



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 20.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies,
Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province
Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs

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

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

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

Hon. Palany Thigambaram, Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure &
Community Development

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara, Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Dry Zone
Development

Hon. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Ports & Shipping and Southern Development

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock
Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, Non Cabinet Minister of Economic Reforms and Public
Distribution

Hon. Ajith P. Perera, Non Cabinet Minister of Digital Infrastructure and Information
Technology

Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan, Non Cabinet Minister of Special Area Development

Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera, Non Cabinet Minister of Labour and Trade Union
Relations

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala, State Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare, State Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife & Christian Religious Affairs

Hon. Faizal Cassim, State Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana, State Minister of City Planning & Water Supply

Hon. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Power & Renewable Energy

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Vadivel Suresh, State Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, State Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. H. M. M. Harees, State Minister of Provincial Councils & Local Government

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

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, Deputy Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, Deputy Minister of Environment

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek

Hon. Arumugan Thondaman

Hon. Sirinal de Mel

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka

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 Reports from Committees: Hon. Sunil Handunnetti, the Chairman of the Committee on Public Enterprises presented the First Report of the Committee on Public Enterprises (From 01.07.2017 to 30.09.2017) for the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

2. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera presented a petition dated 12.09.2018 from Mrs. I. K. Ruwan Pathirana of “Sandareka”, Meeragahawatta.
- (2) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti presented—
 - (i) a petition dated 17.08.2018 from Mr. A. Hewawitharana of Dikhen, Uragasmanhandiya;
 - (ii) a petition dated 09.06.2018 from Mr. E. D. Hemapala of No. 127, Makandana, Madapatha; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 06.07.2018 from Mr. J. H. Sumanasiri, Deputy Principal of Matara Central College, Matara.
- (3) Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 10.07.2018 from Mr. A. C. J. Raphasee Jean of No. 44/2, Kurukuthala, Kadugannawa;
 - (ii) a petition dated 08.06.2018 from Mr. A. Hettiarachchi of No. 138, “Somnasa”, Siyabalagoda, Polgasowita;
 - (iii) a petition dated 27.05.2018 from Mr. P. Lakshitha Eranga of No. 19/8, Sri Saranankara Road, Weliwatta, Galle;
 - (iv) a petition dated 08.09.2018 from Mrs. Sunetra D. Wickremasinghe of “Sarasavi”, Sarasavi Uyana, Hapugala, Wakwella - Galle;
 - (v) a petition dated 17.07.2018 from Mr. W. A. A. C.W. Monty Lowe of Redland Road, Pahala Haththiniya, Marawila;
 - (vi) a petition dated 03.09.2018 from Mr. W. D. Senevirathna of No. 243/1, Horagolla, Ganemulla; and
 - (vii) a petition dated 08.09.2018 from Mr. W. N. Soyza of No. 22, “Silumina”, Kaviraja Mawatha, Wekada, Panadura.

- (4) Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda presented —
- (i) a petition dated 14.07.2018 from Mr. Amarasena Jayawarna of No. 79, Abhimanipura, Kimbiya Road, Poddala;
 - (ii) a petition dated 14.07.2018 from Mr. D. G. Chandrasena of Ihala Mulana, Nabadawa, Yakkalamulla;
 - (iii) a petition dated 15.07.2018 from Mr. K. W. A. Nihal of Waduveli witiya North, Madakadahena, Kahaduwa;
 - (iv) a petition dated 14.07.2017 from Mrs. Nayana Ranjani Wickrama Arachchi of “Nayanakanthi”, Ethumale, Galle;
 - (v) a petition dated 03.09.2018 from Mr. Thilak Kellapatha of Kellapatha, Thalgaspe, Elpitiya;
 - (vi) a petition dated 03.09.2018 from Mr. W. Ananda Siriwardena of “Siri Niwasa”, Sri Dheeralankara Mawatha, Wallambagala, Elpitiya; and
 - (vii) a petition dated 13.07.2018 from Mr. W. T. Sugath Keerthiratne of Keenaketiya, Ethkandura.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order 30(10) of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

3. Sittings of the Parliament: The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of Sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 10.30 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Ministerial Consultative Committees: The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—Thirty one (31) Ministerial Consultative Committees be appointed to be designated as follows:—

1. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence
2. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Mahaweli Development and Environment
3. Ministerial Consultative Committee on National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs
4. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs
5. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Buddhasasana & Wayamba Development
6. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Finance & Mass Media
7. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development
8. Ministerial Consultative Committee on City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education
9. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Foreign Affairs

10. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine
11. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Power, Energy and Business Development
12. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government
13. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons and Co-operative Development
14. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Megapolis & Western Development
15. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation Industries
16. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development
17. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development
18. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Public Administration & Disaster Management
19. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Lands and Parliamentary Reforms
20. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs
21. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Transport & Civil Aviation
22. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure & Community Development
23. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Women & Child Affairs and Dry Zone Development
24. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice & Prison Reforms
25. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education
26. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Postal Services & Muslim Religious Affairs
27. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Ports & Shipping and Southern Development
28. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports
29. Ministerial Consultative Committee on National Integration, Official Languages, Social Progress and Hindu Religious Affairs
30. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Primary Industries and Social Empowerment
31. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Development Strategies and International Trade

Each Ministerial Consultative Committee shall consist of the Cabinet Minister in charge of the relevant subject as the Chair, State Minister, Deputy Minister and five (05) other Members of Parliament to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to

discuss and report upon such matters as are referred to it in terms of Standing Order 112 of the Parliament;

The quorum of each Ministerial Consultative Committee shall be three (03) Members.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Committee on Public Finance: The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 121.(1) of the Parliament, the Chair of the Committee on Public Finance shall be elected by the Committee itself, among the Members of the Opposition, as per the decision taken on 22nd January, 2019 by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Adjournment : (Daily Wage of Plantation Workers): The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

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

The Non Cabinet Minister of Special Area Development moved,— That Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.00 p.m. Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne took the Chair.)

The Non Cabinet Minister of Special Area Development moved,— That Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.10 p.m. Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 4.46 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2019.