



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 128.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, December 08, 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. Rohitha Abegunawardhana, Minister of Ports & Shipping

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Environment

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma, Minister of Mass Media

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. Douglas Devananda, Minister of Fisheries

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. 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. Gamini Lokuge, Minister of Power

Hon. Wimal Weerawansa, Minister of Industries

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. (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. 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. 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. Vijitha Berugoda**, State Minister of Dhamma Schools, Pirivenas and Bhikkhu Education
- 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. 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. Vidura Wikramanayaka**, State Minister of National Heritage, Performing Arts and Rural Arts Promotion
- Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera**, State Minister of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish & Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbour Development, Multi day Fishing Activities and Fish Exports
- Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage**, State Minister of Rural and School Sports Infrastructure Improvement
- 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. 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. 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. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcement:—

“I wish to announce to Parliament that I have appointed a Special Committee Chaired by Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Deputy Speaker, and comprising the following Members of Parliament to look into the incidents that transpired in the Chamber of Parliament and in the Parliamentary premises on 03rd and 04th December 2021 and recommend the steps that should be taken regarding such incidents and the courses of action that should be adopted to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future:—

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha

Hon. Gayantha Karunathilaka
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Anura Priyadarshana Yapa
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. M.A. Sumanthiran

Further, yesterday that is on 07.12.2021, a group of Members of Parliament representing Samagi Jana Balawegaya met me and made a special request from me to ensure their safety when they participate in Business of Parliament.

I believe that as the Speaker a primary responsibility has been assigned to me to provide security to all Members who represent this august Assembly and to take necessary action in that regard. Accordingly, I wish to inform this august Assembly that I have taken every necessary step to provide security to all Members of Parliament.

However, I strongly emphasize the necessity of engaging in Business within the Chamber of Parliament with dignity and decorum and specially refraining from being emotionally charged and levelling personally defamatory accusations against other Members of Parliament in making speeches so that the unfortunate incidents that took place recently would not reoccur.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Plantation presented the Annual Report of the Gal-Oya Plantations (Pvt) Limited for the year 2017/2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Highways presented the Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Police for the year 2020.

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

3. Presentation of Reports under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament :
(1) The Minister of Justice presented the Report under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament on the Bill entitled “Human Rights Organization (Incorporation)”.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, December 09, 2021.

(2) The Minister of Justice presented the Report under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament on the Bill entitled “Civil Procedure Code (Amendment)”.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, December 09, 2021.

4. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Wimal Weerawansa, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industries presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Regulations made by the Minister of Industries under Section 53 read with Section 15 of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority Act, No. 50 of 1993;
- (ii) Annual Reports of the Gem and Jewellery Research and Training Institute for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019;
- (iii) Annual Reports of the BCC Lanka Limited for the Financial years 2016/2017 and 2017/2018;
- (iv) Annual Report of the National Design Centre for the year 2018;
- (v) Annual Report of the Industrial Development Board of Ceylon for the year 2019;
- (vi) Annual Report of the National Enterprise Development Authority for the year 2015;
- (vii) Annual Report of the Lanka Mineral Sands Limited for the year 2018; and
- (viii) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Cement Corporation for the year 2018

which were referred to the Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Anura Priyadarshana Yapa, Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on the Estimates for the Financial Year 2022 in terms of Standing Order 121(4) of the Parliament Including whether the allocation of money is in compliance with the policies of the Government, which were referred to the Committee.

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

5. Presentation of Public Petitions :

(1) Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera presented —

- (i) a petition dated 15.08.2021 from Mrs. G. Piyaseeli Perera of No. 209/B/1, Weniwelgala Road, Mawala, Wadduwa;
- (ii) a petition dated 27.07.2021 from Mr. G. A. Udayakumara of No. 72, Gonaduwa, Moronthuduwa;
- (iii) a petition dated 27.10.2021 from Mrs. K. A. Nandalatha of “Lathawasa”, Suddagoda, Benthota;
- (iv) a petition dated 25.10.2021 from Mrs. K. P. Renuka of No. 309/02, Wijemanna Mawatha, Kaluthara North;
- (v) a petition dated 29.10.2021 from Mr. L. A. Wimalasena of No. 16, Habaralagahalanda, Melegama, Wadduwa; and
- (vi) a petition dated 13.08.2021 from Mrs. Rasika Vibhodini Raigam Bandarage of No. 15, Dhammarama Mawatha, Katukurunda, Kaluthara.

- (2) Hon. Anura Dissanayaka presented a petition dated 10.08.2021 from Mr. Dahanayakage Bandusena of No. A 158, Old B.M.C Road, New Town, Embilipitiya.
- (3) Hon. Nalin Fernando presented a petition dated 06.09.2021 from Mr. Ekanayakage Udaya Kumara Ekanayake of No. 116, "Sriyani", Siyambalapitiya, Kotugoda.
- (4) Hon. Marjan Faleel presented a petition dated 07.10.2021 from Mr. M. M. Mohommed Maffaz of No. 37/7, Silva Mahal, Keeranthidiya Road, Beruwala.

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

6. Appropriation Bill — (Twenty First Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 149

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.26 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Hon. Waruna Liyanage seconded by Hon. Uddika Premarathne moved,—That Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 12.03 p.m. Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera took the Chair.)

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

(At 1.55 p.m. Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna took the Chair.)

(At 3.01 p.m. Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam took the Chair.)

(At 3.54 p.m. Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Ministry of Industries

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 11 in page 38 and substitute the following:—

“Capital 6,500,000,000”

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. 248,400,000 for Head 149, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 16,600,000 for Head 149, 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 15 in page 38 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 893,600,000 6,483,400,000”

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.

State Ministry of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 18 in page 38 and substitute the following:—

“Capital 1,225,000,000”

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 439

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 138,000,000 for Head 439, 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 439, 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 3 in page 39 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 90,000,000 1,140,000,000”

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 303

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 307,000,000 for Head 303, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 72,000,000 for Head 303, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 440

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 67,000,000 for Head 440, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 22,000,000 for Head 440, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 94,000,000 for Head 440, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 8,000,000 for Head 440, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

State Ministry of Rattan, Brass, Pottery, Furniture and Rural Industrial Promotion

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 9 in page 39 and substitute the following:—

“Capital 1,150,000,000”

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 408

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 200,000,000 for Head 408, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 14,000,000 for Head 408, 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 13 in page 39 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 739,000,000 1,136,000,000”

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.

Ministry of Trade

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 8 in page 24 and substitute the following:—

“Recurrent 16,248,000,000”

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 116

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 329,000,000 for Head 116, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 16,000,000 for Head 116, 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 13 in page 24 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 15,475,000,000 2,905,000,000”

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 295

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 145,000,000 for Head 295, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 8,000,000 for Head 295, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 298

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 160,800,000 for Head 298, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 299

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 45,300,000 for Head 299, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 300

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 92,900,000 for Head 300, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 271,000,000 for Head 300, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

State Ministry of Co-operative Services, Marketing Development and Consumer Protection

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 4 in page 25 and substitute the following:—

“Capital 15,146,000,000”

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 438

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 149,700,000 for Head 438, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 49,800,000 for Head 438, 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 9 in page 25 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 607,000,000 15,030,000,000”

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 301

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 85,000,000 for Head 301, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 64,500,000 for Head 301, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 302

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 21,300,000 for Head 302, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,700,000 for Head 302, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

At 5.34 p.m. the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to Parliament.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Thursday, December 09, 2021.

7. Regulations under the National Gem and Jewellery Authority Act (No. 1) :

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Industries moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industries and Supply Chain Management under Section 53 read with Section 14(1)(f) and 15 of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority Act, No. 50 of 1993, relating to Gem and Jewellery License Fee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2165/1 of 2nd March 2020 and the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2221/49 of 1st April 2021 made by the Minister of Industries under Section 53 of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority Act, No. 50 of 1993 for correcting the typographical errors in the said first Gazette, which were presented on 23.06.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Regulations under the National Gem and Jewellery Authority Act (No. 2) :

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Industries moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industries under Section 53 read with Section 15 of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority Act, No. 50 of 1993, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2232/36 of 18th June 2021, which were presented on 24.11.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Adjournment (Conduct of Proper Assessment before Reforming Hardy Advanced Technological Institute) : The Minister of Highways moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Highways moved,—That Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.37 p.m. Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe took the Chair.)

And it being past 5.30 p.m. Parliament was at 6.11 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 Thursday, December 09, 2021 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 20th November 2021.