



*(Ninth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 113.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

### PRESENT :

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

**Hon. Angajan Ramanathan**, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

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

**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. 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. 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. Piyanakara Jayaratne**, State Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Market Diversification
- Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**, State Minister of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products
- Hon. Jeevan Thondaman**, State Minister of Estate Housing & Community Infrastructure
- 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. 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. 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. Prasanna Ranaweera**, State Minister of Rattan, Brass, Pottery, Furniture and Rural Industrial Promotion
- Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe**, State Minister of Provincial Councils & Local Government
- 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. Kanchana Wijsekera**, State Minister of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish & Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbour Development, Multi day Fishing Activities and Fish Exports
- Hon. S. Viyalanderan**, State Minister of Backward Rural Areas Development and Promotion of Domestic Animal Husbandary & Minor Economic Crop Cultivation
- 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. Sampath Athukorala**

**Hon. Tissa Attanayake**

**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**

**Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**

**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. Sanjeeva Edirimanna**

**Hon. Lalith Ellawala**

**Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren**

**Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka**

**Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam**

**Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda**

**Hon. Lakshman Kiriella**

**Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe**

**Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri**

**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**

**Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku**

**Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi**

**Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena**

**Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan**

**Hon. Milan Jayathilake**

**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**

**Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana**

**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. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya**  
**Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda**  
**Hon. Kins Nelson**  
**Hon. S. Noharathalingam**  
**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**  
**Hon. Anupa Pasqual**  
**Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara**  
**Hon. Dilan Perera**  
**Hon. Niroshan Perera**  
**Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam**  
**Hon. Nalin Fernando**  
**Hon. Ashoka Priyantha**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi**  
**Hon. Rohana Bandara**  
**Hon. Shantha Bandara**  
**Hon. Sudath Manjula**  
**Hon. Imran Maharoof**  
**Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar**  
**Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**  
**Hon. Mohomad Muzammil**  
**Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara**  
**Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan**  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**Hon. Ajith Rajapakse**  
**Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha**  
**Hon. M. Rameshwaran**

**Hon. Gamini Waleboda**  
**Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe**  
**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana**  
**Hon. Madhura Withanage**  
**Hon. Hesha Withanage**  
**Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**  
**Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC**  
**Hon. D. Weerasingha**  
**Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe**  
**Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**  
**Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena**  
**Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi**  
**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne**  
**Hon. Rauff Hakeem**  
**Hon. Kabir Hashim**  
**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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.**

**1. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Deputy Speaker presented the Annual Report of the Auditor-General for the year 2020 in terms of Article 154 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

(2) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the National Physical Planning Department for the year 2020.

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

(3) The Minister of Highways 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 Power, Energy & Business Development 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.

**2. Presentation of Public Petitions :**

- (1) Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma presented a petition dated 22.03.2021 from Mr. Witharanage Sunil of Udawatta, Wellathota, Palatuwa.
- (2) Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara presented a petition dated 09.09.2021 from Mr. M. M. B. Gunathilake of No. I 9/4, Pahala Hinguruwaka, Kotawella, Rambukkana.
- (3) Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha presented a petition dated 18.09.2021 from Mr. K. M. A. Pushpakumara of No. 71/3G, Molawatta, Udumulla Road, Mulleriyawa New Town.
- (4) Hon. Kumara Welgama presented a petition dated 28.03.2021 from Mr. W. K. Dharmasena of Aluthgama Road, Hathhawula, Mathugama.

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

**3. Business of the Parliament :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That November 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 2021 and December 01<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 02<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 03<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 04<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 06<sup>th</sup> Monday, 07<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 08<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 09<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> Friday 2021 be allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2022).

Question put, and agreed to.

**4. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of Sittings of Parliament on allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2022) from November 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday to 30<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 2021 and December 01<sup>st</sup> Wednesday to 09<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 2021 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.:

Provided that at 5.00 p.m., provisions of paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament shall operate.

Question put, and agreed to.

**5. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of the Sitting of Parliament on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 allotted for consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2022) shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.. At 5.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

**6. Privilege :** Hon. Lakshman Kiriella seconded by Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala moved,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, M.P. on 06<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 in Parliament to the effect that privileges of the Members of Parliament have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges under the provisions of Standing Order 118 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

**7. Leave to introduce Bill :** Hon. Buddhika Pathirana seconded by Hon. Kins Nelson moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers of Sri Lanka.”

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 Ports & Shipping for report.

**8. Appropriation Bill — (Sixth Allotted Day) :** Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (12<sup>th</sup> November 2021),—

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question again proposed, and debate resumed.

(At 10.48 a.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana seconded by Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren 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.)

The State Minister of Indigenous Medicine Promotion, Rural and Ayurvedic Hospitals Development and Community Health moved,—That Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.51 p.m. Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe took the Chair.)

Hon. Kins Nelson seconded by Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda moved,—That Hon. Hesha Withanage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.12 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

And it being 5.00 p.m. the debate stood adjourned; debate to be resumed on Monday, November 22, 2021.

**9. Adjournment (Pension Scheme and Social Security Programme for Migrant Workers) :** The Minister of Highways moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Labour moved,—That Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.01 p.m. Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna took the Chair.)

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 Monday, November 22, 2021 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2021.