



*(Ninth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 104.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, November 09, 2021 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

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**Hon. Rohitha Abegunawardhana**, Minister of Ports & Shipping

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

**Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**, Minister of Agriculture

**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. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana**, Minister of Plantation

**Hon. C. B. Rathnayake**, Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation

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

**Hon. Basil Rohana Rajapaksa**, Minister of Finance

**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**, Minister of Power

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

**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. Siripala Gamalath**, State Minister of Canals and Common Infrastructure Development in Settlements in Mahaweli Zones

- Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa**, State Minister of Urban Development, 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. Piyankara 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. Piya 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. 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. 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. 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. Kanchana Wijesekera**, 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. D. B. Herath**, State Minister of Livestock, Farm Promotion and Dairy & Egg  
Related Industries

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**Hon. Amarakeerthi Athukorala**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala**  
**Hon. Sampath Athukorala**  
**Hon. Tissa Attanayake**  
**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**  
**Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**  
**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. Akila Ellawala**  
**Hon. Lalith Ellawala**  
**Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka**  
**Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam**  
**Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda**  
**Hon. Lakshman Kiriella**  
**Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda**  
**Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe**  
**Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri**  
**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**  
**Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi**  
**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. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. S. B. Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya**  
**Hon. Isuru Dodangoda**  
**Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte**  
**Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena**  
**Hon. H. Nandasena**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda**  
**Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. Kins Nelson**  
**Hon. S. Noharathalingam**  
**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**  
**Hon. Nimal Piyathissa**  
**Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara**  
**Hon. Dilan Perera**  
**Hon. Niroshan Perera**  
**Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**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. 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. Ajith Mannapperuma**  
**Hon. Mohomad Muzammil**  
**Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara**  
**Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka**  
**Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka**  
**Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara**  
**Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero**  
**Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka**  
**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. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam**  
**Hon. Waruna Liyanage**  
**Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe**  
**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. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan**  
**Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**  
**Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi**  
**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**  
**Hon. John Seneviratne**  
**Hon. Rauff Hakeem**  
**Hon. Abdul Haleem**  
**Hon. H. M. M. Harees**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath**  
**Hon. Jayarathna 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 Papers :** (1) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Report of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board for the year 2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Education presented the Regulations made by the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka under Section 71(2)(a) of the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act, No. 25 of 1991 amended by Act, No. 27 of 1996 read with Section 5(f) of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2134/56 of 02<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Technology.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Report of the Cey Nor Foundation Limited for the year 2017 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Fisheries.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Report of the State Mortgage & Investment Bank for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Education presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1), 6 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2249/10 of 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Agriculture 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 Ministry of Agriculture in the report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Agriculture presented the Annual Performance Report of the State Ministry of Paddy and Grains, Organic Food, Vegetables, Fruits, Chilies, Onion and Potato Cultivation Promotion, Seed Production and Advanced Technology Agriculture for the year 2020.

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

(8) The Minister of Education presented the —

- (i) Annual Report of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2019;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited for the year 2019; and
- (iii) Annual Report of the Sri Lankan Airlines for the year 2019/2020

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Tourism.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Report & Statement of Accounts of the Rehabilitation Authority for the year 2017 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice.

Question put, and agreed to.

**2. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** Hon. C. B. Rathnayake, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Wildlife & Forest Conservation presented the Report of the said Committee on Order under Section 2(2) of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) which was referred to the Committee.

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

**3. Presentation of Public Petitions :**

- (1) Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka presented a petition dated 20.07.2021 from Mr. K. G. Ishan Indika of No. 171, Manampita, Thalgaswala, Galle.
- (2) Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe presented a petition dated 27.07.2021 from Mr. I. D. Waruna Niroshan of No. 116/3, “Hiru Paya”, Kajjugaha Watta, Pasgoda.

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

**4. Sittings of the Parliament :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06<sup>th</sup> October 2020, the hours of Sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 11.00 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

**5. Leave to introduce Bill (No. 1) :** Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala seconded by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Hector Appuhamy Helping Hand Charity Foundation.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament to the Minister of Health for report.

**6. Leave to introduce Bill (No. 2) :** Hon. Buddhika Pathirana seconded by Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Re-Awakening East Organization.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament to the Minister of Education for report.



**7. Adjournment (First, Second and Third Reports of the Committee on Public Accounts) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 12.14 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.30 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation moved,— That Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.30 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene took the Chair.)

The Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation moved,—That Hon. Ajith Rajapakse do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.00 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 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 10, 2021.