



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 41.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 9.30 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 and Youth Affairs

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial
Councils & Local Government

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. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

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

Hon. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Integration, Official Languages, Social
Progress and Hindu Religious Affairs

Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment

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

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Buddhasasana & Wayamba
Development

Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and
Sports

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

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Minister of Public Administration &
Disaster Management

- Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen**, Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development
- Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka**, Minister of Ports & Shipping and Southern Development
- Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga**, Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation
- Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka**, Minister of Megapolis & Western Development
- Hon. Malik Samarawickrama**, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade
- Hon. Mangala Samaraweera**, Minister of Finance
- Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**, Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine
- Hon. Rauff Hakeem**, Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education
- Hon. Abdul Haleem**, Minister of Postal Services & Muslim Religious Affairs
- Hon. Kabir Hashim**, Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development
- 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. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan**, Non Cabinet Minister of Special Area Development
- Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe**, Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research
- Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**, State Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation
- 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. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Economic Affairs
- Hon. Lucky Jayawardana**, State Minister of City Planning & Water Supply
- Hon. Nirosan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
- Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**, State Minister of Social Empowerment
- Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran**, State Minister of Education
- Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**, State Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment
- Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake**, State Minister of Highways & Road Development
- Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**, State Minister of Finance
- Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**, State Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development

Hon. Vadivel Suresh, State Minister of Plantation Industries

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

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

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Skills Development & Vocational Training

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

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

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Siripala Gamalath

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. D. V. Chanaka

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. Malith Jayathilake

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne

Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoo
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

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 Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development presented the Report of the Auditor General on the President's Fund for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Homoeopathic Medical Council for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe, member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Chandima Gamage, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy presented the Report of the said Committee on, "Performance Report of the Ministry of Petroleum Resources Development for the year 2017" which was referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

(1) Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe presented a petition dated 03.10.2018 from Mr. K. D. Indaka of No. 5/41, Madiwela Road, Embuldeniya, Nugegoda.

(2) Hon. Bimal Rathnayake presented —

(i) a petition dated 31.01.2019 from Mr. H. D. N. S. Karunaratne of Temple Road, Unale, Kotawehera, Nikaweratiya; and

(ii) a petition dated 08.10.2018 from Mr. W. M. Thilakarathna of Kohomba Kadawala, Konwewa, Mahawa.

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

4. Coconut Development (Amendment) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries presented a Bill,— Bill to amend the Coconut Development Act, No. 46 of 1971.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

5. Privilege : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne, M.P. on 24th January, 2019 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Ethics & Privileges under the provisions of Standing Order 118 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Appropriation Bill — (Twelfth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee .

(In the Committee)

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Head 158

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

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

(At 11.30 a.m. Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

(At 2.46 p.m. Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya took the Chair.)

(At 2.57 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

(At 4.04 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

(At 6.01 p.m. Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne took the Chair.)

(At 6.29 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 250,700,000 for Head 158, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 204,600,000 for Head 158, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 51

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 228,010,000 for Head 51, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 11,700,000 for Head 51, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 495,780,000 for Head 51, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,955,000,000 for Head 51, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 52

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 193,300,000 for Head 52, 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 52, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,637,950,000 for Head 52, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,230,850,000 for Head 52, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 299

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 36,000,000 for Head 299, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Whereupon the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development proposed that the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question put, and agreed to.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Thursday, March 21, 2019.

7. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment (2014) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research moved,— That the Annual Report of the Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 12.08.2016 under Section 29(5) of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment Act, No. 32 of 2005, and section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Annual Report of the National Science and Technology Commission (2013) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research moved,— That the Annual Report of the National Science and Technology Commission together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 09.06.2016 under Section 40(3) of the National Science and Technology Development Act, No. 11 of 1994, and Article 154(6) of the Constitution, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Annual Report of the National Science Foundation (2013) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research moved,— That the Annual Report of the National Science Foundation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 05.07.2016 under Section 40(3) of the National Science and Technology Development Act, No. 11 of 1994, and Article 154(6) of the Constitution, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Annual Report of the National Science and Technology Commission (2014) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research moved,— That the Annual Report of the National Science and Technology Commission together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 22.03.2017 under Section 40(3) of the National Science and Technology Development Act, No. 11 of 1994, and Article 154(6) of the Constitution, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute (2014) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research moved,— That the Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 24.01.2017 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act, No. 11 of 1994 and section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute (2013) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research moved,— That the Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 29.01.2016 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act, No. 11 of 1994 and section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution (2014): The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research moved,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended by 31.12.2014 and presented on 02.12.2016 under Section 37(3) of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution Act, No. 6 of 1984, and Article 154 (6) of the Constitution, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment (2015): The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research moved,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended by 31.12.2015 and presented on 22.06.2017 under Section 29(5) of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment Act, No. 32 of 2005, and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.49 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2019 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 09th March, 2019.