



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 112.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, November 19, 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

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

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma, Minister of Mass Media

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Minister of Education and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon, Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Labour

Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris, Foreign Minister

Hon. Johnston Fernando, Minister of Highways and Chief Government Whip

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga, Minister of Tourism

Hon. Basil Rohana Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance

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. Piyanthara Jayaratne, State Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Market Diversification

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, State Minister of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva, State Minister of Coast Conservation & Low-Lying Lands 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. 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. Selvam Adaikkalanathan

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah

Hon. Amarakeerthi Athukorala

Hon. Sampath Athukorala

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe

Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

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. Selvarajah Kajendren

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka

Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam

Hon. Faizal Cassim

Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda

Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku

Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi

Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena

Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. S. Noharathalingam
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Nalin Fernando
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Ajith Rajapakse
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne

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. Weerasumana Weerasinghe

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi

Hon. Kumara Welgama

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan

Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan

Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena

Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne

Hon. Rauff Hakeem

Hon. Jayarathna Herath

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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Deputy Speaker presented the—

- (i) Ninth Installment – Part XXVII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2018;
- (ii) Second Installment – Part XXVII and Ninth Instalment – Parts XIX and XX of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2019; and
- (iii) Second Installment – Part V and Third Instalment – Part III of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2020

in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Reports do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

(2) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Delimitation Commission for the year 2020.

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

(3) The Minister of Highways presented the—

- (i) Annual Report of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year 2019;
- (ii) Regulations made by the Minister of Health under Section 142 read with Section 3 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2241/43 of 19th August 2021; and
- (iii) Regulations made by the Minister of Health under Section 142 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2243/20 of 04th September 2021

moved that the Report and those Regulations be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Health.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Tourism presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Regulations made by the Minister of Tourism under Section 117 (2) (q) of the Civil Aviation Act No. 14 of 2010 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2192/21 of 08th September 2020;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management for the year 2014 ;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management for the year 2015;
- (iv) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management for the year 2016;
- (v) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management for the year 2017;
- (vi) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management for the year 2018;
- (vii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau for the year 2017;
- (viii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau for the year 2018;
- (ix) Annual Report of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2018;
- (x) Annual Report of the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited for the year 2018;

- (xi) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Convention Bureau for the year 2019; and
- (xii) Annual Report of the Sri Lankan Airlines for the year 2018/2019

which were referred to the Committee.

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma presented a petition dated 08.10.2021 from Mr. Don Mahinda Dissanayake of No. 4/15, Lumbini Mawatha, Dalugama, Kelaniya.
- (2) Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera presented a petition dated 19.09.2021 from Mr. U. D. Wimal Siri Udawatta of “Dinasiri”, Alawathura.

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

4. Appropriation Bill — (Fifth Allotted Day) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (12th November 2021),—

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question again proposed, and debate resumed.

The Minister of Education moved,—That Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 10.54 a.m. Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna took the Chair.)

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka seconded by Hon. Niroshan Perera moved,—That Hon. Kins Nelson do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.00 p.m. Hon. Kins Nelson took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Rural Housing and Construction & Building Material Industries moved,—That Hon. Madhura Withanage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.33 p.m. Hon. Madhura Withanage took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Rural Housing and Construction & Building Material Industries moved,—That Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.16 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya took the Chair.)

And it being 5.00 p.m. the debate stood adjourned; debate to be resumed on Saturday, November 20, 2021.

5. Adjournment (Inclusion of Career Guidance in School Curricula) : The Minister of Highways moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

And it being 5.30 p.m. Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, November 20, 2021 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 21st October, 2021.