



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 94.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, September 05, 2019 at 10.30 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. 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. 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. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development

Hon. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education

Hon. Abdul Haleem, Minister of Postal Services & Muslim Religious Affairs

Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan, Non Cabinet Minister of Special Areas Development

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

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

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Vadivel Suresh, State Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, State Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

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. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Piyasena Gamage

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. D. V. Chanaka

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
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. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
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 Wijesekera
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera

Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
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 Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development presented the Annual Reports of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka for the years 2016 & 2017 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy for the year 2017 and moved that the 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. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Regulations under the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014” which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Regulations under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No 40. of 1979;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka for the year 2017;
- (iii) Performance Report of the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs, Resettlement and Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs for the year 2018; and
- (iv) Annual Report of the National Human Resources Development Council of Sri Lanka for the year 2017

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(3) Hon. Edward Gunasekara, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. (Dr.) Thusitha Wijemanna, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Women and Gender presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs for the year 2017” which was referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana presented a petition dated 07.06.2019 from Mr. K. D. Sumanapala of Meneripitiya, Parakaduwa.

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

4. Regulations under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act : The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 29(2)(d) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Scheme for Registration of Exporters and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2118/60 of 11th April 2019, which were presented on 09.08.2019, be approved.

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

The Non Cabinet Minister of Special Areas Development moved,—That “Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama do take the Chair.”

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.30 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama took the Chair.)

(At 3.28 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Suspension of Sittings

At 3.35 p.m.

The Sitting was then suspended until 4.20 p.m.

At 4.20 p.m.

The Sitting was resumed. The Speaker took the Chair.

According to the ruling of the Speaker the debate adjourned.

5. Adjournment (Issues Faced by Paddy Farmers and Rice Producers) : 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 4.24 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.03 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Friday, September 06, 2019.