



*(Ninth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 32.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, November 26, 2020 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

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

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

**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**, Minister of Foreign 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. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris**, Minister of Education

**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, Home Affairs and Disaster Management

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

**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

**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Seetha Arambepola**, State Minister of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation

- Hon. Ajith Nivard Cabraal**, State Minister of Money & Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms
- 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, Coast Conservation, 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. 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. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva**, State Minister of Production and Supply of Fertilizer and Regulation of Chemical Fertilizer and Insecticide Use
- Hon. Duminda Dissanayake**, State Minister of Solar Power, Wind and Hydro Power Generation Projects 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. 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. 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. 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. Kapila Athukorala**
- Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala**
- Hon. Sampath Athukorala**
- Hon. Tissa Attanayake**
- Hon. Hector Appuhamy**
- Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**
- Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya**
- Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**
- Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal**
- 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. Faizal Cassim**
- Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda**
- Hon. Lakshman Kiriella**
- Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda**
- Hon. Jagath Kumara**
- Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga**

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

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

**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**

**Hon. Velu Kumar**

**Hon. Mano Ganesan**

**Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage**

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

**Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka**

**Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene**

**Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena**

**Hon. Milan Jayathilake**

**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**

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

**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. Palani Thigambaram**

**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**

**Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake**

**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**

**Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka**

**Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha**

**Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya**

**Hon. Isuru Dodangoda**

**Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte**

**Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena**

**Hon. H. Nandasena**

**Hon. Gayashan Nawananda**

**Hon. Asanka Navarathna**

**Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara**

**Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan**

**Hon. Kins Nelson**

**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**

**Hon. Anupa Pasqual**

**Hon. Nimal Piyathissa**  
**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. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara**  
**Hon. Rohana Bandara**  
**Hon. Shantha Bandara**  
**Hon. Sudath Manjula**  
**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. K. Kader Masthan**  
**Hon. Imran Maharoof**  
**Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar**  
**Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff**  
**Hon. Mohomad Muzammil**  
**Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa**  
**Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara**  
**Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka**  
**Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara**  
**Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan**  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**Hon. Ajith Rajapakse**  
**Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha**  
**Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha**  
**Hon. Waruna Liyanage**  
**Hon. Gamini Waleboda**  
**Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**  
**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. Weerasumana Weerasinghe**  
**Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan**  
**Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**  
**Hon. John Seneviratne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne**  
**Hon. Abdul Haleem**  
**Hon. H. M. M. Harees**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath**  
**Hon. Jayarathna Herath**  
**Hon. Samanpriya Herath**  
**Hon. Marjan Faleel**  
**Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka**

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

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 inform the Parliament that the two Members of Parliament, the Hon. Hesha Withanage and the Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte have been nominated to serve in the Panel of Chairs in addition to the Members of Parliament nominated at present for the First Session of the Ninth Parliament, in terms of the Standing Order 140 of the Parliament.”

**2. Presentation of Papers:** (1) The Minister of Highways presented the Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2202/8 of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and Schedule thereto, by virtue of the powers vested with the President in terms of Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979.

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

(2) The Minister of Foreign 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 Office of the Leader of the Opposition of Parliament 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.

**3. Presentation of Public Petitions :**

Hon. Amarakeerthi Athukorala presented a petition dated 18.09.2020 from Mr. P. Gunadasa Pieris of No. 18, Galoya Junction.

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

**4. Intellectual Property (Amendment) :** The Minister of Justice on behalf of the Minister of Trade presented,—“Bill to amend the Intellectual Property Act, No. 36 of 2003.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, December 02, 2020 and be printed.

**5. Evidence (Amendment) :** The Minister of Justice presented,—“Bill to amend the Evidence Ordinance (Chapter 14).”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, December 02, 2020 and be printed.

**6. Bail (Amendment) :** The Minister of Justice presented,—“Bill to amend the Bail Act, No. 30 of 1997.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, December 02, 2020 and be printed.

**7. Appropriation (2021) Bill — (Eighth Allotted Day) :** Considered further in the Committee.

*(In the Committee)*

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 118

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.20 a.m. Hon. Ajith Rajapakse took the Chair.)

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

(At 2.05 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene took the Chair.)

(At 3.33 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

(At 4.23 p.m. Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte took the Chair.)

(At 4.45 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing proposed an amendment to leave out line 10 in page 26 and substitute the following:—

“Capital 13,858,100,000”

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.

Question that the sum of Rs. 959,600,000 for Head 118, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 83,300,000 for Head 118, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing proposed another amendment to leave out line 14 in page 26 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 4,000,000,000 11,643,000,000”

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 285

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 507,150,000 for Head 285, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 61,700,000 for Head 285, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,566,540,000 for Head 285, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.



## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,070,100,000 for Head 285, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 425

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 133,860,000 for Head 425, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 20,000,000 for Head 425, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 690,000,000 for Head 425, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,813,000,000 for Head 425, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 281

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 522,800,000 for Head 281, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 72,000,000 for Head 281, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,434,500,000 for Head 281, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,984,000,000 for Head 281, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing proposed an amendment to leave out line 12 and 13 in page 27 and substitute the following:—

|            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| “Recurrent | 35,429,500,000 |
| Capital    | 106,200,000”   |

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 426

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 379,500,000 for Head 426, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 22,200,000 for Head 426, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing proposed another amendment to leave out line 18 in page 27 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 35,050,000,000 84,000,000”

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 427

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 334,150,000 for Head 427, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 18,700,000 for Head 427, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,042,000,000 for Head 427, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 292

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing proposed an amendment to leave out line 7 in page 28 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 01 Operational Activities 649,800,000 67,000,000”

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 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 719,000,000 for Head 292, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 407

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing proposed an amendment to leave out lines 1 to 7 in page 19 and insert the following immediately after line 17 in page 26:—

“State Ministry of Backward Rural Areas Development and Promotion of Domestic Animal Husbandry & Minor Economic Crop Cultivation

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| Recurrent | 222,750,000 |
| Capital   | 315,100,000 |

Made up as follows :-

Head 407-State Minister of Backward Rural Areas Development and Promotion of Domestic Animal Husbandry & Minor Economic Crop Cultivation

|              |                        |             |              |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Programme 01 | Operational Activities | 112,750,000 | 15,100,000   |
| Programme 02 | Development Activities | 110,000,000 | 300,000,000” |

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.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing proposed an amendment to leave out lines 14 to 15 in page 47 and substitute the following:—

|            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| “Recurrent | 3,869,300,000   |
| Capital    | 42,508,400,000” |

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.

## Head 198

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing proposed another amendment to leave out line 18 in page 47 and substitute the following:—

|            |    |                        |             |             |
|------------|----|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| “Programme | 01 | Operational Activities | 184,500,000 | 55,700,000” |
|------------|----|------------------------|-------------|-------------|

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 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 196,600,000 for Head 198, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 31,272,400,000 for Head 198, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 282

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 798,400,000 for Head 282, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 83,000,000 for Head 282, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,689,800,000 for Head 282, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 11,097,300,000 for Head 282, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 428

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 97,700,000 for Head 428, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 6,600,000 for Head 428, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,700,000,000 for Head 428, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,450,000,000 for Head 428, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 429

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 99,000,000 for Head 429, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 15,000,000 for Head 429, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,000,000,000 for Head 429, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

At 5.13 p.m. the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to Parliament.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Friday, November 27, 2020.

**8. Adjournment (Damage Caused to Forest Reserve due to Reconstruction of Lankagama Road) :** The Minister of Highways moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.15 p.m. Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe took the Chair.)

The Minister of Highways moved,—That Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.25 p.m. Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte took the Chair.)

And it being past 5.30 p.m. Parliament was at 5.55 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 Friday, November 27, 2020 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.