



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 39.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, December 04, 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. 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. 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. Wimal Weerawansa, Minister of Industries

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera, Minister of Public Security

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. 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. 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. 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. 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 Rathwaththe**, 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. 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. Sampath Athukorala**
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- Hon. Hector Appuhamy**
- Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**
- Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**
- Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal**
- Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan**
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- Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi**
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- Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda**
- Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna**
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- Hon. Lalith Ellawala**
- Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren**
- Hon. Govindan Karunakaram**
- Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka**
- Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam**
- Hon. Faizal Cassim**

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Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
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Hon. Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson

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Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
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Hon. Nalin Fernando
Hon. Harin Fernando
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Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
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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

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 Education presented the—

- (i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka for the year 2018;
- (ii) Annual Report and Accounts of the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies of University of Kelaniya for the year 2018;
- (iii) Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Colombo School of Computing for the year 2018;
- (iv) Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Moratuwa for the year 2018;
- (v) Annual Report and Accounts of the Postgraduate Institute of Science of University of Peradeniya for the year 2018;
- (vi) Annual Report and Accounts of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka for the year 2018;
- (vii) Annual Report and Accounts of the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology - University of Kelaniya for the year 2018;
- (viii) Annual Report and Accounts of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka for the year 2018;
- (ix) Annual Report and Accounts of the Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute of University of Kelaniya for the year 2018;
- (x) Annual Report & Accounts of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka for the year 2018;
- (xi) Annual Report and Accounts of the Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences of University of Peradeniya for the year 2018;
- (xii) Annual Report and Accounts of the Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka for the year 2018;
- (xiii) Annual Report and Accounts of the Eastern University of Sri Lanka for the year 2018;
- (xiv) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology - University of Colombo for the year 2018; and
- (xv) Annual Report and Accounts of the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies of Eastern University of Sri Lanka for the year 2018

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Gamini Lokuge presented —
- (i) a petition dated 10.09.2020 from Ms. E. D. I. Dulrikshe of No. 73, Samagi Mawatha, Maharagama Road, Mampe, Piliyandala;
 - (ii) a petition dated 16.09.2020 from Mr. K. D. U. Pushpakumara of No. 304/2 N, “Ran Sevana”, Gamagewatta Road, Salamulla, Kolonnawa;
 - (iii) a petition dated 09.09.2020 from Mr. M. S. D. S. Perera of No. 78/B/1, Maningamuwa Road, Kidelpitiya, Welmilla Junction;
 - (iv) a petition dated 06.09.2020 from Mr. R. A. D. Premadasa of No.383/A, Kandanawatta, Pitipana North, Homagama; and
 - (v) a petition dated 08.10.2020 from Mr. T. H. L. Gunathilake of No. 10/H, New Hedigama Road, Suwarapola, Piliyandala.
- (2) Hon. Duminda Dissanayake presented —
- (i) a petition dated 02.09.2020 from Mr. G. I. D. Rajitha Madhusanka Yahampath of “Udaya”, Kuttiweligoda, Darga Town;
 - (ii) a petition dated 25.09.2020 from Mr. I. M. Disanayake of No. 65, Yoda Ela Road, 15th Mile Post, Eppawala; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 14.09.2020 from Mr. J. M. Gunathilaka of No. 545, Thubullegama, Angamuwa.
- (3) Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa presented a petition dated 26.09.2020 from Mr. H. R. K. Wimalaratne of No. 74, Kuliypitiya Road, Dambadeniya.
- (4) Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe presented a petition dated 28.08.2020 from Mr. W. D. Wickremanayake of No. A/432, “Rathnawasa”, Maththamagoda, Kotiyakumbura.

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

3. Appropriation (2021) Bill — (Fifteenth 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 11.13 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

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

(At 1.57 p.m. Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna took the Chair.)

(At 2.58 p.m. Hon. Ajith Rajapakse took the Chair.)

(At 5.41 p.m. Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 464,362,000 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. 34,400,000 for Head 149, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 677,050,000 for Head 149, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,389,200,000 for Head 149, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 439

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 170,000,000 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. 12,600,000 for Head 439, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 80,000,000 for Head 439, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 680,000,000 for Head 439, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 303

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 101,600,000 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. 71,500,000 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. 121,947,000 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. 62,300,000 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. 90,000,000 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. 20,000,000 for Head 440, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 408

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 260,920,000 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. 16,870,000 for Head 408, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 790,150,000 for Head 408, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 171,900,000 for Head 408, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 116

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 232,800,000 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. 62,100,000 for Head 116, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 470,000,000 for Head 116, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,054,000,000 for Head 116, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 298

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 166,500,000 for Head 298, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 10,000,000 for Head 298, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 299

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 56,300,000 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. 95,950,000 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. 475,000,000 for Head 300, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 438

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 136,150,000 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. 12,300,000 for Head 438, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 595,000,000 for Head 438, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 27,000,000 for Head 438, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 301

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 90,900,000 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. 102,000,000 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. 22,400,000 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 6.56 p.m. the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to Parliament.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Saturday, December 05, 2020.

4. Adjournment : And it being past 5.30 p.m. Parliament was at 6.57 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 Saturday, December 05, 2020 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 20th November, 2020.