



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 124.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, November 24, 2016 at 9.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

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. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

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. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

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. 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. 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. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, 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. 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. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

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

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

Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

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

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- Hon. A. D. Premadasa**, State Minister of Industry and Commerce Affairs
- Hon. Palitha Range Bandara**, State Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran**, State Minister of Child Affairs
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- Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne**, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment
- 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. 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. Duleep Wijesekera**, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs
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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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance & Accounts Report of the District Secretariat of Gampaha 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.

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Lady Lochore Loan Fund for the Year 2015 and moved that this report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Chandima Gamage, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy on “Regulations made under section 54 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009”, “Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority for the year 2012” and “Annual Report of the Atomic Energy Authority for the year 2014” referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Malith Jayathilake, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security on “Performance Report of the Department of Prisons for the year 2015” referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Reports under Standing Order No. 47(5) of the Parliament : The Minister of Women and Child Affairs presented the Reports under Standing Order No. 47(5) of the Parliament on the Bills entitled “Sri Lanka Women’s Conference (Incorporation)” and “Moneragala District Kantha Maha Sangamaya (Incorporation)”.

The Bills were ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, December 06, 2016.

4. Petitions :

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara presented—

- (i) A petition dated 25.09.2016 from Mr. M. B. Sarath Gamini Wanasinghe of 2 Ela Road, Athuruwalla, Narchchaduwa;
- (ii) A petition dated 08.09.2016 from Mr. S. C. R. Y. M. Veediya Bandara Udawela of No. 5A, Konwewa, Thambuththegama; and
- (iii) A petition dated 27.09.2016 from Mr. W. A. Shelton Perera of Senapuragama, Senapura.

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

5. Appropriation Bill (2017) - (Eleventh Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee .

(In the Committee)

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Head 118

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

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

(At 11.29 a.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

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

(At 1.20 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

(At 2.54 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

(At 4.45 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

(At 5.53 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 523,067,000 for Head 118, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 179,500,000 for Head 118, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,606,423,000 for Head 118, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,926,800,000 for Head 118, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 281

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 461,720,000 for Head 281, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 45,000,000 for Head 281, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 6,290,450,000 for Head 281, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,754,000,000 for Head 281, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 285

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 410,727,000 for Head 285, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 35,000,000 for Head 285, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,859,387,000 for Head 285, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,302,100,000 for Head 285, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 135

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 525,934,000 for Head 135, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 20,100,000 for Head 135, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,426,455,000 for Head 135, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,931,375,000 for Head 135, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 293

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 298,658,000 for Head 293, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,018,000,000 for Head 293, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 160

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 304,386,000 for Head 160, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 144,700,000 for Head 160, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,330,010,000 for Head 160, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 50,431,930,000 for Head 160, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 283

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,326,184,000 for Head 283, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 842,700,000 for Head 283, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 291

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 216,455,000 for Head 291, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,027,100,000 for Head 291, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 198

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 353,118,000 for Head 198, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 49,550,000 for Head 198, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 135,727,000 for Head 198, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 8,156,400,000 for Head 198, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 282

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 659,018,000 for Head 282, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 45,500,000 for Head 282, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,621,037,000 for Head 282, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 8,018,400,000 for Head 282, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to Parliament.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Friday, November 25, 2016.

6. Adjournment (Release of Residential and Agricultural Lands from Department of Wildlife Conservation) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 6.34 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

And it being 7.00 p. m. the Parliament was at adjourned by the Deputy Chairman of Committees without Question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a. m. on Friday, November 25, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 16th November, 2016.