



(Eighth Parliament - Fourth Session)

No. 2.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, January 07, 2020 at 1.00 p.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Transport Service Management and Minister of Power & Energy

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma, Minister of Education and Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon, Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils & Local Government

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Justice, Human Rights & Legal Reforms

Hon. Johnston Fernando, Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping and Chief Government Whip

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga, Minister of Industrial Export and Investment Promotion and Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa, Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence

Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Social Security and Minister of Healthcare and Indigenous Medical Services

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Irrigation and Rural Development

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Information and Communication Technology

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, State Minister of Public Management and Accounting

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage, State Minister of Power

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva, State Minister of Human Rights and Law Reforms

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake, State Minister of Lands and Land Development
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara, State Minister of Water Supply Facilities
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame, State Minister of Small & Medium Enterprise Development
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha, State Minister of International Co-operation
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, State Minister of Social Security
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, State Minister of Internal Trade and Consumer Welfare
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe, State Minister of Mahaweli Development
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake, State Minister of Railway Services
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella, State Minister of Investment Promotions
Hon. Nimal Lanza, State Minister of Community Development
Hon. Gamini Lokuge, State Minister of Urban Development
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura, State Minister of Export Agriculture
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka, State Minister of Agriculture
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara, State Minister of Tea Industry Development
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, State Minister of Technology and Innovations
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, State Minister of Economy and Policy Development
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe, State Minister of Development Banking and Loan Schemes
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath, State Minister of Housing
Hon. Kanaka Herath, State Minister of Ports Development Affairs

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale
Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Wajira Abeywardana
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara
Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare
Hon. T. B. Ekanayake
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Navin Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Niroschan Perera

Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe
Hon. Vasantha Senanayake
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. D. B. Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Manoj Hewagampalage
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie
Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, 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 Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping presented the Annual Report of the National Police Commission for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping presented the—

- (i) Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation for the year 2016; and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of National Museums for the year 2018

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping presented the—

- (i) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Savings Bank for the year 2015; and
- (ii) Note on Supplementary Allocations from the Supplementary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities Project appearing under Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget for the period from 16.09.2019 to 31.10.2019 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2019

and moved that the Report and the Note on Supplementary Allocations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence presented the Annual Report of the Paddy Marketing Board for the year 2015 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Transport Service Management and Minister of Power & Energy 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 National Transport Commission in the Third Report for the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament of the Committee on Public Enterprises for the period from 01.03.2018 to 26.10.2018 which was presented to Parliament on 23.10.2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Enterprises.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Industrial Export and Investment Promotion and Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau for the year 2016 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Annual Report of the Ministry of City Planning, Water Supply & Higher Education - Higher Education Section for the year 2018;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Management of University of Sri Jayawardenepura for the year 2017;
- (iii) Annual Report of the University of Colombo School of Computing for the year 2017;
- (iv) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education for the year 2017;
- (v) Annual Report of the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences for the year 2017;
- (vi) Annual Reports of the National Education Commission for the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016;
- (vii) Annual Report of the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission for the year 2015;
- (viii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission for the year 2015;
- (ix) Annual Reports of the Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014;
- (x) Annual Reports of the Ceylon-German Technical Training Institute for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014;
- (xi) Annual Reports of the National Apprentice & Industrial Training Authority for the years 2012 and 2013;
- (xii) Annual Reports of the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission for the years 2013 and 2014;
- (xiii) Annual Report of the Skills Development Fund Limited for the year 2013;
- (xiv) Annual Report of the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission for the year 2012;

- (xv) Annual Report of the University of Vocational Technology for the year 2014;
- (xvi) Annual Reports of the Ocean University - National Institute of Fisheries and Nautical Engineering for the years 2012 and 2013;
- (xvii) Annual Reports of the National Institute of Business Management for the years 2012 and 2013;
- (xviii) Annual Performance Reports of the Ministry of Education for the years 2017 and 2018;
- (xix) Annual Reports of the National Institute of Education for the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016;
- (xx) Annual Performance Reports of the Department of Examinations for the years 2015 and 2016;
- (xxi) Annual Performance Report of the Educational Publications Department for the year 2016;
- (xxii) Annual Performance Reports of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Research for the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018;
- (xxiii) Annual Report of the National Research Council for the year 2016;
- (xxiv) Annual Report of the National Science Foundation for the year 2015;
- (xxv) Annual Reports of the National Science and Technology Commission for the years 2015 and 2016;
- (xxvi) Annual Reports of the National Engineering Research and Development Centre of Sri Lanka for the years 2016 and 2017;
- (xxvii) Annual Reports of the National Institute of Fundamental Studies for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016;
- (xxviii) Annual Reports of the National Research Council for the years 2014 and 2015;
- (xxix) Annual Report of Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies for the year 2015;
- (xxx) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution for the year 2015;
- (xxxi) Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute for the year 2015;
- (xxxii) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamuwa Development for the year 2017;
- (xxxiii) Annual Reports of the Department of Labour for the years 2016 and 2017;
- (xxxiv) Annual Report of the Employees' Provident Fund for the year 2016;
- (xxxv) Annual Reports of the National Institute of Labour Studies for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
- (xxxvi) Annual Reports of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health for the years 2013, 2016 and 2017;
- (xxxvii) Annual Report of the Shrama Vasana Fund for the year 2016;

(xxxviii) Performance Reports of the Department of Manpower & Employment for the years 2016 and 2017;

(xxxix) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Printing for the year 2013; and

(xl) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Labour and Trade Union Relations for the year 2018

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 1.00 p.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Adjournment (Policy Statement made by His Excellency the President on 03rd January 2020) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The State Minister of Water Supply Facilities moved,—That Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.26 p.m. Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne took the Chair.)

(At 4.47 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

And it being 6.30 p.m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Deputy Chairperson of Committees without Question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 08, 2020.