act” referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media on “the Regulations under the Judicature Act” referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe presented a petition dated 22.07.2016 from Mrs. I. K. Pubudu Kumuduni Perera, Manager (Recoveries and Credit Supervision), Bank of Ceylon, Metropolitan Branch, Colombo – 01.
- (2) Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha presented a petition dated 13.10.2016 from Mr. W. M. Y. S. K. Jayawardene of No. 162/121/18, Nilmini Uyana, Madola, Awissawella.
- (3) Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala presented a petition dated 01.09.2016 from Mr. A. A. D. C. Amarasingha of “Amaravila”, Madithiyawa, Ridigama.
- (4) Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne presented a petition dated 09.10.2016 from Mr. T. G. Amith Senarathne of No. 233, B.O.P 317, Thalpotha, Polonnaruwa.
- (5) Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa presented —
 - (i) A petition dated 12.09.2016 from Mr. Chamara Maddumakaluge of No. 98/6, Cemetery Road, Maviththara, Piliyandala;
 - (ii) A petition dated 17.09.2016 from Ms. H. M. Asha Lakmali Herath of No. 26, Meegahahena, Girandurukotte;
 - (iii) A petition dated 22.08.2016 from Mr. J. A. D. Methpala of “Kelum”, No. 241 A, Kesbawa Road, Aluthgama, Bandaragama;
 - (iv) A petition dated 12.10.2016 from Mr. K. Jayakodi of No. 490/A/9, Ranmuthugala, Kadwatha;
 - (v) A petition dated 26.09.2016 from Mr. Karupaiya Ponnandanan of Old Tea Factory, Section B, Hopton;
 - (vi) A petition dated 16.10.2016 from Mr. R. Anurasiri of 33 Mile Post Road, Badahira Kumbuka, Gonapola;

- (vii) A petition dated 05.10.2016 from Mr. R. S. L. Karanduwawala of No. 13, Edward Lane, Ihala Indibedda, Moratuwa;
- (viii) A petition dated 05.09.2016 from Mrs. T. A. Jeewangani of No. 09, Dhanyagama, Trincomalee;
- (ix) A petition dated 20.09.2016 from Mr. W. K. Bandularathne of No. E – 3/644, New Town, Embilipitiya; and
- (x) A petition dated 26.07.2016 from Mr. Wajira Nishantha Hewamannage of “Rasika”, Wewahena Road, Keenagahahinna, Pundaluoya.

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

4. Appropriation Bill (2017) - (Seventh Allotted Day) : Considered in the Committee .

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 10 were postponed until after consideration of the First, Second and Third Schedules.

First Schedule

Sums Payable for General Services.

Head 1

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 1.00 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.47 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 3.19 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

(At 4.33 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 5.14 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,951,499,000 for Head 1, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,751,180,000 for Head 1, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,750,000,000 for Head 1, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 2

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 770,471,000 for Head 2, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 484,800,000 for Head 2, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 4

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 100,443,000 for Head 4, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 31,300,000 for Head 4, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 5

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 78,085,000 for Head 5, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 12,200,000 for Head 5, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 6

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 188,713,000 for Head 6, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 254,200,000 for Head 6, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 7

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 40,594,000 for Head 7, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,700,000 for Head 7, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 8

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 71,896,000 for Head 8, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,530,000 for Head 8, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 9

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 22,455,000 for Head 9, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 850,000 for Head 9, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 10

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 297,256,000 for Head 10, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 15,600,000 for Head 10, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 11

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 44,086,000 for Head 11, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 102,900,000 for Head 11, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 12

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 35,502,000 for Head 12, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,150,000 for Head 12, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 13

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 186,046,000 for Head 13, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 6,100,000 for Head 13, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 16

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,923,267,000 for Head 16, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 130,800,000 for Head 16, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 17

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 34,978,000 for Head 17, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,300,000 for Head 17, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 18

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 40,643,000 for Head 18, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,600,000 for Head 18, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 19

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 79,588,000 for Head 19, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,500,000 for Head 19, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 20

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,473,446,000 for Head 20, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 56,500,000 for Head 20, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 21

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,377,691,000 for Head 21, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 106,800,000 for Head 21, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 22

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 20,146,000 for Head 22, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 800,000 for Head 22, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 23

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 52,234,000 for Head 23, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,800,000 for Head 23, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 24

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 43,562,000 for Head 24, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 6,500,000 for Head 24, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 25

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 10,427,000 for Head 25, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,200,000 for Head 25, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Whereupon the Minister of Higher Education and Highways proposed that the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question put, and agreed to.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Monday, November 21, 2016.

5. Adjournment (Takeover of Puttalam Base Hospital by Central Government) : 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 5.43 p.m. adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a. m. on Monday, November 21, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 16th November, 2016.