



*(Ninth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 121.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 9.30 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 Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing

**Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera**, Minister of Environment

**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. 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. Wimal Weerawansa**, Minister of Industries

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

**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. (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. Dayasiri Jayasekara**, State Minister of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products
- Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva**, State Minister of Women and Child Development, Preschools & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services
- Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva**, State Minister of Coast Conservation & Low-Lying Lands 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. (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. Janaka Wakkumbura**, State Minister of Development of Minor Crops including Sugarcane, Maize, Cashew, Pepper, Cinnamon, Cloves, Betel Related Industries and Export Promotion
- Hon. Kanchana Wijsekera**, State Minister of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish & Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbour Development, Multi day Fishing Activities and Fish Exports
- 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. Ajith Rajapakse**  
**Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe**  
**Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha**  
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**Hon. Hesha Withanage**  
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**Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**  
**Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC**

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**Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe**  
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**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

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 Reports from Committees :** Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Urban Development & Housing presented the Report of the said Committee on —

- (i) Annual Reports of the Construction Industry Development Authority for the years 2017 & 2018;
- (ii) Annual Report of the National Housing Development Authority for the year 2017;
- (iii) Annual Reports and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Land Reclamation & Development Corporation for the years 2016 and 2017;
- (iv) Annual Reports of the Urban Settlement Development Authority for the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019;
- (v) Annual Report of the Urban Development Authority for the year 2017;

- (vi) Annual Reports of the Condominium Management Authority for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019; and
- (vii) Annual Reports of the Marine Environment Protection Authority for the years 2017 and 2018

which were referred to the Committee.

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

## **2. Presentation of Public Petitions :**

- (1) Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe presented a petition dated 06.03.2021 from Mr. K. P. Madduma Banda of “Ekanayaka Niwasa”, Watadageya Road, Medirigiriya.
- (2) Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath presented a petition dated 24.02.2021 from Mr. R. P. Ajith Padmasiri of No. 411/5, Pitiyamulla Road, Kongodamulla, Katana.

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

## **3. Appropriation Bill — (Fourteenth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee.**

*(In the Committee)*

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 111

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.03 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 2.03 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene took the Chair.)

(At 3.08 p.m. Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna took the Chair.)

(At 4.06 p.m. Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

## **Ministry of Health**

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 19 in page 20 and substitute the following:—

“Capital 37,000,000,000”

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. 103,535,998,000 for Head 111, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,272,500,000 for Head 111, 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 4 in page 21 and substitute the following:—

“ Programme 02 Development Activities 17,993,000,000 34,727,500,000”

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 416

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 360,000,000 for Head 416, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 17,000,000 for Head 416, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 10,000,000 for Head 416, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 220

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 122,000,000 for Head 220, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,000,000 for Head 220, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,697,000,000 for Head 220, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 66,000,000 for Head 220, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 423

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 65,730,000,000 for Head 423, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 25,000,000 for Head 423, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 375,000,000 for Head 423, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 441

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 118,000,000 for Head 441, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 13,000,000 for Head 441, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 11,822,000,000 for Head 441, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 92,000,000 for Head 441, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 216

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 83,000,000 for Head 216, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,000,000 for Head 216, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 627,000,000 for Head 216, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 43,000,000 for Head 216, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

At 5.05 p.m. the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to Parliament.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Wednesday, December 01, 2021.

**4. Adjournment (Delimitation of Koralaipattu Central Divisional Secretary's Division) :** The Minister of Highways moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

And it being past 5.30 p.m. Parliament was at 5.44 p.m. 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 Wednesday, December 01, 2021 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021.