



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 49.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, March 29, 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. 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. 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. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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. Ruwan Wijewardene, Non Cabinet Minister of Mass Media and State Minister of Defence

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

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, State Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwalla, 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. Niroshan 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. 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. 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. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

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. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Piyasena Gamage

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. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
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. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar

Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
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. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
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. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa

Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vasantha Senanayake
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
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 —

- (i) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2104/30 of 03rd January 2019;
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2108/65 of 01st February 2019;
- (iii) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2109/15 of 07th February 2019;

- (iv) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2109/20 of 08th February 2019;
- (v) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2111/58 of 24th February 2019;
- (vi) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2112/48 of 02nd March 2019;
- (vii) Regulation made by the Minister of Finance under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2112/25 of 28th February 2019; and
- (viii) Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/2 of 05th March 2019)

and moved that these Orders, Regulation and Resolution be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2084/18 of 14th August 2018 and moved that this Order be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report on “Assessment of the Fiscal, Financial and Economic Assumptions of the Budget 2019” which was compiled by the Committee on Public Finance.

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. Ajith P. Perera presented a petition dated 11.11.2017 from Mrs. K. Ariyawathie Peiris of No. 110, Mahagonaduwa, Moronthuduwa.

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

4. Questions of Privilege : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, M.P. on 27th March, 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.

5. Appropriation Bill — (Twentieth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Head 117

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.38 a.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

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

(At 2.03 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

(At 3.12 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

(At 3.41 p.m. Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne took the Chair.)

(At 5.23 p.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

(At 6.39 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 379,000,000 for Head 117, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament having divided as follows—
Ayes: 84; Noes: 01.

The following Eighty (80) Hon. Members of Parliament voted by using the electronic voting system under the Standing Order 47(2)(b) of the Parliament, as follows:—

O 018. Mavai S. Senathirajah	Yes
O 021. Selvam Adaikkalanathan	Yes
O 084. Ananda Aluthgamage	No
O 099. Gnanamuthu Srineshan	Yes
G 001. Rauff Hakeem	Yes
G 002. Mangala Samaraweera	Yes
G 004. John Amaratunga	Yes

G 005. Gayantha Karunatileka	Yes	
G 006. Lakshman Kiriella	Yes	
G 009. Tilak Marapana	Yes	
G 010. Wajira Abeywardana	Yes	
G 011. Ravi Karunanayake	Yes	
G 012. Rajitha Senaratne	Yes	
G 014. Patali Champika Ranawaka		Yes
G 015. Kabir Hashim	Yes	
G 017. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam		Yes
G 018. Malik Samarawickrama	Yes	
G 019. Mano Ganesan	Yes	
G 021. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri	Yes	
G 022. P. Harrison	Yes	
G 023. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara	Yes	
G 024. Arjuna Ranatunga	Yes	
G 026. Chandrani Bandara	Yes	
G 027. Thalatha Atukorale	Yes	
G 028. Abdul Haleem	Yes	
G 031. Daya Gamage	Yes	
G 033. Sujeewa Senasinghe	Yes	
G 034. Harsha De Silva	Yes	
G 035. Ajith P. Perera	Yes	
G 036. V. Radhakrishnan	Yes	
G 037. Ruwan Wijayawardene	Yes	
G 038. Lucky Jayawardana	Yes	
G 042. A.D. Premadasa	Yes	
G 043. Wasantha Aluwihare	Yes	
G 044. Vijayakala Maheswaran	Yes	
G 045. Eran Wickramaratne	Yes	
G 047. J.C. Alawathuwala	Yes	
G 050. Ranjan Ramanayake	Yes	
G 051. Ashok Abeysinghe	Yes	
G 052. H.M.M. Harees	Yes	
G 053. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana		Yes
G 054. Ajith Mannapperuma	Yes	
G 055. Edward Gunasekara	Yes	
G 056. Anoma Gamage	Yes	
G 057. Karunarathna Paranawithana		Yes
G 059. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha	Yes	
G 064. Lakshman Senewiratne	Yes	
G 065. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa		Yes
G 066. D.M. Swaminathan	Yes	

G 068. Vasantha Senanayake	Yes
G 070. Palitha Range Bandara	Yes
G 071. M.S. Thowfeek	Yes
G 072. Manusha Nanayakkara	Yes
G 073. Sirinal de Mel	Yes
G 074. Anura Sidney Jayarathne	Yes
G 076. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne	Yes
G 077. A. A. Wijethunga	Yes
G 078. Hector Appuhamy	Yes
G 081. A. Aravindh Kumar	Yes
G 082. Velu Kumar	Yes
G 083. Nalaka Prasad Colonne	Yes
G 084. Chandima Gamage	Yes
G 085. Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana	Yes
G 086. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah	Yes
G 088. Sujith Sanjaya Perera	Yes
G 089. Hirunika Premachandra	Yes
G 090. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda	Yes
G 091. M. Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor	Yes
G 093. Imran Maharroof	Yes
G 094. Ishak Rahuman	Yes
G 095. Mujibur Rahuman	Yes
G 096. Harshana Rajakaruna	Yes
G 097. Thusitha Wijemanna	Yes
G 099. Chaminda Wijesiri	Yes
G 100. Hesha Withanage	Yes
G 101. Sandith Samarasinghe	Yes
G 103. Wijepala Hettiarachchi	Yes
G 104. Ashu Marasinghe	Yes
G 106. Mohamadu Nazeer	Yes
G 107. S.M. Mohamed Ismail	Yes

The following Five (05) Hon. Members of Parliament cast their votes having being asked the names by the Secretary-General under the Standing Order 47(2)(c) of the Parliament as follows:—

G 003. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera	Yes
G 069. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka	Yes
G 062. A. H. M. Fowzie	Yes
G 049. Faizal Cassim	Yes
G 075. K. K. Piyadasa	Yes

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 22,300,000 for Head 117, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 90,000,000 for Head 117, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 175,042,700,000 for Head 117, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 119

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 292,465,000 for Head 119, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 8,500,000 for Head 119, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 270,000,000 for Head 119, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 575,600,000 for Head 119, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

At 7.06 p.m. the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to Parliament.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Monday, April 01, 2019.

6. Annual Report and Accounts of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (2015) :

The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor- General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 23.05.2018 under Section 32(3) of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation Act, No. 28 of 1961, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Select Committee of Parliament to study and report to Parliament its recommendations to ensure National Evaluation Capacity in Sri Lanka : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development moved,—

Whereas, the United Nations General Assembly, by its Resolution ‘Building capacity for the evaluation of development activities at the country level’, No. A/RES/69/237, had declared the year 2015 as the International Year of Evaluation in building capacity of the countries for the evaluation of the development activities;

And whereas, the National Evaluation Policy (NEP) which was adopted by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka had launched by the Prime Minister on 17th September 2018 at EvalColombo2018, the conference entitled “Responsible Parliaments: Embracing Evaluation for Agenda 2030”, organized by the Global Parliamentary Forum for Evaluation;

And whereas, the commitments made in the Colombo Declaration signed at the Parliament of Sri Lanka on 18th September 2018, to create an enabling environment to provide guidance to facilitate the establishment of National Evaluation Policies and mechanism;

And whereas, the evaluation has become important in the context of sustainable development goals adopted by the United Nations for which the Sri Lanka is a signatory;

And whereas, the all global partners and the donor agents have confined all their projects and programmes on the rules and measures of the evaluation;

And whereas, the Parliament of Sri Lanka through the discussions of the Sri Lanka Parliamentarians’ Forum for Evaluation chaired by Mr. Deputy Speaker has identified and recognized the relevancy and necessity of monitoring and evaluation mechanism for evidence-based law making, budgeting and oversight functions;

And whereas, as per Article 148 of the Constitution, the Parliament with vested power over public finance and budgeting on national development initiatives of the country through parliamentary procedures;

And whereas, the Parliamentarians should be well informed with up-to-date information about effective initiatives and development programmes through evaluation;

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to look into and to make recommendations in respect of the following in order to ensure that the National Evaluation Capacity in Sri Lanka:—

- (a) formulation of national policies and legislating laws in consultation with relevant line Ministries and agencies;
- (b) guiding and coordinating the implementing institutions and agencies at national, provincial and local levels;
- (c) encouraging public-private partnership in promoting a culture of evaluation;
- (d) promoting the values of good governance and informed decision making through evaluations, while preventing corruption, mismanagement and wasting;
- (e) allocation of adequate domestic resources and finding international funding resources;
- (f) sharing expertise and experience among countries at regional and global levels;
- (g) examining outputs and outcomes of the existing oversight mechanism of the Parliament, mainly the functions of the Committee on Public Accounts (COPA) and the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE), through the lenses of evaluation;

- (h) setting up a Legislative Standing Committee for evaluation;
- (i) extending the functions of the Parliament Research Unit to 'Parliament Research and Evaluation Unit' to facilitate the legislative and oversight functions of the Parliament;
- (j) instituting a national entity to regulate and coordinate the National Evaluation Capacity;
- (k) Establishment of a Panel of Experts and networks comprising academics, intellectuals and development and evaluation practitioners; and
- (l) consideration of all matters which are connected with or incidental to the above subjects.

2.

- (a) That the Committee and its Chair shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker; and
- (b) That the provisions of Standing Order 101 of the Parliament, the Committee shall not consist of more than twelve (12) Members.

3.

That the Committee shall have the power to:

- (a) fix its quorum;
- (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
- (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chair of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
- (d) conduct the meetings, in any parts of the country, outside the Parliament;
- (e) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
- (f) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

4.

The Committee shall present its Report within Six Months (06) of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time period as Parliament may grant.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Adjournment (Disregard for External Degree Holders When Providing Jobs) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development moved,—That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 7.07 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.24 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Monday, April 01, 2019 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 09th, March 2019.