



(Eighth Parliament - Fourth Session)

No. 12.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 1.00 p.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. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities

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. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana, Minister of Information and Mass Media and Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation

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

Hon. Arumugan Thondaman, Minister of Community Empowerment and Estate Infrastructure Development

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. Wimal Weerawansa, Minister of Small & Medium Business and Enterprise Development and Minister of Industries and Supply Chain Management

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana, State Minister of Energy
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 Renewable Energy & Power
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, State Minister of Industries
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. Arundika Fernando, State Minister of Tourism Promotion Affairs
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. 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. Mahinda Samarasinghe, State Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, State Minister of Technology and Innovations
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. John Amaratunga
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare
Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail
Hon. T. B. Ekanayake
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam
Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Navin Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera

Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. A. D. Premadasa
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. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharooft
Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Saman Rathnapriya
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake

Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Malik Samarawickrama
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera
Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Kabir Hashim
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

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. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcement:—

“A speech had been made in Parliament by Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, Member of Parliament on 21st January 2020. Although he stated during this speech that he would table several voice recordings, no such tabling of voice recordings had been done on that day. It has been stated very clearly under columns 430 and 437 of the Hansard Report for the day that the voice recordings concerned have not been tabled.

However, a few days after that, on the afternoon of 24th January 2020, the Hon. Member concerned handed over a voice recording containing 19 telephone conversations to the Hansard Department, well after the sitting of Parliament had concluded for the day. The Hansard Report pertaining to the day had been printed by that time. Several strong requests were made by the Members of Parliament that the voice recording so tabled be made available for the Members of Parliament so that they could listen to it. I enlightened the party leaders on this at the Meeting of the Committee on Parliamentary Business held on 07.02.2020 and based upon the agreement reached there, it was agreed that it is appropriate to release it to Members of Parliament after editing some of the contents in the voice recording. Accordingly, I appointed a Committee of four Members of Parliament to report on the contents of this voice recording.

There are accepted traditions and procedures maintained by this august assembly with regard to documents tabled in Parliament. Any document is so tabled only if the permission and approval of the chair is granted. At the same time, the document so tabled should have relevancy to the speech made by a Member of Parliament. The tabled documents should be placed on the Table as soon as the speech is over. re-editing of a document so tabled is not the accepted procedure of Parliament.

However, I have decided that it is appropriate to release this voice recording containing 19 conversations because of the serious insistence which arose from Hon. Members of Parliament and the agreement reached at the Party Leaders Meeting while I stress that this decision shall not be a precedent for documents tabled in Parliament in future.

I trust that the Members of Parliament will use the freedom of speech afforded to Members of Parliament by the Constitution and by the Parliament (Powers and Privileges) Act in a responsible manner so that the reputation and decorum of this august assembly are upheld. I wish to announce that documents tabled will have to be rejected unless the Members of Parliament keep to their responsibilities as I have mentioned above when documents are tabled in future.”

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

- (i) The Performance Report of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka for the First quarter (01.01.2019 - 31.03.2019) of 2019 in terms of Section 30 of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act No. 21 of 1996 and Article 41B(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) The Performance Report of the Audit Service Commission for the Third quarter (01.07.2019 - 30.09.2019) of 2019 in terms of Articles 41B(6) and 153H of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;
- (iii) The Progress Reports of the National Procurement Commission for the First quarter (01.01.2018 - 31.03.2018) and Second quarter (01.04.2018 - 30.06.2018) of 2018 in terms of Article 41B(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; and
- (iv) The Progress Report of the Public Service Commission for the Third quarter (01.07.2019 - 30.09.2019) of 2019 in terms of Articles 41B(6) and 55(5) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

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

- (i) Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 51 read with Section 19 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 regarding Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2147/72 of 31st October 2019;
- (ii) Regulation made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 51 read with Section 19 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 regarding Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2153/29 of 14th December 2019;
- (iii) Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Sections 4, 13 and 17 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2142/77 of 27th September 2019
(Excise Notification No. 05/2019);
- (iv) Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2152/11 of 03rd December 2019
(Excise Notification No. 07/2019);

- (v) Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 32 read with Sections 12, 14 and 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2152/12 of 03rd December 2019

(Excise Notification No. 08/2019); and

- (vi) Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2152/13 of 03rd December 2019

(Excise Notification No. 09/2019)

and moved that those Regulations and Notifications be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) 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 Report on the submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on the performance of the Ministry of Defence for the year 2017 in the Third Report for the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament on 21.06.2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Information and Mass Media and Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation presented the—

- (i) Orders made by the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 recognizing the National School of Business Management Limited as a Degree Awarding Institute and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2156/10 of 30th December 2019; and
- (ii) Orders made by the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 recognizing the S L T Campus (Pvt.) Limited, Nagananda International Institute for Buddhist Studies (Pvt.) Limited and CINEC Campus (Private) Limited as Degree Awarding Institutes and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2157/3 of 06th January 2020

and moved that those Orders be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Industrial Export and Investment Promotion and Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation presented the Annual Report of the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited for the year 2017 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Industrial Export and Investment Promotion and Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation & Shipping presented the—

- (i) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority for the year 2017; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the Tourism Development Fund for the year 2017

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri, Chair of the Legislative Standing Committee presented the Report of the Legislative Standing Committee on the Bill entitled, “Institute of Environmental Professionals Sri Lanka (Incorporation)” together with the Minutes of proceedings.

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

Bill, as reported by the Legislative Standing Committee, to be considered on Wednesday, 19th February 2020.

(2) Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Chair of the Committee on Public Accounts presented the First Report of the Committee on Public Accounts for the Fourth Session of the Eighth Parliament regarding the Financial and Performance Evaluation of the State Institutions, Provincial Councils and Local Government Authorities based on the Computer Management Information System – Financial Year 2018 and the Second Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (From 20.02.2019 to 07.11.2019) for the Fourth Session of the Eighth Parliament.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

(3) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti, Chair of the Committee on Public Enterprises presented the First Report of the Committee on Public Enterprises for the Fourth Session of the Eighth Parliament.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

(4) Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Chandima Gamage, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Annual Report of the Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited for the year 2015;

- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy for the year 2017;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Ceylon Electricity Board for the year 2016;
- (iv) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Board for the year 2016;
- (v) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Regulatory Council for the year 2017; and
- (vi) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority for the year 2015

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(5) Hon. Duleep Wijesekera, 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 National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015” which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(6) Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Annual Reports of the Sri Lanka Convention Bureau for the years 2013 – 2017;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority for the year 2016;
- (iii) Annual Report of Tourism Development Fund for the year 2016;
- (iv) Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs for the year 2018;
- (v) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the year 2016; and
- (vi) Performance Report of the Ministry of Foreign Employment for the year 2017

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(7) Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Order under Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979;
- (ii) Performance Reports of the Department of National Physical Planning for the years 2013 and 2018;

- (iii) Performance Report of the Department of Census and Statistics for the year 2018;
 - (iv) Performance Report of the Department of National Planning for the year 2018;
 - (v) Annual Reports of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd. for the years 2016 and 2017;
 - (vi) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development for the year 2018;
 - (vii) Performance Report of the Ministry of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development for the year 2018;
 - (viii) Performance Report of the Ministry of Economic Reforms and Public Distribution for the year 2018;
 - (ix) Performance Report of the Food Commissioner's Department for the year 2018;
 - (x) Annual Report of the Chilaw Plantation Ltd for the year 2016;
 - (xi) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation for the year 2017;
 - (xii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board for the year 2017;
 - (xiii) Annual Report of the Employees Trust Fund Board for the year 2017; and
 - (xiv) Annual Report of the Sri Lankan Airlines for the year 2017/18
- which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(8) Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Women and Gender presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority for the year 2015; and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Probation and Child Care Services for the year 2018

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(9) Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Women and Gender presented the Report compiled by the said Committee on, "Family Law Reforms".

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

4. 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 2.00 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.

5. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Ashoka Priyantha seconded by Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Dedigama Sri Maithri Pragnartha Bouddha Educational Daham Sabhawa.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament to the Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs for report.

6. Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act (No. 1) : The Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Social Security and Minister of Healthcare and Indigenous Medical Services moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 read with the Section 3(k) of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to Clinical Trials and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2145/2 of 14th October 2019, which were presented on 05.02.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act (No. 2) : The Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Social Security and Minister of Healthcare and Indigenous Medical Services moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 read with the Section 118 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to Pricing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2146/3 of 21st October 2019, which were presented on 05.02.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act : The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Minister of Industrial Export and Investment Promotion and Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(2) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to CESS and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2143/17 of 02nd October 2019, which was presented on 05.02.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Annual Report and Accounts of the Kalubovitiyana Tea Factory Ltd (2015/2016) : The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries and Export Agriculture,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Kalubovitiyana Tea Factory Ltd together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2016 and presented on 08.08.2018 under the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Plantation Management (2016) : The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries and Export Agriculture moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Plantation Management together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 08.08.2018 under Section 23 of the National Institute of Plantation Management Act No. 45 of 1979, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Annual Report and Accounts of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority (2015) : The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries and Export Agriculture moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 09.05.2018 under Section 14-1 A, Section II of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 and Tea Small Holdings Development Law No. 35 of 1975, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Annual Report and Accounts of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority (2016) : The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries and Export Agriculture moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 19.09.2018 under Section 14-1 A, Section II of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 and Tea Small Holdings Development Law No. 35 of 1975, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board (2016) : The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Minister of Industrial Export and Investment Promotion and Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation 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 31.12.2016 and presented on 20.06.2019 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 Sri Lanka Ports Authority (2015) : The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 23.01.2018 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (2016) : The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 19.07.2018 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (2016) : The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 20.06.2018 under Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Annual Report and Accounts of the Lanka Phosphate Company Ltd (2016/2017) : The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Lanka Phosphate Company Ltd together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2017 and presented on 21.06.2018 under the Public Enterprises Department Circular No. PED 12, Chapter 6.5.3 dated 02nd June 2003, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

18. Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Post-Harvest Technology (2015) : The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Post-Harvest Technology together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 24.08.2018 under Section 2 of the State Agricultural Corporations Act No. 11 of 1972, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

19. Annual Report and Accounts of the Paddy Marketing Board (2013) : The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Paddy Marketing Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 18.09.2018 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

20. Annual Report and Accounts of the Agriculture and Agrarian Insurance Board (2016) : The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Agriculture and Agrarian Insurance Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 18.09.2018 under Section 27 of the Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Act, No. 20 of 1999, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

21. Annual Report and Accounts of the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute (2016) : The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 09.10.2018 under Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

22. Annual Report and Accounts of the Paddy Marketing Board (2014) : The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Paddy Marketing Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 22.05.2019 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

23. Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Medical Institute (2015) : The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Minister of Transport Service Management and Minister of Power & Energy moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Medical Institute together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 20.07.2018 under Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

24. Annual Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka (2015) : The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Minister of Industrial Export and Investment Promotion and Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 25.11.2017 under Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

25. Annual Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka (2016) : The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Minister of Industrial Export and Investment Promotion and Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 09.10.2018 under Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

26. Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board (2014) : The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Minister of Transport Service Management and Minister of Power & Energy moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 09.01.2019 under Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.03 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

27. Adjournment (Forensic Audit Reports on Issuance of Treasury Bonds) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The State Minister of Development Banking and Loan Schemes moved,—That Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.00 p.m. Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Community Development moved,—That Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.00 p.m. Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam took the Chair.)

And it being 6.30 p.m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2020.