



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 134.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, December 06, 2016 at 9.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

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. 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. 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. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe**, 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. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya**, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
- 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. 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. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture

- Hon. Mohan Lal Grero**, State Minister of Higher Education
- Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne**, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government
- Hon. Niroshan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
- Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**, State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply
- Hon. Palitha Range Bandara**, State Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran**, State Minister of Child Affairs
- Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan**, State Minister of Education
- 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
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- 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. (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. Karunarathna Paranawithana**, Deputy Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media
- Hon. Susantha Punchinilame**, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and Management
- Hon. Arundika Fernando**, Deputy Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs
- 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

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Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Dilum Amunugama
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
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. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardana
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
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. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
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. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
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. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

Hon. Indika Anuruddha 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. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera presented a petition dated 06.09.2016 from Mr. R. N. Edirimanna of Kananvila, Anguruwathota.
- (2) Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 31.07.2016 from Mr. K.H. Sisira Kumara De Silva of “Sisira”, Arewaththa Road, Dodampahala, Dikwella;
 - (ii) a petition dated 15.09.2016 from Mrs. Malhami Rajapurage of Infront of School, Rajapuragoda, Walasmulla;
 - (iii) a petition dated 04.09.2016 from Mr. S. H. Bhatiya Suwandarathna of Landewaththa Road, Unakurawa, Tangalle; and
 - (iv) a petition dated 22.10.2016 from Mr. W. G. Senaka Premalal of “Modarawana Gedara”, No. 125/A, Katuwana Road, Middeniya.
- (3) Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 22.10.2016 from Ms. M. S. Fathima Shermin of No. 200 A, Marukona Colony, Ukuwela; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 22.10.2016 from Ms. M. S. F. Rifda of No. 2/3, Marukona, Ukuwela.
- (4) Hon. Salinda Dissanayake presented a petition dated 02.08.2016 from Mrs. M. A. Bisomenike serving in K/Epakanda Buwanekaba College, Polgahawela;
- (5) Hon. C. B. Rathnayake presented a petition dated 02.01.2016 from Mr. K. G. N. M. P. B. Nawarathne of No. 122, Moladanda, Kiribathkumbura;
- (6) Hon. Lucky Jayawardana presented a petition dated 10.11.2016 from Mrs. E. M. A. Hema Ekanayake of No. 45/A/4, Jesminwatta, Kiribathkumbura;
- (7) Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne presented a petition dated 29.10.2016 from Mr. K. M. Priyantha Ajith Kumara of No. 32, Weligampura, Mahambagaswewa, Medirigiriya;

(8) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —

- (i) a petition dated 01.11.2016 from Mr. Gamini Kumara de Silva of No. 3187, IIIrd Stage, Anuradhapura;
- (ii) a petition dated 24.10.2016 from Mr. K. D. G. Rajasinghe of 12th Lane, Reglan watta, Boyagane;
- (iii) a petition dated 26.10.2016 from Mr. M. G. Deepananda of “Sirisewana”, Wewahamanduwa, Matara;
- (iv) a petition dated 03.10.2016 from Mr. Reginal Gallage of No. 95/13, Rahula Road, Matara ; and
- (v) a petition dated 01.11.2016 from Mr. Walawe Gamage Linton of No. 37/11, Kotikagoda, Vihara Mawatha, Walgama North, Matara.

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

2. Appropriation Bill (2017) - (Twenty First Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee .

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 151

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.01 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 209,520,000 for Head 151, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 43,000,000 for Head 151, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,144,600,000 for Head 151, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,295,500,000 for Head 151, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 290

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 441,350,000 for Head 290, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 537,000,000 for Head 290, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

(At 1.00 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Head 145

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

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

(At 2.57 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa took the Chair.)

(At 4.00 p.m. Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah took the Chair.)

(At 5.05 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

(At 6.05 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 860,293,000 for Head 145, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 684,500,000 for Head 145, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 97,000,000 for Head 145, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 9,020,000,000 for Head 145, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 204

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 118,398,000 for Head 204, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 94,650,000 for Head 204, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 232

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,467,744,000 for Head 232, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 829,000,000 for Head 232, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 326

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 259,329,000 for Head 326, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 10,500,000 for Head 326, Programme 01 (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 Wednesday, December 07, 2016.

3. Adjournment (Depreciation of Sri Lankan Rupee) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,—That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.33 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.55 p. m. adjourned until 9.30 a. m. on Wednesday, December 07, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 16th November, 2016.