



*(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)*

No. 81. ]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, July 26, 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri**, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

**Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan**, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

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**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. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara**, Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Livestock 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. P. Harrison**, Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, 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. 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 & Economic Affairs

**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. Vasantha Senanayake**, State Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

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

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**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**

**Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**

**Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera**

**Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**

**Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**

**Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**

**Hon. T. B. Ekanayake**

**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**

**Hon. Velu Kumar**

**Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**

**Hon. Piyasena Gamage**

**Hon. Siripala Gamalath**

**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**

**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**

**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**

**Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana**

**Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera**

**Hon. S. M. Chandrasena**

**Hon. D. V. Chanaka**

**Hon. Sisira Jayakody**

**Hon. Malith Jayathilake**

**Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa**

**Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne**  
**Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne**  
**Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne**  
**Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**  
**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. Duminda Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer**  
**Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Susantha Punchinilame**  
**Hon. Dilan Perera**  
**Hon. Ashoka Priyantha**  
**Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha**  
**Hon. S. Premarathna**  
**Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka**  
**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**  
**Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor**  
**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. K. Kader Masthan**  
**Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**  
**Hon. Imran Maharoof**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana**  
**Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa**  
**Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran**  
**Hon. Bimal Rathnayake**  
**Hon. C. B. Rathnayake**

**Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. Angajan Ramanathan**  
**Hon. Nimal Lanza**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. A. A. Wijethunga**  
**Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama**  
**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera**  
**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. Mahinda Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan**  
**Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**  
**Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan**  
**Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne**  
**Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne**  
**Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah**

**Hon. Shehan Semasinghe**  
**Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa**  
**Hon. D. M. Swaminathan**  
**Hon. Rauff Hakeem**  
**Hon. H. M. M. Harees**  
**Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath**  
**Hon. Kanaka Herath**  
**Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie**  
**Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka**

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Acting 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. Announcements by the Speaker :** The Deputy Speaker made the following announcement:—

“I wish to inform the Parliament that the determination of the Supreme Court in respect of the Bill entitled ‘State Land (Special Provisions)’ which had been challenged in the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121(1) of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court has determined that in terms of Article 120 read with Article 123 of the Constitution, that the Bill in question is in respect of a matter set out in the Provincial Council List, and shall not become Law unless it has been referred by His Excellency, the President to every Provincial Council, for the expression of their views thereon, and only thereafter be placed on the Order Paper of Parliament, as required by Article 154 G (3) of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court has further stated since the Bill has been placed on the Order Paper of Parliament without compliance with the provisions of Article 154 G (3), it would not at this stage make a determination as to the other grounds of challenge referred to above.

I order that the determination of the Supreme Court be printed in the Official Report of today’s proceedings.”

**2. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Deputy Speaker presented the —

- (i) Fourth Instalment – Part XIV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015;
- (ii) First Instalment – Part XXVI and Sixth Instalment – Part XVIII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2016;

- (iii) First Instalment – Parts XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX, XXI, XXII, XXIII, XXIV and XXV, Fourth Instalment – Part V, Fifth Instalment – Part IX and Sixth Instalment – Parts I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2017; and
- (iv) Eighth Instalment – Part II and Tenth Instalment – Parts VIII, IX, XI and XII 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 to be printed.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka for the year 2015 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti - corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Report of the Auditor General on the President's Fund for the year 2016 and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development presented the Annual Report of the Milco (Pvt) Ltd. for the year 2016 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2117/46 of 04<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and moved that the Order be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Design Centre for the year 2016 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

### **3. Presentation of Public Petitions :**

(1) Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala presented —

- (i) a petition dated 20.02.2019 from Mr. P. F. Fonseka of No. 32/A, Pepiliyana Road, Nugegoda;
- (ii) a petition dated 20.02.2019 from Mr. P. R. L. Pieris of No. 79/51, Prathibimbarama Road, Dehiwala; and

(iii) a petition dated 22.05.2019 from Mr. S. W. Kumarasinghe of Jayakaduwa, Pusselithenna.

(2) Hon. K. K. Piyadasa presented a petition dated 20.02.2019 from Mr. R. M. L. W. Anurudda Labuthala of “Asiri”, Ladupita, Padiyapelella.

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

**4. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the Parliament shall sit on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2019 and Thursday 01<sup>st</sup> August, 2019.

Question put, and agreed to.

**5. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sittings of Parliament on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2019 and Thursday 01<sup>st</sup> August, 2019 shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

**6. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2019.

Question put, and agreed to.

**7. Adjournment (New Constitution with National Consensus) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Order read for resuming; Adjourned debate on question (25<sup>th</sup> July 2019).

Question again proposed and debate resumed.

(At 1.30 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

Hon. Rauff Hakeem seconded by Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana moved,—That Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.31 p.m. Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya took the Chair.)

Hon. Siripala Gamalath seconded by Hon. Rajavarithiam Sampanthan moved,—That Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.05 p.m. Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.25 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of this day.