



(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 36.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 1.00 p.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and
Economic Affairs

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. John Amaratunga, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious
Affairs

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and
Chief Government Whip

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development
and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Integration, Reconciliation and Official
Languages

Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Social Welfare and 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. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. S. B. Nawinne, Minister of Internal Affairs & Wayamba Development

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Buddhasasana

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Minister of Public Administration &
Management and Law & Order

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

Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and
Sports

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

Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera, Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations

Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Ports and Shipping

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

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

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 Highways & Road Development

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Social Empowerment

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala, State Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Piyasena Gamage, State Minister of Youth Affairs, Project Management and Southern Development

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake, State Minister of Mahaweli Development

Hon. Ajith P. Perera, State Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

Hon. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Plantation Industries

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

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama, State Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi, State Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie, State Minister of National Unity and Co-existence

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Finance and Mass Media

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms

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

Hon. Edward Gunasekara, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs & Wayamba Development

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, Deputy Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage

Hon. K. Kader Masthan, Deputy Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and
Northern Development

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, Deputy Minister of Environment

Hon. Angajan Ramanathan, Deputy Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Muthu Sivalingam, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare & Primary Industries

Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources
Development and Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

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. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. Arumugan Thondaman

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek

Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran
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. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi

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. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijsekera
Hon. Kanchana Wijsekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Deputy Chairman of Committees presented the Progress Report of the Public Services Commission for the First quarter of 2018 (01.01.2018 - 31.03.2018) in terms of Articles 41B (6) and 55(5) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Audit Service Commission for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Annual Report of the National Savings Bank for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Report on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order No. 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the Report presented to Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts regarding the performance of the Ministry of Public Enterprise Development in the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance and Accounts Report of the District Secretariat, Gampaha for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report and Accounts of the Co-operative Wholesale Establishment for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Business and Commerce.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the—

- (i) Annual Report of the Coconut Research Board for the year 2016; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority for the year 2016.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees (1) Hon. K.K. Piyadasa, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Business and Commerce presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Annual Reports of the Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation Ltd. for the years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016;
- (ii) Annual Report & Accounts of the Co-operative Wholesale Establishment for the year 2012;
- (iii) Annual Performance Report of the Co-operative Employees Commission for the year 2016; and
- (iv) Performance Report of the Department of Co-operative Development for the year 2017

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(2) Hon. Velu Kumar, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Gamini Lokuge, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Pradeshia Sabhas (Amendment) Bill” which was referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(3) Hon. K.K. Piyadasa, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. C. B. Rathnayake, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Regulation under Section 41 of the Sports Law, No.25 of 1973;
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Sports for the year 2017;
- (iii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of the Sports Development for the year 2017;
- (iv) Annual Administrative Reports of the National Sports Fund for the years 2013 and 2014; and
- (v) Annual Reports of the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency for the years 2014 and 2015

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(4) Hon. K.K. Piyadasa, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation for the year 2016;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Sri Lankan Airlines for the year 2016/17;

- (iii) Performance Report of the Ministry of Public Enterprise Development for the year 2017;
- (iv) Performance Reports of the Department of National Physical Planning for the years 2014, 2016 & 2017;
- (v) Annual Reports of the Urban Development Authority for the years 2013 & 2014; and
- (vi) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development for the year 2017

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

3. Presentation of Reports under Standing Order No. 52(6) of the Parliament :

The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Report under Standing Order No. 52(6) of the Parliament on the Bill entitled “Dr. S. S. Gunawardana Indigenous Ayurveda Development Foundation (Incorporation)” by the Hon. Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday October 09, 2018.

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera presented a petition dated 16.07.2018 from Mr. R.M. Dharmadasa of No. 316/C, Pugoda Road, Delgoda.
- (2) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti presented —
 - (i) A petition dated 08.07.2018 from Mr. H.N. Manoj Priyantha of “Manoj”, Mavideniya, Akurugoda, Sulthanagoda; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 17.08.2018 from Mrs. N. Himali Pradeepa Dissanayeka of “Sandaru”, Araliya Mawatha, Thihagoda, Matara.
- (3) Hon. K. K. Piyadasa presented a petition dated 20.06.2018 from Mr. K.J. Witharana of 50/2/1, Paranawattahena, Akurugoda, Sultanagoda.
- (4) Hon. Chandima Gamage presented a petition dated 22.06.2018 from Mrs. H. R. Podimenike of No. 74, A Yaya, Padaviya.
- (5) Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda presented a petition dated 13.07.2018 from Mr. D.G. Karunadasa of Heraliyagasgodella, Thellambura Ihala, Nakiyadeniya.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order No. 30 (10) to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. New Villages Development Authority for Plantation Region Bill: Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Minister of Internal Affairs & Wayamba Development moved,— That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.22 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

The Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development moved,— That Hon. Hesha Withanage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.52 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

The Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports moved,— That Hon. Bimal Rathnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.06 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

The Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports moved,— That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.03 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Presiding Member took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 38 were agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported without Amendments.

The Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development moved,— That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the third time and passed.

6. Pradeshiya Sabhas (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Presiding Member took the Chair.

Clauses 1 and 2 were agreed to.

Clause 3

The Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports proposed an amendment to leave out lines 19 and 20 in page 1 and substitute the following:—

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports proposed another amendment to leave out line 25 in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“resolution and in consultation with the”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

- (1) By the renumbering of that section as subsection (1) thereof and in the renumbered subsection (1), by the substitution for all the words from ‘enterprises in question,’ to the end of that subsection of the following:-

“enterprises in question.”;

The Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports proposed another amendment to insert the following immediately after line 5 in page 2:—

“(3) (a) The roads, wells and common amenities constructed, maintained or facilitated under subsection (1) or (2) shall be vested in the Pradeshiya Sabha by an appropriate instrument and shall be constituted public roads, wells and common amenities.

(b) The Pradeshiya Sabha shall require the owners of the estates or industrial enterprises, administrative authorities of the relevant estates or the residents of such plantation regions, as the case may be, to

pay such contribution towards the expenses of construction, maintenance or facilitation of such roads, wells and common amenities as may be approved by the Pradeshiya Sabha and all such contributions shall be deemed to be special rates imposed upon such lands and plantation regions benefited and shall be recoverable as a rate imposed under the provisions of this Act.”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports proposed another amendment to leave out lines 6 and 7 in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“(4) For the purpose of this section, “plantation regions” means the estates coming under the”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports proposed another amendment to leave out lines 9 to 11 (both inclusive) in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“the Central, Uva, Sabaragamuwa, Southern, Western, North Central and North Western Provinces, in which the resident labourers live and tea, rubber,”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena proposed an amendment in Sinhala text:—

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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause, as amended, Stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 4 was agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports moved,—
That the Bill as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

7. Institute of Personnel Management, Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill: Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development on behalf of the Minister of Labour and Trade Union Relations moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development on behalf of the Minister of Labour and Trade Union Relations moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Presiding Member took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 4 were agreed to.

Preamble

Question that the Preamble stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported without Amendments.

The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development on behalf of the Minister of Labour and Trade Union Relations moved,— That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the third time and passed.

8. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.57 p.m. adjourned until 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2018.