



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 5.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, September 08, 2020 at 1.00 p.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

Hon. Angajan Ramanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing

Hon. Rohitha Abegunawardhana, Minister of Ports & Shipping

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Environment

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage, Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Minister of Foreign and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana, Minister of Trade

Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon, Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Labour

Hon. Douglas Devananda, Minister of Fisheries

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara, Minister of Water Supply

Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, Minister of Plantation

Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris, Minister of Education

Hon. Johnston Fernando, Minister of Highways and Chief Government Whip

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga, Minister of Tourism

Hon. C. B. Rathnayake, Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Mass Media

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa, Minister of Irrigation and State Minister of Internal Security, Home Affairs and Disaster Management

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Minister of Youth & Sports

Hon. Gamini Lokuge, Minister of Transport

Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Minister of Health

Hon. M. U. M. Ali Sabry, Minister of Justice

- Hon. Dilum Amunugama**, State Minister of Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services and Train Compartments and Motor Car Industry
- Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Seetha Arambepola**, State Minister of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation
- Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**, State Minister of Co-operative Services, Marketing Development and Consumer Protection
- Hon. Ajith Nivard Cabraal**, State Minister of Money & Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms
- Hon. Siripala Gamalath**, State Minister of Canals and Common Infrastructure Development in Settlements in Mahaweli Zones
- Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa**, State Minister of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness
- Hon. D. V. Chanaka**, State Minister of Aviation and Export Zones Development
- Hon. Sisira Jayakody**, State Minister of Indigenous Medicine Promotion, Rural and Ayurvedic Hospitals Development and Community Health
- Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne**, State Minister of Tanks, Reservoirs and Irrigation Development related to Rural Paddy Fields
- Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne**, State Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Market Diversification
- Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana**, State Minister of Production, Supply and Regulation of Pharmaceuticals
- Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**, State Minister of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products
- Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva**, State Minister of Women and Child Development, Preschools & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services
- Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva**, State Minister of Production and Supply of Fertilizer and Regulation of Chemical Fertilizer and Insecticide Use
- Hon. Duminda Dissanayake**, State Minister of Solar Power, Wind and Hydro Power Generation Projects Development
- Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake**, State Minister of Wildlife Protection, Adoption of Safety Measures including the Construction of Electrical Fences and Trenches and Reforestation and Forest Resource Development
- Hon. Sanath Nishantha**, State Minister of Rural and Divisional Drinking Water Supply Projects Development
- Hon. Arundika Fernando**, State Minister of Coconut, Kithul, Palmyrah and Rubber Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing & Export Diversification
- Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**, State Minister of Prison Reforms & Prisoners' Rehabilitation
- Hon. Susil Premajayantha**, State Minister of Education Reforms, Open Universities and Distance Learning Promotion
- Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**, State Minister of Regional Co-operation

- Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**, State Minister of Dhamma Schools, Bhikkhu Education, Piriven and Buddhist Universities
- Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**, State Minister of Rattan, Brass, Pottery, Furniture and Rural Industrial Promotion
- Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe**, State Minister of Land Management, State Enterprises Land and Property Development
- Hon. Lohan Rathwaththe**, State Minister of Gem & Jewellery related Industries
- Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa**, State Minister of Paddy and Grains, Organic Food, Vegetables, Fruits, Chillies, Onion and Potato Cultivation Promotion, Seed Production and Advanced Technology Agriculture
- Hon. Nimal Lanza**, State Minister of Rural Roads and other Infrastructure
- Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**, State Minister of Development of Minor Crops including Sugarcane, Maize, Cashew, Pepper, Cinnamon, Cloves, Betel Related Industries and Export Promotion
- Hon. Vidura Wikramanayaka**, State Minister of National Heritage, Performing Arts and Rural Arts Promotion
- Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera**, State Minister of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish & Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbour Development, Multi day Fishing Activities and Fish Exports
- Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage**, State Minister of Rural and School Sports Infrastructure Improvement
- Hon. S. Viyalanderan**, State Minister of Postal Services and Professional Development of Journalists
- Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera**, State Minister of Provincial Councils & Local Government
- Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**, State Minister of Warehouse Facilities, Container Yards, Port Supply Facilities and Boats and Shipping Industry Development
- Hon. Shehan Semasinghe**, State Minister of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment, Business Development and Underutilized State Resources Development
- Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath**, State Minister of Rural Housing and Construction & Building Material Industries
- Hon. Kanaka Herath**, State Minister of Company Estate Reforms, Tea Estate Related Crops, Tea Factory Modernization and Tea Export Promotion
- Hon. D. B. Herath**, State Minister of Livestock, Farm Promotion and Dairy & Egg Related Industries

Hon. Amarakeerthi Athukorala

Hon. Kapila Athukorala

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala

Hon. Sampath Athukorala

Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Tiran Alles
Hon. Naseer Ahamed
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. M. Udayakumar
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
Hon. Akila Ellawala
Hon. Lalith Ellawala
Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda
Hon. Jagath Kumara
Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe
Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka

Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Palani Thigambaram
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. S. Noharathalingam
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Anupa Pasqual
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. Sujith Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam

Hon. Nalin Fernando
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Uddika Premarathne
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Ajith Rajapakse
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam

Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. C. V. Wigneswaran
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana
Hon. Madhura Withanage
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. Jayarathna Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Samanpriya Herath
Hon. Marjan Faleel
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. Official Oath or Affirmation by new Members : Halkandaliya Lekamalage Premalal Jayasekara, Member of Parliament for Ratnapura Electoral District, made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law and signed the Member's Roll at the Table.

2. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcements:—

I

“I wish to inform the Parliament that I have nominated the following Members of Parliament to serve in the Panel of Chairs for the First Session of the Ninth Parliament, in terms of Standing Order 140 of the Parliament:—

Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
 Hon. Velu Kumar
 Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
 Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
 Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
 Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
 Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
 Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
 Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara
 Hon. Ajith Rajapaksha
 Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
 Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe ”

II

“I wish to inform that the Hon. M .U. M. Ali Sabry, Member of Parliament, has been nominated to serve in the Committee on Parliamentary Business in place of the vacancy fallen due to the resignation of the Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem, Member of Parliament by the Committee of Selection on 03rd September 2020, in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 127(3) of the Parliament.”

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

- (i) Fourth Instalment – Part XIV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2013;
- (ii) Fourth Instalment – Part XVI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2014;
- (iii) Fourth Instalment – Part XV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015;
- (iv) Fourth Instalment – Parts XIII and XIV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2016;
- (v) Fourth Instalment – Parts XI, XII, XIII and XIV, Sixth Instalment – Parts XXIV and XXV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2017;

- (vi) Fourth Instalment – Parts IX, X, XI, XII and XIII, Fifth Instalment – Part IX and Sixth Instalment – Parts XXIV and XXV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2018; and
- (vii) First Instalment – Part I of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2019

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 Speaker presented the Eighth instalment – Special Audit Reports – Parts III, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII and Tenth Instalment – Special Audit Reports – Parts II, III, V, VI, VIII, IX, X, XII, XIII, XIV and XV of the Report of the Auditor-General, 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.

(3) The Minister of Highways presented the—

- (i) Performance Report of the Department of Public Enterprises for the year 2019;
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Project Management and Monitoring for the year 2019;
- (iii) Performance Report of the Department of National Planning for the year 2019;
- (iv) Performance Report of the Department of Trade and Investment Policy for the year 2019;
- (v) Annual Performance Report of the Inland Revenue Department for the year 2019;
- (vi) Performance Report of the Department of External Resources for the year 2019;
- (vii) Performance Report of the Department of Information Technology Management for the year 2019;
- (viii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Census and Statistics for the year 2019;
- (ix) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Management Services for the year 2019;
- (x) Annual Performance Report of the Youth Affairs Division of the Ministry of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement and Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs for the year 2019;
- (xi) Performance Report of the Department of National Budget for the year 2019;
- (xii) Performance Report of the Department of Fiscal Policy for the year 2019;
- (xiii) Performance Report of the Department of Development Finance for the year 2019;
- (xiv) Performance Report of the Registrar of Companies for the year 2019;
- (xv) Performance Report of the Department of Legal Affairs for the year 2019;
- (xvi) Performance Report of the Department of Public Finance for the year 2019;

- (xvii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Treasury Operations for the year 2019;
- (xviii) Performance Report of the Government Valuation Department for the year 2019;
- (xix) Performance Report of the Department of State Accounts for the year 2019;
- (xx) Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Excise Department for the year 2019;
- (xxi) Performance Report of the Department of Commerce for the year 2019;
- (xxii) Performance Report of the Comptroller General's Office for the year 2019;
- (xxiii) Performance Report of the Ministry of Finance, Economy and Policy Development—National Policy and Economic Affairs Division for the year 2019;
- (xxiv) Performance Report of the Ministry of Finance, Economy and Policy Development for the year 2019;
- (xxv) Performance Report of the Department of Imports & Exports Control for the year 2019;
- (xxvi) Performance Report of the Department of Management Audit for the year 2019;
- (xxvii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2152/32 of 05th December 2019;
- (xxviii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2164/15 of 25th February 2020;
- (xxix) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2171/6 of 16th April 2020;
- (xxx) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2172/10 of 22nd April 2020;
- (xxxi) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2176/10 of 19th May 2020;
- (xxxii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2177/4 of 26th May 2020;

- (xxxiii) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2100/3 of 3rd December 2018;
- (xxxiv) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2105/48 of 11th January 2019;
- (xxxv) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2131/29 of 10th July 2019;
- (xxxvi) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2135/55 of 09th August 2019;
- (xxxvii) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2135/68 of 10th August 2019;
- (xxxviii) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2145/12 of 14th October 2019;
- (xxxix) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Economic and Policy Development under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2151/60 of 01st December 2019;
- (xl) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2165/60 of 06th March 2020;
- (xli) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2178/15 of 02nd June 2020;
- (xlii) Order 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)
- (xlili) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 32 read with Sections 8 and 30 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2147/75 of 01st November 2019;
(Excise Notification No. 06/2019)
- (xliv) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty on Liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2152/11 of 03rd December 2019;
(Excise Notification No. 07/2019)

- (xlv) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic 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)
- (xlvi) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic 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)
- (xlvii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 22(1)(a) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2155/19 of 27th December 2019;
(Excise Notification No. 10/2019)
- (xlviii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 32 read with Sections 8 and 30 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2164/72 of 01st March 2020;
(Excise Notification No. 01/2020)
- (xlix) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 32 read with Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2173/11 of 30th April 2020;
(Excise Notification No. 02/2020)
- (l) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 32 read with Sections 8 and 30 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2178/4 of 01st June 2020;
(Excise Notification No. 03/2020)
- (li) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 32 read with Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2179/9 of 9th June 2020;
(Excise Notification No. 04/2020)
- (lii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 6(2) read with Section 8 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2006 relating to Tele dramas, Films and Commercial Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2168/9 of 27th March 2020;
- (liii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under PART IV of the Finance Act, No. 12 of 2012 relating to Commercial Hub Regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2152/35 of 5th December 2019;
- (liv) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 51 read with Section 19 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 relating to Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2147/72 of 31st October 2019;

- (lv) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 51 read with Section 19 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 relating to Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2153/29 of 14th December 2019;
- (lvi) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 51 read with Section 19 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 relating to Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2163/26 of 20th February 2020;
- (lvii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 51 read with Section 19 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 relating to Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2177/2 of 26th May 2020;
- (lviii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 51 read with Section 19 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 relating to Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2180/21 of 17th June 2020;
- (lix) Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties;
(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2165/72 of 07th March 2020)
- (lx) Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties;
(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2170/6 of 09th April 2020)
- (lxi) Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties;
(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2171/4 of 16th April 2020)
- (lxii) Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties;
(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2172/7 of 22nd April 2020)
- (lxiii) Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties;
(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2180/31 of 18th June 2020)
- (lxiv) Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties;
(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2183/27 of 08th July 2020)
- (lxv) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 10A of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to surcharge on the Customs Duty payable on imported goods and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2166/35 of 13th March 2020;
- (lxvi) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 10A of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to surcharge on the Customs duty payable on imported goods and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2172/6 of 22nd April 2020;
- (lxvii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 10A of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to surcharge on the Customs duty payable on imported goods and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2181/13 of 24th June 2020;

- (lxviii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2147/5 of 28th October 2019;
- (lxix) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2147/74 of 01st November 2019;
- (lxx) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2148/25 of 07th November 2019;
- (lxxi) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2148/37 of 08th November 2019;
- (lxxii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2151/44 of 28th November 2019;
- (lxxiii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2153/28 of 13th December 2019;
- (lxxiv) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2155/12 of 24th December 2019;
- (lxxv) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2159/41 of 24th January 2020;
- (lxxvi) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2160/63 of 01st February 2020;
- (lxxvii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2164/10 of 24th February 2020;
- (lxxviii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2165/12 of 03rd March 2020;
- (lxxix) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2165/73 of 07th March 2020;
- (lxxx) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2167/11 of 18th March 2020;

- (lxxxix) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2168/7 of 26th March 2020;
- (lxxxii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2170/5 of 09th April 2020;
- (lxxxiii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2171/2 of 16th April 2020;
- (lxxxiv) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2173/12 of 30th April 2020;
- (lxxxv) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2174/7 of 07th May 2020;
- (lxxxvi) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2176/18 of 21st May 2020;
- (lxxxvii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2180/10 of 16th June 2020;
- (lxxxviii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2180/11 of 16th June 2020;
- (lxxxix) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2181/23 of 26th June 2020;
- (xc) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2184/53 of 18th July 2020;
- (xci) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2186/32 of 31st July 2020;
- (xcii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2161/34 of 06th February 2020;
- (xciii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2166/34 of 13th March 2020;

- (xciv) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2167/10 of 18th March 2020;
- (xcv) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2171/3 of 16th April 2020;
- (xcvi) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2176/20 of 22nd May 2020;
- (xcvii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2181/24 of 26th June 2020;
- (xcviii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2183/44 of 10th July 2020;
- (xcix) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 22 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2169/3 of 02nd April 2020;
- (c) Regulation made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2170/4 of 08th April 2020;
- (ci) Regulation made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2182/32 of 01st July 2020;
- (cii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 8(1)(a)(b) of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2182/33 of 01st July 2020; and
- (ciii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 22 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2182/37 of 02nd July 2020.

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

4. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the provisions of 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.

5. Ministerial Consultative Committees : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— Twenty Eight (28) Ministerial Consultative Committees be appointed to be designated as follows:—

1. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence
2. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Finance
3. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs
4. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Urban Development & Housing
5. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice
6. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Foreign
7. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government
8. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education
9. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Health
10. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Labour
11. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Environment
12. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Wildlife & Forest Conservation
13. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Agriculture
14. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Irrigation
15. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Lands
16. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Fisheries
17. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation
18. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Water Supply
19. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Power
20. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Energy
21. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Ports & Shipping
22. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Highways
23. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Transport
24. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Youth & Sports
25. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Tourism
26. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Trade
27. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industries
28. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Mass Media

Each Ministerial Consultative Committee shall consist of the Cabinet Minister in charge of the relevant subject as the Chair, State Minister, Deputy Minister and Five (5) other Members of Parliament to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to discuss and report upon such matters as are referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Order 112 of the Parliament;

The quorum of each Ministerial Consultative Committee shall be three (3) Members.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Committee on Public Finance : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 121 of the Parliament, the Committee on Public Finance shall consist of Eighteen (18) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the First Session of the Ninth Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Committee on High Posts : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 124 of the Parliament, the Committee on High Posts shall consist of Eighteen (18) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the First Session of the Ninth Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

With the leave of the House, the following announcement was made by the Speaker:—

Committee on High Posts :

“ I wish to inform that, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 124(1) of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament this day, the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection, to serve in the Committee on High Posts.

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. John Seneviratne
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala
Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka”

8. Adjournment (Annual Report of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for 2019 and Mid-year Fiscal Position Report for 2020) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 2.48 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam seconded by Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya moved,—That Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.06 p.m. Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.35 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 09, 2020.