



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 20.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, October 23, 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. Piyanika 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. 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. Arundika Fernando**, State Minister of Coconut, Kithul and Palmyrah 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. Vijitha Berugoda**, State Minister of Dhamma Schools, , Pirivenas and Bhikkhu Education
- 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. Nimal Lanza**, State Minister of Rural Roads and other Infrastructure
- 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 Backward Rural Areas Development and Promotion of Domestic Animal Husbandary & Minor Economic Crop Cultivation
- 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 and Business 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
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- 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. Naseer Ahamed**
- Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi**
- Hon. M. Udayakumar**

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Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
Hon. Akila Ellawala
Hon. Lalith Ellawala
Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka
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. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
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
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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. 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. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson
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. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara
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. Shanakiya Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
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. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. John Seneviratne
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
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 Labour presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Labour and Trade Union Relations for the year 2019.

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

2. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana presented—

- (i) a petition dated 26.08.2020 from Mrs. K. B. Champika Jayasinghe of Hedillagoda Watta, Mapalagama, Ethumale, Galle;
- (ii) a petition dated 30.08.2020 from Mr. K. M. G. A. G. W. Dias of No. 180 B, Elliot Road, Galle; and
- (iii) a petition dated 25.08.2020 from Mr. S. S. U. Hettiarachchi of No. 05, Vekunugoda Lane, Galle.

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

3. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06th October 2020, the hours of Sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.. At 10.00 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 4.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Committee on Public Finance : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 121(1) of the Parliament, the Chair of the Committee on Public Finance shall be elected by the Committee among its Members.

Question put, and agreed to. Parliament having divided as follows : Ayes: 87; Noes: 17.

The following Hundred and Four (104) Hon. Members of Parliament voted by using the electronic voting system under the Standing Order 47(2)(b) of the Parliament, as follows:—

O 007. Lakshman Kiriella	No
O 008. Sajith Premadasa	No
O 015. Anura Dissanayake	No
O 026. Harsha De Silva	No
O 032. J.C. Alawathuwala	No
O 036. Harini Amarasuriya	No
O 044. Ashok Abeysinghe	No
O 046. Buddhika Pathirana	No
O 049. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha	No
O 050. Hector Appuhamy	No
O 053. Velu Kumar	No
O 054. Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana	No
O 056. Sujith Sanjaya Perera	No
O 064. Mujibur Rahuman	No
O 066. Rohini Kumari Wijerathne	No
O 073. Kins Nelson	No
O 074. Rohana Bandara	No
O 081. H.Nandasena	Yes
O 082. Gayashan Nawananda	Yes
O 085. Nimal Piyatissa	Yes
O 086. Muditha Prishanthi	Yes
O 087. Uddika Premaratne	Yes
O 089. Sudath Manjula	Yes
O 090. Chinthaka Mayadunna	Yes
O 093. B.Y.G. Rathnasekara	Yes
O 094. Kumarasiri Ratnayaka	Yes
O 095. Ajith Rajapaksa	Yes
O 096. Gunathilaka Rajapaksa	Yes
O 097. Thilak Rajapaksa	Yes
O 098. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksa	Yes

O 100. Gamini Walegoda	Yes
O 101. Rajika Wickramasinghe	Yes
O 102. Sahan Pradeep Withana	Yes
O 103. Madura Withanage	Yes
O 104. D. Weerasinghe	Yes
O 105. Weerasumana Weerasinghe	Yes
O 106. Samanpriya Herath	Yes
O 108. Yadamini Gunawardena	Yes
O 110. Ranjith Bandara	Yes
O 111. Surendra Raghavan	Yes
O 112. Jayantha Weerasinghe	Yes
O 113. Charitha Herath	Yes
G 002. G.L. Peiris	Yes
G 003. Nimal Siripala de Silva	Yes
G 004. Chamal Rajapaksa	Yes
G 005. Johnston Fernando	Yes
G 006. Dinesh Gunawardana	Yes
G 009. Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi	Yes
G 011. Gamini Lokuge	Yes
G 012. Bandula Gunawardana	Yes
G 014. C.B. Ratnayake	Yes
G 016. Dullas Alahapperuma	Yes
G 019. S.M. Chandrasena	Yes
G 020. Vasudeva Nanayakkara	Yes
G 021. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya	Yes
G 024. Ramesh Pathirana	Yes
G 025. Prasanna Ranatunga	Yes
G 027. Namal Rajapaksa	Yes
G 029. Susil Premajayanth	Yes
G 030. Piyankara Jayaratne	Yes
G 031. Duminda Dissanayake	Yes
G 033. Lasantha Alagiyawanna	Yes
G 034. Sudarshini Fernandopulle	Yes
G 035. Arundika Fernando	Yes
G 036. Nimal Lanza	Yes
G 037. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka	Yes
G 043. Roshan Ranasinghe	Yes
G 047. Shehan Semasinghe	Yes
G 051. Kanchana Wijesekara	Yes
G 053. Siripala Gamalath	Yes
G 055. S. Viyalanderan	Yes

G 057. Sarath Weerasekara	Yes
G 059. Sisira Jayakody	Yes
G 062. D.B. Herath	Yes
G 063. Nalaka Godahewa	Yes
G 064. Channa Jayasumana	Yes
G 067. Seetha Arambepola	Yes
G 068. Ajith Nivard Cabraal	Yes
G 069. Mahinda Samarasinghe	Yes
G 070. S.B. Dissanayake	Yes
G 071. W.D.J. Senewiratne	Yes
G 072. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa	Yes
G 081. Premalal Jayasekera	Yes
G 082. Shantha Bandara	Yes
G 083. Sarathie Dusmantha	Yes
G 086. Jayantha Ketagoda	Yes
G 087. Mohamed Musammil	Yes
G 089. Amarakeerthi Athukorala	Yes
G 090. Kapila Athukorala	Yes
G 092. Thisakutti Arachchi	Yes
G 095. Sanjeewa Edirimanna	Yes
G 096. Akila Ellawala	Yes
G 097. Lalith Ellawala	Yes
G 098. Udayana Chaminda Kiringoda	Yes
G 099. Jagath Kumara	Yes
G 102. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku	Yes
G 104. Upul Galappaththi	Yes
G 105. Udayakantha Gunathilaka	Yes
G 106. Kokila Gunawardene	Yes
G 107. S. Chadraakanthan	Yes
G 110. Pramitha Bandara Tennakoon	Yes
G 112. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake	Yes
G 113. Sudarshana Denipitiya	Yes
G 114. Isuru Dodangoda	Yes

5. Adjournment (Situation Arisen in the Country due to Spread of Covid-19) :

The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 11.27 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 12.36 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Health moved,— That Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.37 p.m. Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Health moved,— That Hon. Ajith Rajapakse do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.39 p.m. Hon. Ajith Rajapakse took the Chair.)

And it being 4.30 p.m. Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 03, 2020.