



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 6.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, September 09, 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. Dinesh Gunawardena, Minister of Foreign and Leader of the House of Parliament

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

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena, Minister of Lands

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Labour

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara, Minister of Water Supply

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. (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. (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. Piyanakara Jayaratne**, State Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Market Diversification
- Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva**, State Minister of Women and Child Development, Preschools & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services
- 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. (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. 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 Wijsekera**, 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. 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. D. B. Herath, State Minister of Livestock, Farm Promotion and Dairy & Egg Related Industries

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan

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. 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. 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. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka
Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
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. 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.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
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. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha 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. Presentation of Papers : The Minister of Highways presented the—

- (i) Performance Report and Annual Accounts of the District Secretariat - Anuradhapura for the year 2019;
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the District Secretariat - Mannar for the year 2019;
- (iii) Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat - Ampara for the year 2019;
- (iv) Annual Performance and Accounts Report of the District Secretariat - Kandy for the year 2019;
- (v) Performance Report of the District Secretariat - Hambantota for the year 2019;
- (vi) Performance Report of the District Secretariat - Matara for the year 2019;
- (vii) Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat - Nuwara Eliya for the year 2019;
- (viii) Performance Report of the District Secretariat - Colombo for the year 2019;
- (ix) Annual Performance Report of the District Secretariat - Galle for the year 2019;
- (x) Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat - Kegalle for the year 2019;
- (xi) Annual Performance Report of the District Secretariat - Monaragala for the year 2019;
- (xii) Annual Performance Report of the District Secretariat - Trincomalee for the year 2019;
- (xiii) Annual Performance and Accounts Report of the District Secretariat - Batticaloa for the year 2019;
- (xiv) Annual Performance and Accounts Report of the District Secretariat - Matale for the year 2019;
- (xv) Performance and Accounts Report of the District Secretariat - Ratnapura for the year 2019;
- (xvi) Performance Report of the District Secretariat - Mullaitivu for the year 2019;
- (xvii) Annual Performance Report of the District Secretariat - Vavuniya for the year 2019;

- (xviii) Performance and Accounts Report of the District Secretariat - Gampaha for the year 2019;
- (xix) Performance Report of the District Secretariat - Kurunegala for the year 2019;
- (xx) Annual Performance Report & Accounts of the District Secretariat - Puttalam for the year 2019;
- (xxi) Annual Performance Report of the Home Affairs Division of the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government for the year 2019;
- (xxii) Annual Performance Report & Accounts of the District Secretariat - Polonnaruwa for the year 2019;
- (xxiii) Performance Report & Annual Accounts of the District Secretariat - Badulla for the year 2019;
- (xxiv) Annual Performance Report & Accounts of the District Secretariat - Kalutara for the year 2019;
- (xxv) Annual Performance & Accounts Report of the District Secretariat - Jaffna for the year 2019; and
- (xxvi) Performance Report & Annual Accounts of the District Secretariat - Killinochchi for the year 2019.

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

2. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1 to 31 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's Sitting from the provisions of the Standing Orders 27 and 121(2) of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 1) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question proposed and debated.

(At 2.35 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Paddy and Grains, Organic Food, Vegetables, Fruits, Chillies, Onion and Potato Cultivation Promotion, Seed Production and Advanced Technology Agriculture moved,—That Hon. Ajith Rajapakse do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.57 p.m. Hon. Ajith Rajapakse took the Chair.)

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned. Debate to be resumed on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

4. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 2) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned. Debate to be resumed on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

5. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 3) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned. Debate to be resumed on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

6. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 4) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned. Debate to be resumed on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

7. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 5) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned. Debate to be resumed on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

8. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 6) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned. Debate to be resumed on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

9. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 7) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned. Debate to be resumed on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

10. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 8) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned. Debate to be resumed on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

11. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 9) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned. Debate to be resumed on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

12. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 1) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 05/2019)

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned. Debate to be resumed on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

13. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 2) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 06/2019)

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned. Debate to be resumed on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

14. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 3) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the 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. 2152/11 of 03rd December 2019, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 07/2019)

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned. Debate to be resumed on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

15. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 4) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 08/2019)

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned. Debate to be resumed on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

16. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 5) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 09/2019)

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned. Debate to be resumed on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

17. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 6) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 10/2019)

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned. Debate to be resumed on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

18. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 7) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 01/2020)

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned. Debate to be resumed on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

19. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 8) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 02/2020)

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned. Debate to be resumed on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

20. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 9) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 03/2020)

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned. Debate to be resumed on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

21. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 10) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the 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 09th June 2020, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 04/2020)

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned. Debate to be resumed on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

22. Adjournment (Issues of Samurdhi Officers and Samurdhi Beneficiaries) : The Minister of Highways moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.26 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2020.