



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 119.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Saturday, November 27, 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

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

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma, Minister of Mass Media

Hon. Udaya Gammanpila, Minister of Energy

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Minister of Education 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, Foreign Minister

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 Health

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

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Minister of Youth & Sports, Minister of Development Co-ordination and Monitoring and State Minister of Digital Technology and Enterprise Development

Hon. Basil Rohana Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera, Minister of Public Security

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 and State Minister of Community Police Services
- Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**, State Minister of Co-operative Services, Marketing Development and Consumer Protection
- Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa**, State Minister of Urban Development, 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. Sanath Nishantha**, State Minister of Rural and Divisional Drinking Water Supply Projects 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 Primary Health Care, Epidemics and COVID Disease Control
- Hon. (Dr.) 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, Pirivenas and Bhikkhu Education
- Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe**, State Minister of Provincial Councils & Local Government
- Hon. Lohan Ratwatte**, State Minister of Gem & Jewellery related Industries
- Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa**, State Minister of Promoting the Production & Regulating the Supply of Organic Fertilizer, and Paddy and Grains, Organic Foods, Vegetables, Fruits, Chilies, Onion and Potato Cultivation Promoting, Seed Production and Advanced Technology Agriculture
- Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**, State Minister of Development of Minor Crops including Sugarcane, Maize, Cashew, Pepper, Cinnamon, Cloves, Betel Related Industries and Export Promotion
- Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera**, State Minister of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish & Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbour Development, Multi day Fishing Activities and Fish Exports
- 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. Kanaka Herath**, State Minister of Company Estate Reforms, Tea and Rubber Estates Related Crops Cultivation and Factories Modernization and Tea and Rubber Export Promotion
- 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**
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- Hon. Sampath Athukorala**
- Hon. Tissa Attanayake**
- Hon. Hector Appuhamy**
- Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**
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- Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**
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- Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda**
- Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna**
- Hon. Akila Ellawala**
- Hon. Lalith Ellawala**
- Hon. Govindan Karunakaram**
- Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka**
- Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam**
- Hon. Faizal Cassim**
- Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda**
- Hon. Lakshman Kiriella**
- Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda**
- Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga**

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Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
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Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
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Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
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. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff
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Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
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Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
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Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
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Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. John Seneviratne
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. H. M. M. Harees

Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath

Hon. Marjan Faleel

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : The Minister of Education 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 Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka in the report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament and moved that the Report and the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. (Dr) Ramesh Pathirana, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Annual Report of the Tea Shakthi Fund for the year 2012;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Tea Shakthi Fund for the year 2013;
- (iii) Annual Report & Accounts of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation for the year 2018;
- (iv) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tea Board for the year 2018;
- (v) Annual Report of the Chilaw Plantations Ltd for the year 2018;
- (vi) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation for the year 2012;
- (vii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation for the year 2013;
- (viii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation for the year 2014;
- (ix) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation for the year 2015;
- (x) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation for the year 2016;
- (xi) Annual Report of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority for the year 2018;
- (xii) Annual Report of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka—Talawakelle for the year 2018;
- (xiii) Annual Report of the Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Limited for the year 2018/2019; and

- (xiv) Annual Report of the Rubber Research Institute of Sri Lanka for the year 2019

which were referred to the Committee.

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara presented a petition dated 13.10.2021 from Mr. M. A. Sugath Chandana of No. 10, Narthanagala, Munagama, Horana.

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

4. Appropriation Bill — (Twelfth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 135

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.17 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Hon. Hector Appuhamy seconded by Hon. K. Kader Masthan moved,—That Hon. Ajith Rajapakse do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.00 p.m. Hon. Ajith Rajapakse took the Chair.)

(At 4.41 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Ministry of Plantation

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 12 in page 36 and substitute the following:—

“Capital 10,059,000,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 440,000,000 for Head 135, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 12,000,000 for Head 135, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 16 in page 36 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 550,000,000 10,047,000,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 410

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 139,000,000 for Head 410, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 9,000,000 for Head 410, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 898,000,000 for Head 410, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,575,000,000 for Head 410, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 293

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 368,000,000 for Head 293, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 716,000,000 for Head 293, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 431

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 120,000,000 for Head 431, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 11,000,000 for Head 431, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 828,000,000 for Head 431, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 589,000,000 for Head 431, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 432

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 150,000,000 for Head 432, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 9,000,000 for Head 432, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 350,000,000 for Head 432, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,110,000,000 for Head 432, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 289

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 746,000,000 for Head 289, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 281,000,000 for Head 289, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 122

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 368,100,000 for Head 122, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 9,900,000 for Head 122, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,720,800,000 for Head 122, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 286

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 471,000,000 for Head 286, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 70,000,000 for Head 286, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 287

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 507,550,000 for Head 287, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 9,500,000 for Head 287, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 288

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 255,100,000 for Head 288, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 19,000,000 for Head 288, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,706,000,000 for Head 288, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 254,800,000 for Head 288, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 327

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 444,000,000 for Head 327, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 31,000,000 for Head 327, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

At 5.02 p.m. the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to Parliament.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Monday, November 29, 2021.

5. Adjournment (Expression of Sri Lanka's Solidarity and Support to Palestine) :

The Minister of Highways moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The State Minister of Education Reforms, Open Universities and Distance Learning Promotion moved,—That Hon. Ajith Rajapakse do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.04 p.m. Hon. Ajith Rajapakse took the Chair.)

And it being 5.30 p.m. Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Monday, November 29, 2021 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 20th November 2021.