



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 47.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

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. 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. (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. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation

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. (Dr.) V. 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. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Economic Affairs

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

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

Hon. Niroschan Perera, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

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

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana, State Minister of Social Empowerment

Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Education

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

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

Hon. Edward Gunasekara, Deputy Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms

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

Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment

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. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail
Hon. T. B. Ekanayake
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Piyasena Gamage
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
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Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka

Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka Herath
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 Papers : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Design Centre for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Rubber Development for the year 2017 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 : (1) Hon. Heshu Withanage, member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, Chair of the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Judicature (Amendment) Bill;
- (ii) Order under Section 7 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No. 2 of 2013;
- (iii) Regulations under Section 115A read with Section 6A and Section 19A of the Trusts Ordinance (Chapter 87);
- (iv) Performance Report of the Department of the Law Commission for the year 2017;
- (v) Performance Report of the Attorney General's Department for the year 2016;
- (vi) Performance Reports of the Legal Draftsman's Department for the years 2016 and 2017;
- (vii) Performance Report of the Government Analyst's Department for the year 2016;
- (viii) Annual Report of the Judicial Service Commission for the year 2016; and
- (ix) Annual Reports of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption for the years 2008 - 2017

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Bimal Rathnayake, member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Orders under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989;
- (ii) Orders under the Special Commodity Levy, Act, No. 48 of 2007; and
- (iii) Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235)

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(3) Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Women and Gender presented the Report on “Teaching Reproductive Health to School Children” which was compiled by the said Committee.

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. A. D. Premadasa presented a petition dated 13.10.2018 from Mr. P. A. Shashika Sampath Kumara Wijebandara of Mount Michael Watte, New Hospital Road, Warakapola.
- (2) Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna presented a petition dated 12.02.2019 from Mrs. K. K. Ariyalatha of No. 148A, Providence Watte, Thilakapura, Ambalangoda.

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

4. Appropriation Bill — (Eighteenth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Head 111

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 10.40 a.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

(At 11.30 a.m. Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 2.02 p.m. Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam took the Chair.)

(At 3.35 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama took the Chair.)

(At 5.00 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

(At 6.43 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out the line 17 in page 18 and substitute the following,—

“ Capital 41,856,400,000”

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

The Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out the line 21 in page 18 and substitute the following,—

“ Programme 02 Development Activities 16,038,950,000 29,557,200,000

(The effect of this amendment is to transfer the provisions of Rs. 2,000,000,000 (Two Billion) Capital expenditure allocated for the sub-project “Emergency Pre Hospital Care Ambulance Service in Sri Lanka” from the Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine to Non Cabinet Ministry of Economic Reforms and Public Distribution)”

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

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Question that the sum of Rs. 125,920,048,000 for Head 111, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 11,822,200,000 for Head 111, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 220

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 119,300,000 for Head 220, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 13,100,000 for Head 220, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,547,700,000 for Head 220, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 463,900,000 for Head 220, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 120

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 585,090,000 for Head 120, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 72,550,000 for Head 120, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 6,508,904,000 for Head 120, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,513,140,000 for Head 120, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 217

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 37,800,000 for Head 217, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,350,000 for Head 217, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 256,310,000 for Head 217, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 78,050,000 for Head 217, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Whereupon the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms 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 28, 2019.

5. Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Thripasha Company Ltd.

(2013) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Thripasha Company Ltd. together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 20.02.2018 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Thripasha Company Ltd.

(2011) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Thripasha Company Ltd. together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2011 and presented on 08.08.2018 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14 (3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Thripasha Company Ltd.

(2012) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Thripasha Company Ltd. together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 08.08.2018 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing

Corporation (2014) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 04.07.2017 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing

Corporation (2015) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 25.11.2017 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation

(2015) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 08.08.2018 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation

(2014) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 05.07.2017 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine moved,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 read with Sections 3 and 118 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2086/37 of 31st August 2018, which were presented on 06.03.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Adjournment (Relief to Depositors of ETI Finance Company) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.53 p.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

And it being 7.30 p.m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2019 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 09th March, 2019.