



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 125.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, November 25, 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

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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 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. Daya Gamage**, Minister of Primary Industries

**Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva**, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

**Hon. Duminda Dissanayake**, Minister of Agriculture

**Hon. Navin Dissanayake**, Minister of Plantation Industries

**Hon. S. B. Dissanayake**, Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare

**Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera**, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife

**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. 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. 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. 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. 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

**Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene**, State Minister of Defence

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

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

**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 Wijesekera**, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs

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**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**

**Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana**

**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**

**Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**

**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**

**Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**

**Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**

**Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**

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**Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran**  
**Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**  
**Hon. Chandima Gamage**  
**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**  
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**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. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**  
**Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne**  
**Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah**  
**Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam**  
**Hon. M. S. Thowfeek**  
**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Salinda Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**Hon. Mohamed Navavi**  
**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan**  
**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. Johnston Fernando**  
**Hon. Ashoka Priyantha**  
**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. K. Kader Masthan**  
**Hon. Imran Maharroof**  
**Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**  
**Hon. Tilak Marapana**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana**  
**Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheśwaran**  
**Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero**  
**Hon. Bimal Rathnayake**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**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. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama**  
**Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara**  
**Hon. Heshan Withanage**  
**Hon. S. Viyalanderan**  
**Hon. Wimal Weerawansa**  
**Hon. S. Shritharan**  
**Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa**

**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**

**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**

**Hon. Rajavaroatham Sampanthan**, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

**Hon. E. Saravanapavan**

**Hon. M. H. M. Salman**

**Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**

**Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan**

**Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi**

**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**

**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**

**Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah**

**Hon. Sunil Handunnetti**

**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 Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of Finland for the avoidance of Double Taxation and the prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income, entered into on 06<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and moved that this agreement be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Agriculture for the Year 2015 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

**2. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena, Member of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on behalf of the Hon. Lucky Jayawardana, Chairman of the said Committee presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on “the Regulations under the Rent Act” referred to the said Committee.

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

**3. Petitions :**

- (1) Hon. Ajith P. Perera presented—
  - (i) A petition dated 17.10.2016 from Mr. H. Hemasiri Perera of No. 8/B, Uranagoda watta, Madupitiya, Panadura;
  - (ii) A petition dated 28.09.2016 from Mr. P. Mervin Perera of No. 156, Galwala Road, Bandaragama;
  - (iii) A petition dated 13.09.2016 from Mr. S. Godage of No. 86/26, Fonseka Road, Panadura; and
  - (iv) A petition dated 20.09.2016 from Mr. W. C. Jayarathne of No. 101/2, Galmullawatta, Kamburugoda, Bandaragama.
- (2) Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne presented a petition dated 12.10.2016 from Mr. D. Wickramage, Secretary, Bothalegama Farmers' Association, Bothalegama, Bulathsinghala.
- (3) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented—
  - (i) A petition dated 22.08.2016 from Mr. D. W. Mabarana of No. 09, 9<sup>th</sup> Lane, Jambugasmulla Road, Nugegoda;
  - (ii) A petition dated 29.08.2016 from Mrs. E. A. Anusha Sandamali of “Chandika”, Diwelwaththa, Diddenipotha, Makadura;
  - (iii) A petition dated 15.09.2016 from Mr. G. H. Indradasa of No. 142, Horana Road, Wekada, Panadura;
  - (iv) A petition dated 25.08.2016 from Mr. Vithanage Pradeep of “Premavilla”, Welabadigewaththa, Deepananda Mawatha, Kamburugamuwa; and
  - (v) A petition dated 22.07.2016 from Mrs. W. G. Gayani Priyadarshika of No. 289, Opposite the Divisional Secretariat, New Town, Embilipitiya.

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

**4. Appropriation Bill (2017) - (Twelfth Allotted Day) :** Considered further in the Committee .

*(In the Committee)*

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 161

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.00 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 12.03 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

(At 1.30 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 3.28 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

(At 5.00 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 5.44 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 176,171,000 for Head 161, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 31,050,000 for Head 161, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 284

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,025,610,000 for Head 284, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 758,800,000 for Head 284, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 294

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 355,020,000 for Head 294, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 508,700,000 for Head 294, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 322

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 344,980,000 for Head 322, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 300,050,000 for Head 322, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 153

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 304,869,000 for Head 153, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 9,350,000 for Head 153, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,140,000,000 for Head 153, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 286

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 339,364,000 for Head 286, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 54,200,000 for Head 286, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 287

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 387,080,000 for Head 286, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 14,300,000 for Head 286, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 288

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 240,218,000 for Head 288, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 52,650,000 for Head 288, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,441,146,000 for Head 288, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 169,750,000 for Head 288, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 327

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 340,520,000 for Head 327, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 43,500,000 for Head 327, 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 Saturday, November 26, 2016.

**5. Adjournment (Removal of Primary Section of H/Dambarella Maha Vidyalaya) :** The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs and Minister of Lands moved,— That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.30 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.57 p.m. adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a. m. on Saturday, November 26, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.