



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 9.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 10.00 a.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. Dullas Alahapperuma, Minister of Power

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage, Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Udaya Gammanpila, Minister of Energy

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. 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. Wimal Weerawansa, Minister of Industries

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. Piyanakara 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. Jeevan Thondaman, State Minister of Estate Housing & Community Infrastructure

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. Selvam Adaikkalanathan

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah

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. 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. Kins Nelson
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. Sudath Manjula
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoo
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. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha 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. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Customs for the year 2019.

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

(2) The Minister of Highways 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 Finance Commission in the First Report for the Fourth Session of the Eighth Parliament of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament on 18.02.2020 and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Labour presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Labour for the year 2018.

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

(4) The Minister of Education presented the—

- (i) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation under Section 8(1)(b) of the University of Vocational Technology Act, No. 31 of 2008, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2154/18 of 19th December 2019;
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation under Section 8(1)(b) of the University of Vocational Technology Act, No. 31 of 2008, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2166/46 of 13th March 2020; and
- (iii) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation under Section 8(1)(b) of the University of Vocational Technology Act, No. 31 of 2008, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2180/12 of 16th June 2020.

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

(5) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medical Services for the year 2019.

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

(6) The Minister of Trade presented the Annual Performance Report of the Food Commissioner's Department for the year 2019.

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

(7) The Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of National Zoological Gardens for the year 2019.

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

(8) The Minister of Highways presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Information and Mass Media - Postal Services Section for the year 2019.

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

(9) The Minister of Highways presented the—

- (i) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development for the year 2019; and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Rural Economic Affairs & Livestock Development Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development for the year 2019.

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

(10) The Minister of Plantation presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Export Agriculture for the year 2019.

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

2. Presentation of Public Petitions :

(1) Hon. Gamini Lokuge presented —

- (i) a petition dated 25.08.2020 from Mr. D. M. Anura Jeevananda Dissanayake of No. 26, Jaya Mawatha, Boralesgamuwa; and
- (ii) a petition dated 26.08.2020 from Mrs. T. Premalatha of No. 43/1/F/8/D, Kalumuthuketiya Watta, Meegoda.

(2) Hon. Arundika Fernando presented a petition dated 09.08.2020 from Mr. K. A. Kwintan Dias Appuhamy of Kobbakaduwa Mawatha, Haaldanduwana, Dankotuwa.

(3) Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath presented a petition dated 21.08.2020 from Mr. Densil Lalith Abeysuriya of No. 90/16, Welinton Park, Welisara, Ragama.

(4) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —

- (i) a petition dated 20.08.2020 from Mr. A. B. Upul Chandana of No. 74, Palatuwa Kade, Deniyaya Road, Kotapola;

- (ii) a petition dated 25.08.2020 from Mrs. B. P. U. Ishani of “Sahana”, Batuwita, Thihagoda;
 - (iii) a petition dated 25.08.2020 from Mr. Chaminda Bandara Gunathilaka of No. 175, Vauxhall Street, Colombo 02;
 - (iv) a petition dated 29.08.2020 from Mrs. D. G. Anula Menike of “Guna Niwasa”, Weerathilake Road, Devinuwara;
 - (v) a petition dated 04.09.2020 from Mr. Galagamage Eddie of Magandeniya, Nawimana North, Nawimana;
 - (vi) a petition dated 25.08.2020 from Mrs. K. M. Witharana of No. 223/6, Rathnahera, Kanaththagoda, Matara;
 - (vii) a petition dated 31.08.2020 from Mrs. L. B. W. Jayantha of No. 24/1, “Jayaniwasa”, Nilwala Cross Road, Thotamuna, Matara;
 - (viii) a petition dated 26.08.2020 from Mr. M. A. Rauf of No. 17, Bathutha Road, Matara;
 - (ix) a petition dated 03.09.2020 from Mrs. M. M. Indrani of “Meth Sisila”, Wijethungapura, Bopagoda, Akuressa;
 - (x) a petition dated 02.09.2020 from Mr. M. Mohomadu Hussain of No. 35, Mahiyangana Road, Badulla;
 - (xi) a petition dated 25.08.2020 from Mrs. M. D. Chandralatha Dayawathie of No. 03, Jathika Niwasa Paha, Bellana Road, Agalawaththa;
 - (xii) a petition dated 31.08.2020 from Mr. M. K. Buddhadasa Jayasekara of Siyambalagahahena, Kadurupokuna, Tangalle;
 - (xiii) a petition dated 31.08.2020 from Mr. Nandasena Vithanage of “Deniya Gedara”, Yahamulla, Elgiriya, Thelijjawila;
 - (xiv) a petition dated 31.08.2020 from Mrs. S. D. Abeywickrama of No. 26, Badabadda, Mee Ella;
 - (xv) a petition dated 24.08.2020 from Mr. S. V. K. T. de Silva of No. V. C. 709, Pallegama, Ampitiya, Kandy;
 - (xvi) a petition dated 02.09.2020 from Mr. W. A. Gunawardene of No. 40, Kasiwattapura, Polhena, Matara; and
 - (xvii) a petition dated 20.08.2020 from Mr. Y. W. S. Witharana of Halmillawa, Tissamaharamaya.
- (5) Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda presented a petition dated 31.08.2020 from Mrs. K. R. P. Dulwala of No. 723/23, Lake Terrace, 5th Lane, Athurugiriya.
- (6) Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena presented a petition dated 27.08.2020 from Mr. J. A. Lionel Chandraratna of Ranasgalla, Nakkawatta.
- (7) Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna presented —
- (i) a petition dated 25.08.2020 from Mr. M. A. M. Hussain of No.10/1, Udathalawinna Madige, Udathalawinna; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 23.08.2020 from Mr. W. M. W. G. T. Bandara Wjieratne of No. 125/2, Eramudugolla, Walawela, Matale.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order 30(10) of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

3. Nation Building Tax (Amendment) : 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 presented,—“Bill to amend the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 9 of 2009.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, October 06, 2020 and be printed.

4. Economic Service Charge (Amendment) : 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 presented,—“Bill to amend the Economic Service Charge Act, No. 13 of 2006.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, October 06, 2020 and be printed.

5. Ports and Airports Development Levy (Amendment) : 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 presented,—“Bill to amend the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, October 06, 2020 and be printed.

6. Finance (Amendment) : 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 presented,—“Bill to amend the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, October 06, 2020 and be printed.

7. Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution : The Minister of Justice presented,—“Bill to amend the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, October 06, 2020 and be printed.

8. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1 to 43 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day’s Sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 121 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Order under the Finance 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, 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 Commercials Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2168/9 of 27th March 2020, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

(At 1.05 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 2.03 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 3.40 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Order under the Finance 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, 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 05th December 2019, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Order under the Finance 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Order under the Finance 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, 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Order under the Finance 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, 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Order under the Finance 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, 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Order under the Finance 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, 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Regulations under the Foreign Exchange 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 Regulations 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, which were presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Regulations under the Foreign Exchange 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 Regulations 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, which were presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

18. Order under the Foreign Exchange 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, 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

19. Order under the Foreign Exchange 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, Economic and Policy Development under Section 8 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2182/33 of 01st July 2020, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

20. Order under the Foreign Exchange 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, 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

21. Order under the Special Commodity Levy 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

22. Order under the Special Commodity Levy 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

23. Order under the Special Commodity Levy 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

24. Order under the Special Commodity Levy 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, 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

25. Order under the Special Commodity Levy 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, 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

26. Order under the Special Commodity Levy 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, 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

27. Order under the Special Commodity Levy 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, 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

28. Order under the Special Commodity Levy 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

29. Order under the Special Commodity Levy 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

30. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

31. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 11) : 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

32. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 12) : 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

33. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 13) : 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

34. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 14) : 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

35. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 15) : 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

36. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 16) : 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

37. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 17) : 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

38. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 18) : 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

39. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 19) : 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

40. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 20) : 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

41. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 21) : 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

42. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 22) : 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

43. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 23) : 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

44. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 24) : 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

45. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 25) : 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

46. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 26) : 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

47. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 27) : 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

48. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 28) : 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

49. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 29) : 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

50. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 30) : 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

51. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 31) : The 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 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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

52. Adjournment (Absorption of Tamil-Medium Teacher Assistants into Teacher Service) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Fisheries moved,—That Hon. Isuru Dodangoda do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.56 p.m. Hon. Isuru Dodangoda took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 4.54 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member until 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2020.