



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 43.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, December 09, 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

Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, 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. Mahindananda Aluthgamage, Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Udaya Gammanpila, Minister of Energy

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. Namal Rajapaksa, Minister of Youth & Sports

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. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**, State Minister of Co-operative Services, Marketing Development and Consumer Protection
- Hon. Ajith Nivard Cabraal**, State Minister of Money & Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms
- Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa**, State Minister of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, 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. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva**, State Minister of Production and Supply of Fertilizer and Regulation of Chemical Fertilizer and Insecticide Use
- 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. 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. Prasanna Ranaweera**, State Minister of Rattan, Brass, Pottery, Furniture and Rural Industrial Promotion
- Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe**, State Minister of Land Management, State Enterprises Land and Property Development
- Hon. Lohan Ratwatte**, State Minister of Gem & Jewellery related Industries and State Minister of Prison Management & Prisoners' Rehabilitation

- Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa**, State Minister of Paddy and Grains, Organic Food, Vegetables, Fruits, Chillies, Onion and Potato Cultivation Promotion, 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 Wijsekera**, 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. 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**

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Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda
Hon. Jagath Kumara
Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga
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Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Mano Ganesan
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Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
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Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
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Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
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Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Nalin Fernando
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
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Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
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Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
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Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
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Hon. Waruna Liyanage
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Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
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Hon. Hesha Withanage
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Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC

Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
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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 : The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the People's Bank for the year 2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Public Petitions :

(1) Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne presented —

- (i) a petition dated 20.09.2020 from Mr. P. M. Chanminda Bandara of No. 53/114, Madara Uyana, Puttlam; and
- (ii) a petition dated 03.10.2020 from Mr. W. A. Premasiri of Palugahawatta, Ihala Weerakodiyana, Weerakodiyana.

- (2) Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera presented —
- (i) a petition dated 30.08.2020 from Mr. H. C. Abeyratne of No. 52 B, Mahagonaduwa, Moronthuduwa;
 - (ii) a petition dated 29.09.2020 from Ms. K .D. R. L. Kumarasinghe of “Sulalaniya”, Kumbukgahamulla, Welipennagahamulla; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 15.10.2020 from Mr. M. Wijesena of No. 256, Sidurangala watta, Welikala, Pokunuwita.
- (3) Hon. K. Kader Masthan presented a petition dated 07.09.2020 from Mr. Sinnathamby Shanmugam of No. 44/8, Jeya Samagi Mawatha, Kalubowila, Dehiwala.
- (4) Hon. Sampath Athukorala presented —
- (i) a petition dated 13.10.2020 from Mr. A. Sarath Wijayananda of No. 15, UNESCO Village, Nanathota, Kosgoda;
 - (ii) a petition dated 09.10.2020 from Mr. C. R. Abeysundara of Kurunduwatta, Mahawatta Road, Pitigala;
 - (iii) a petition dated 13.10.2020 from Mr. Chandra Sri Prasanna Kumara Wellangiriya of No. 17, Mahavihara Road, Ambalangoda;
 - (iv) a petition dated 13.10.2020 from Mr. H. G. Cyril of Dinamullawatta, Ganegama North, Baddegama;
 - (v) a petition dated 13.10.2020 from Mr. K. Ranga Kumara de Silva of No. 96/4, Railway warehouse Road, Balapitiya;
 - (vi) a petition dated 09.10.2020 from Mrs. K. B. Rathnaseeli Somawansa of No. 45/2, Sapumal Place Road, Bope - Galle; and
 - (vii) a petition dated 08.10.2020 from Mr. M. W. Somasiri of No. 87A, Beach Road, Patabendimulla, Ambalangoda.
- (5) Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara presented a petition dated 16.11.2020 from Mr. K. D. B. H. Abeygunawardana of No. 53, Kumudu Mawatha, Primrose Garden, Kandy.
- (6) Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe presented —
- (i) a petition dated 21.09.2020 from Mr. A. P. Somapala of No. 51, Derangala Stage 2, Kiriwelkele, Pitabeddara; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 31.08.2020 from Mr. P. M. P. Kumara of No. 49/9, Samagi Mawatha, Galgane Road, Devinuwara.

- (7) Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena presented a petition dated 02.10.2020 from Mr. A. D. Dayarathna of No. 03, 10th Lane, Yahellawatta, Avissawella.
- (8) Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera presented a petition dated 29.09.2020 from Mrs. B. M. Harriot Nona of Parathwala, Mahabage, Kithulgala.
- (9) Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi presented a petition dated 13.09.2020 from Mr. R. K. K. A. Nandasiri of Siyambalakote, Barawakumbuka.

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

3. Appropriation (2021) Bill — (Nineteenth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 110

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.52 a.m. Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam took the Chair.)

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

(At 2.39 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna took the Chair.)

(At 5.37 p.m. Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte took the Chair.)

(At 7.40 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,191,250,000 for Head 110, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,569,662,000 for Head 110, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 205

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 67,100,000 for Head 205, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,900,000 for Head 205, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 228

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 8,562,700,000 for Head 228, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,211,800,000 for Head 228, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 229

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,763,500,000 for Head 229, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 109,500,000 for Head 229, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 230

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 124,800,000 for Head 230, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 22,300,000 for Head 230, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 231

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 36,190,000 for Head 231, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,500,000 for Head 231, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 233

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 420,900,000 for Head 233, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 425,500,000 for Head 233, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 234

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 210,550,000 for Head 234, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 10,500,000 for Head 234, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 235

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 19,015,000 for Head 235, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,210,000 for Head 235, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 418

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 407,100,000 for Head 418, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,130,600,000 for Head 418, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 232

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,953,000,000 for Head 232, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 493,500,000 for Head 232, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 326

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 385,061,000 for Head 326, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 19,700,000 for Head 326, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 193

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 635,300,000 for Head 193, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 135,700,000 for Head 193, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 118,300,000 for Head 193, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 10,700,000 for Head 193, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 221

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,487,000,000 for Head 221, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,136,400,000 for Head 221, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,163,400,000 for Head 221, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 941,200,000 for Head 221, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 412

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 675,000,000 for Head 412, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 26,000,000 for Head 412, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

At 9.13 p.m. the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to Parliament.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Thursday, December 10, 2020.

4. Adjournment : And it being past 5.30 p.m. Parliament was at 9.14 p.m. adjourned by the Speaker without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2020 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 20th November, 2020.