



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 52.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, April 03, 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. 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. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs

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. Patali Champika Ranawaka**, Minister of Megapolis & Western Development
- Hon. Malik Samarawickrama**, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade
- 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 Areas 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. 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. 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. 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. H. M. M. Harees, State Minister of Provincial Councils & Local Government

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

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, Deputy Minister of Industry & Commerce

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

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. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

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. Malith Jayathilake

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne

Hon. Piyanaka Jayaratne

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Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
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Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
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. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha
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. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheeswaran
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Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
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. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam

Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi

Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne

Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah

Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne

Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa

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 Deputy Speaker presented the —

- (i) Fourth Instalment – Parts II, III and IV and Fifth Instalment – Parts III and IV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2017; and
- (ii) Eighth Instalment – Part I of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2018

in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Reports do lie upon the **Table** and printed.

(2) The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandy Heritage and Kandy Development presented the —

- (i) Supplementary Estimate No. 1 of 2019;
- (ii) Supplementary Estimate No. 2 of 2019;
- (iii) Supplementary Estimate No. 3 of 2019;
- (iv) Supplementary Estimate No. 4 of 2019;
- (v) Supplementary Estimate No. 5 of 2019;
- (vi) Supplementary Estimate No. 6 of 2019;
- (vii) Supplementary Estimate No. 7 of 2019;

- (viii) Supplementary Estimate No. 8 of 2019;
- (ix) Supplementary Estimate No. 9 of 2019;
- (x) Supplementary Estimate No. 10 of 2019;
- (xi) Supplementary Estimate No. 11 of 2019;
- (xii) Supplementary Estimate No. 12 of 2019;
- (xiii) Supplementary Estimate No. 13 of 2019;
- (xiv) Supplementary Estimate No. 14 of 2019;
- (xv) Supplementary Estimate No. 15 of 2019;
- (xvi) Supplementary Estimate No. 16 of 2019;
- (xvii) Supplementary Estimate No. 17 of 2019;
- (xviii) Supplementary Estimate No. 18 of 2019;
- (xix) Supplementary Estimate No. 19 of 2019;
- (xx) Supplementary Estimate No. 20 of 2019;
- (xxi) Supplementary Estimate No. 21 of 2019;
- (xxii) Supplementary Estimate No. 22 of 2019;
- (xxiii) Supplementary Estimate No. 23 of 2019;
- (xxiv) Supplementary Estimate No. 24 of 2019;
- (xxv) Supplementary Estimate No. 25 of 2019;
- (xxvi) Supplementary Estimate No. 26 of 2019;
- (xxvii) Supplementary Estimate No. 27 of 2019;
- (xxviii) Supplementary Estimate No. 28 of 2019;
- (xxix) Supplementary Estimate No. 29 of 2019;
- (xxx) Supplementary Estimate No. 30 of 2019; and
- (xxxi) Supplementary Estimate No. 31 of 2019.

and moved that these Supplementary Estimates be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Report on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 120(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education in the First Report of the Committee on Public Enterprises for the period From 01.07.2017 to 30.09.2017 which was presented to Parliament on 24.01.2019 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Enterprises.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports under Section 34 read with Section 3 of the Convention against Doping in Sports Act, No. 33 of 2013 relating to the Prohibited List -2019 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2110/2 of 11th February 2019 and moved that these Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Kumara Welgama presented a petition dated 10.12.2018 from Mr. M.S.U. Madushanka of Horahena Road, Kamburawala, Baduraliya.
- (2) Hon. Sirinal de Mel presented a petition dated 06.10.2018 from Mrs. K.M.M. Menike serves in the Department of Motor Traffic, Colombo 05.

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

3. Appropriation Bill — (Twenty Third Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Head 108

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.32 a.m. Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam took the Chair.)

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

(At 2.01 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

(At 2.40 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

(At 3.10 p.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

(At 3.47 p.m. Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake took the Chair.)

(At 6.37 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 107,850,000 for Head 108, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 10,550,000 for Head 108, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 202

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 125,700,000 for Head 202, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 49,650,000 for Head 202, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 308

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 12,873,200,000 for Head 208, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 405,000,000 for Head 208, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 135

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 505,000,000 for Head 135, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 27,500,000 for Head 135, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,717,000,000 for Head 135, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,138,500,000 for Head 135, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 293

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 328,000,000 for Head 293, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 846,000,000 for Head 293, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 140

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 368,000,000 for Head 140, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 15,000,000 for Head 140, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,500,000,000 for Head 140, Programme 02 (Capital 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, April 04, 2019.

4. Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation (2015) : The Minister of Plantation Industries moved,— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 24.11.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Annual Report and Accounts of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority (2013) : The Minister of Plantation Industries moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 25.07.2017 under Section 14 -1A, and Section II of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 and Tea Small Holdings Development Authority Act, No. 35 of 1975, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Annual Report and Accounts of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority (2014) : The Minister of Plantation Industries moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 25.07.2017 under Section 14 -1 A, and Section II of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 and Tea Small Holdings Development Authority Act, No. 35 of 1975, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Kurunegala Plantations Ltd. (2015) : The Minister of Plantation Industries moved,— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of Kurunegala Plantations Ltd. together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 24.01.2018 under 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 Coconut Cultivation Board (2015) : The Minister of Plantation Industries moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Coconut Cultivation Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 09.10.2017 under Section 14(2)(C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Annual Report and Accounts of the Coconut Cultivation Board (2013) : The Minister of Plantation Industries moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Coconut Cultivation Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 08.09.2016 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation (2016) : The Minister of Plantation Industries moved,— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 22.05.2018 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Adjournment (Admission of Students to Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages of Sabaragamuwa University) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine moved,— That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.57 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.27 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, April 04, 2019 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 09th March, 2019.