



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 51.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, April 02, 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. 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. 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. Ajith Mannapperuma, State Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, State Minister of Highways & Road 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. Buddhika Pathirana, Deputy Minister of Industry & Commerce

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. 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. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

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Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
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. Sanath Nishantha 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. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
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. Gamini Lokuge
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. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
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 Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker tabled the Annual Work Programme of the National Audit Office for the year 2019 which was submitted to the Speaker by the Auditor-General in terms of the Section 35(3) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

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

(2) The Speaker presented the —

- (i) Ninth Instalment – Part IX of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015;
- (ii) Ninth Instalment – Part VIII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2016; and
- (iii) Second Instalment – Parts IX, X and XI, Third Instalment – Part IV, Ninth Instalment – Part I and Tenth Instalment – Parts XXXIII and XXXIV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2017

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.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Engineering Research and Development Centre of Sri Lanka for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, Chair of Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Resolution under Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235);
- (ii) Regulation under Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017; and
- (iii) Orders under the Special Commodity Levy, Act, No. 48 of 2007

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented a petition dated 06.10.2018 from Mr. Indrajith Raveendra Basnayake of No. 233/26/B, Medelanda Watte, Kalalpitiya, Pasyala.
- (2) Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka presented a petition dated 18.02.2019 from Mrs. N.W.A. Padmadaya of “Athugala Niwasa”, Salawa, Kosgama.
- (3) Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi presented a petition dated 08.08.2018 from Mr. M.K.B. Herath of No. 35B/2, Pragathi Mawatha, Udaeriyagama, Peradeniya.

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

4. Ministerial Consultative Committees (No.1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the resolution adopted by Parliament on 24th January 2019, the designations of the following Ministerial Consultative Committees shall be re-designated as follows as per the decision taken by the Committee of Selection on 28th March 2019.

- (i) The Ministerial Consultative Committee on Finance and Mass Media as the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Finance;
- (ii) The Ministerial Consultative Committee on National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs as the Ministerial Consultative Committee on National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs; and
- (iii) The Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons and Co-operative Development as the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Ministerial Consultative Committees (No. 2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 112 (1) of the Parliament the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Mass Media be appointed to be designated as per the decision taken on 28th March, 2019 by the Committee of Selection.

That Ministerial Consultative Committee shall consist of the Non-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.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Ministerial Consultative Committees (No. 3) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 112 (1) of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 24th January 2019, the following Ministerial Consultative Committees shall consist of Cabinet Minister or Non-Cabinet Minister in charge of the relevant subject as the Chair, State Minister, Deputy Minister and Seven (07) other Members of Parliament to be nominated by the Committee of Selection, as per the decision taken on 28th March 2019, by the Committee of Selection:—

- i Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence;
- ii. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Mahaweli Development & Environment;
- iii. Ministerial Consultative Committee on National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs;
- iv Ministerial Consultative Committee on Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs;

- v. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Buddhasasana & Wayamba Development;
- vi. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Finance;
- vii. Ministerial Consultative Committee on City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education;
- viii. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Foreign Affairs;
- ix. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine;
- x. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Power, Energy and Business Development;
- xi. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government;
- xii. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons and Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development;
- xiii. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Megapolis & Western Development
- xiv. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation Industries;
- xv. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development;
- xvi. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development;
- xvii. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Public Administration & Disaster Management;
- xviii. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs;
- xix. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Transport & Civil Aviation;
- xx. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice & Prison Reforms;
- xxi. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education;
- xxii. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Ports & Shipping and Southern Development;
- xxiii. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports;
- xxiv. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Development Strategies and International Trade;
- xxv. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Labour and Trade Union Relations; and
- xxvi. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Special Areas Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Appropriation Bill — (Twenty Second Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 157

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 10.33 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 11.38 p.m. Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne took the Chair.)

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

(At 2.07 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

(At 3.12 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama took the Chair.)

(At 4.00 p.m. Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna took the Chair.)

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

(At 6.41 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,141,210,000 for Head 157, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,872,250,000 for Head 157, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 204

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 194,960,000 for Head 204, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 94,800,000 for Head 204, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 236

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 144,140,000 for Head 236, 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 236, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 195

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 235,420,000 for Head 195, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 86,250,000 for Head 195, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 342,000,000 for Head 195, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,701,000,000 for Head 195, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 295

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 142,000,000 for Head 295, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 14,000,000 for Head 295, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 296

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 64,000,000 for Head 296, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,000,000 for Head 296, Programme 01 (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 Wednesday, April 03, 2019.

8. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with Section 4(3) and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 relating to Vehicle exhaust emission standards and Safety Measures/ Standards and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2107/45 of 25th January 2019, which were presented on 20.02.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Annual Report and Accounts of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (2012) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 19.10.2017 under Section 31 of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law No. 4 of 1978, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Annual Report and Accounts of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (2013) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 07.12.2017 under Section 31 of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law No. 4 of 1978, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Annual Report and Accounts of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (2014) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 07.12.2017 under Section 31 of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law No. 4 of 1978, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board (2014) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 20.10.2017 under Section 16 of the Sri Lanka export Development Act No. 40 of 1979 and Section II of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board (2015) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 21.02.2018 under Section 16 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 and Section II of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Annual Report and Accounts of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (2016) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 04.07.2018 under Section 31 of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law No.4 of 1978, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Annual Report and Accounts of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (2015) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 23.03.2018 under Section 31 of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law No.4 of 1978, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Adjournment (Issues Related to Kachchalsamalankulam Tank) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development moved,— That Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.53 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.18 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 03, 2019 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 09th March, 2019.