



(Eighth Parliament - Fourth Session)

No. 7.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

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

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

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

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena, Minister of Environment and Wildlife Resources and Minister of Lands & Land Development

Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, Minister of Plantation Industries and Export Agriculture

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

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

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage, State Minister of Power

Hon. Duminda Dissanayake, State Minister of Youth Affairs

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake, State Minister of Lands and Land Development

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka, State Minister of Wildlife Resources

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. C. B. Rathnayake, State Minister of Railway Services

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. Jayantha Samaraweera, State Minister of Environment
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, State Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs
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. Wajira Abeywardana
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare
Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. Mohan Lal Grero
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana

Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. A. D. Premadasa
Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Malik Samarawickrama
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera
Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Vasantha Senanayake
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. D. B. 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. Messages from the President : The Deputy Speaker read the following message received from the President:—



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PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARIAT



My No. PS/CSA/00/1/12/7

January 20, 2020

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya
Speaker
Parliament of Sri Lanka

Hon. Speaker,

The Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40)

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 12 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), I have issued an order to the effect that all members of the Armed Forces specified in the First Schedule are summoned for the maintenance of Public Order in the areas specified in Second Schedule thereof taking into consideration the need for the Public Order to be maintained.

Accordingly, I hereby inform the Parliament of the said Order in terms of Section 2(3) of the aforesaid Ordinance read with Section 21(2) thereof.

Yours sincerely,

Gotabaya Rajapaksa

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations presented the Report of the Auditor General on the President's Fund for the year 2017 and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development for the year 2015 and moved that Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development presented the Report compiled by the said Committee on, "National Teacher Transfer Policy Circular issued by the Ministry of Education".

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

4. Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (No. 1) : The Minister of Environment and Wildlife Resources and Minister of Lands & Land Development moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife under Section 2(2) of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) relating to Kotuaththawala Sancturay and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2007/37 of 23rd February 2017, which was presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

The Minister of Environment and Wildlife Resources and Minister of Lands & Land Development moved,—That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.44 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

The Minister of Environment and Wildlife Resources and Minister of Lands & Land Development moved,—That Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.24 p.m. Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage took the Chair.)

The Minister of Environment and Wildlife Resources and Minister of Lands & Land Development moved,—That Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.38 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

The Minister of Environment and Wildlife Resources and Minister of Lands & Land Development moved,—That Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.40 p.m. Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (No. 2) : The Minister of Environment and Wildlife Resources and Minister of Lands & Land Development moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs under Section 2(2) of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) relating to Kayankerni Marine Sanctuary and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2118/59 of 11th April 2019, which was presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Orders under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (No. 3) : The Minister of Environment and Wildlife Resources and Minister of Lands & Land Development moved,— That the Orders made by the Minister of Tourism and Sports under Section 2 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1920/3 of 22nd June 2015, which were presented on 08.10.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Adjournment (Wage Increase of Plantation Workers) : The Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Environment and Wildlife Resources and Minister of Lands & Land Development moved,—That Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.30 p.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.28 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Friday, January 24, 2020.