



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 60.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 10.00 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 Amaraweera, Minister of Environment

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma, Minister of Power

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. 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. Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Mass Media

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

Hon. Gamini Lokuge, Minister of Transport

Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Minister of Health

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

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. Siripala Gamalath, State Minister of Canals and Common Infrastructure Development in Settlements in Mahaweli Zones

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. Piyankara 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. 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 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. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle, State Minister of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and COVID Disease Control

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 Provincial Councils & Local Government
- 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 Wijesekera**, State Minister of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish & Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbour Development, Multi day Fishing Activities and Fish Exports
- 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

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. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
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. Akila Ellawala
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. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
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. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte
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. Uddika Premarathne

Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
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. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Ajith Rajapakse
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. C.V. Wigneswaran
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. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC

Hon. D. Weerasingha

Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi

Hon. Kumara Welgama

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan

Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan

Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena

Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. John Seneviratne

Hon. Rauff Hakeem

Hon. Kabir Hashim

Hon. H. M. M. Harees

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. Messages from the President : The Speaker read the following message received from the President:—



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President of Sri Lanka

My No. PS/CSA/00/1/12/7

March 18 , 2021

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana
Speaker
Parliament of Sri Lanka

Hon. Speaker,

The Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40)

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 12 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), I have issued an order to the effect that all members of the Armed Forces specified in the First Schedule are summoned for the maintenance of Public Order in the areas specified in Second Schedule thereof taking into consideration the need for the Public Order to be maintained.

Accordingly, I hereby inform the Parliament of the said Order in terms of Section 2(3) of the aforesaid Ordinance read with Section 21(2) thereof.

Yours sincerely,

Gotabaya Rajapaksa

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2. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcement:—

“In terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 125 of the Parliament, I appoint the Liaison Committee for the Ninth Parliament, consisting of—

- the Speaker who shall be the Chair;
- the Deputy Speaker;
- the Deputy Chairperson of Committees;
- the Leader of the House of Parliament;
- the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament;
- the Chief Government Whip;
- the Chief Opposition Whip; and

Chairs of the Committee on Ethics and Privileges, Committee on Public Accounts, Committee on Public Enterprises, Committee on Public Finance, Legislative Standing Committee, Ministerial Consultative Committees, Committee on Public Petitions, Committee on High Posts and the Backbencher Committee.”

3. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Highways presented the—

- (i) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Export Credit Insurance Corporation for the year 2017; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the National Lotteries Board for the year 2018

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Highways presented the Performance Report of the Department of Immigration & Emigration for the year 2019.

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 Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community 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.

(4) The Minister of Highways presented the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 19A of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235), as amended by the Customs (Amendment) Law No. 35 of 1974 and the Customs (Amendment) Act, No. 83 of 1988 relating to Custom Duty Waivers and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2212/41 of 29th January 2021.

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

(5) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Report of the Independent Television Network Ltd for the year 2017 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Mass Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Power presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Board for the year 2017 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Power.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Water Supply presented the Annual Report of the National Water Supply & Drainage Board for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Water Supply.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Plantation presented the Annual Report of the Rubber Research Institute of Sri Lanka for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Justice presented the Order made by the Minister of Justice under Section 7(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No. 2 of 2013, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2207/6 of 23rd December 2020 and moved that the Order be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Anura Priyadarshana Yapa, Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on —

- (i) Resolution for Revision of Salaries and Allowances of the Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption; and
 - (ii) Orders under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979
- which were referred to the Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Power presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Annual Report of the Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited for the year of 2016;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Regulatory Council for the year of 2018;

- (iii) Annual Report of the Ceylon Electricity Board for the year of 2017;
- (iv) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority for the year of 2016; and
- (v) Annual Report of the Ceylon Electricity Board for the year of 2018

which were referred to the Committee.

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

5. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana presented a petition dated 08.12.2020 from Mr. C. R. Yatigammana of No. 63/6, Hiripitiya, Pannipitiya.
- (2) Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera presented—
 - (i) a petition dated 26.01.2021 from Mrs. B. Mangala Jayanthi of Old Hill Road, Katharagama;
 - (ii) a petition dated 25.11.2020 from Mr. B. D. A. Weerasinghe of “Kosala”, Maha Heenatiyangala, Kalutara South;
 - (iii) a petition dated 26.01.2021 from Mr. B. L. Abhayapala of Hadigalla Janapadaya, Baduraliya;
 - (iv) a petition dated 17.11.2020 from Mr. D. D Chaminda of No. 139/1B, Raindapola Junction, Dodamgoda;
 - (v) a petition dated 27.01.2021 from Mr. D. M. Kamal Kulasinghe of Mulkadakanda, Batagoda, Galpatha;
 - (vi) a petition dated 21.01.2021 from Mr. D. W. Mahinda Fonseka of No. 178, Sanhindapura, Wilegoda, Kaluthara North;
 - (vii) a petition dated 05.01.2021 from Mr. Kinsley Dosen of No: 64 A, Nalandarama Road, Nugegoda;
 - (viii) a petition dated 16.01.2021 from Mr. M. A. S. Karunathilaka of Mandadiya Watta, Bombuwala, Kaluthara South;
 - (ix) a petition dated 15.01.2021 from Mr. N. K. Gunasena of No. 62/C, Thibbotugoda Road, Labugama, Halhota;
 - (x) a petition dated 30.09.2020 from Mrs. S. A. Sakunthala Dilhani of St. Herman Janapadaya, Ganim, Dodangoda;
 - (xi) a petition dated 28.11.2020 from Mrs. T. L. C. de Silva of No. 2/179, Dibbedda, Panadura; and
 - (xii) a petition dated 21.01.2021 from Mr. W. C. Jagath Fernando of No. 77/C, Sangabo Mawatha, Keselwatte, Panadura.
- (3) Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 05.01.2021 from Mr. G. P. P. Hewawasan of No. 39/23, Morris Road, Milidduwa, Galle; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 14.01.2021 from Mr. U. G. Gamini of “Chanu”, Wijayananda Mawatha, Anangoda, Galle.

- (4) Hon. Kanaka Herath presented —
- (i) a petition dated 15.01.2021 from Mrs. Eleesha Rajapaksa of No. 87/20, Hospital Road, Rambukkana;
 - (ii) a petition dated 20.08.2020 from Mr. H. R. Heenbanda of No. E 78/1, Puwakmote, Yatagama, Rambukkana;
 - (iii) a petition dated 02.01.2021 from Mr. J. A. Abeyrathna of No. 72/1 A, Welangalla, Getahetta; and
 - (iv) a petition dated 02.02.2021 from Mr. W. G. Sumanarathne of Kankeeriya, Thebiliya, Moronthota.
- (5) Hon. Tissa Attanayake presented —
- (i) a petition dated 01.02.2021 from Mr. P. Premalal Peiris of No. 62, Balapokuna Road, Kirulapana, Colombo 06;
 - (ii) a petition dated 29.01.2021 from Mr. P. V. D. Leo Samson of No. 441A, Kapuwagara Road, Kandana; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 29.01.2021 from Mr. S. A. Anura Priyantha of No. 125/A/1, Doranagoda, Udugampola.
- (6) Hon. Vijitha Herath presented —
- (i) a petition dated 21.09.2020 from Mr. H. W. Saman of Jayamini, Thalwatta, Katuwana;
 - (ii) a petition dated 07.01.2021 from Mr. M. G. Punchibanda of No. 54/15, Renagala Road, Pahala Imbulgoda, Imbulgoda;
 - (iii) a petition dated 25.10.2020 from Mr. Neminda P. P. W. Tennakoon of Thennakoon Walawwa, Maraliya, Dambuluwana, Ratnapura; and
 - (iv) a petition dated 31.08.2020 from Mr. W. A. A. K. A. Wickramasingha of No. 64, Borukgamuwa, Pallewela.
- (7) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —
- (i) a petition dated 15.01.2021 from Mr. A. P. G. I. Upul Kumara of No. 07, Government Houses(20), Galpihilla, Panvila;
 - (ii) a petition dated 15.02.2021 from Mr. K. P. Karunadasa of Poojawadu Building, Udukawa, Thelijjawila;
 - (iii) a petition dated 02.02.2021 from Mr. R. N. Thushara Kularathne of No. 3G, Nugahena Road, Kendaliyadda Paluwa, Ganemulla;
 - (iv) a petition dated 14.12.2020 from Mr. S. M. Piyatissa of No. 12, Kaprukawatte, Yatiwehera, Alakoladeniya, Negombo Road, Kurunegala; and
 - (v) a petition dated 19.02.2021 from Mr. Samson Kumarage of No. 62/8, Eligahawatta, Kandy Road, Kadawatha.
- (8) Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda presented —
- (i) a petition dated 14.02.2021 from Mr. Sunil Sendanayake of No. 158 A/3, Neelammahara, Boralessgamuwa; and

- (ii) a petition dated 12.12.2020 from Mr. Y. L. Leelawansa of No. 153/01, Matara Road, Unawatuna.
- (9) Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna presented a petition dated 24.01.2021 from Mrs. Nayanakanthi Upul Kumari Hapuhinna of No. 170/B, Akarawita, Gampaha.
- (10) Hon. Sampath Athukorala presented a petition dated 05.12.2020 from Mr. P. G. de Silva of “Sirisevena”, Hotel Road, Ahungalla.
- (11) Hon. Lalith Ellawala presented a petition dated 08.02.2021 from Mr. Koswattage Samantha Perera of No. 130/C, Ven. Diyakaduwe Dhammananda Mawatha, Raigama, Bandaragama.
- (12) Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon presented a petition dated 26.01.2021 from Mrs. P.G. Somawathie of No. 20, Erewula Junction, Kandalama, Dambulla.
- (13) Hon. Nalin Fernando presented a petition dated 26.01.2021 from Mrs. H. Udeni Perera of No. 548/C, Dadugama, Ja-Ela.
- (14) Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal presented —
- (i) a petition dated 16.12.2020 from Mr. M. D. Sunil of No. 286, Mawathagama, Mahauswewa, Anamaduwa; and
- (ii) a petition dated 05.02.2021 from Mr. R. A. S. Gotabhaya Rupasinghe of Thennankooriyawa, Anamaduwa.
- (15) Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena presented a petition dated 20.01.2021 from Mr. P. Liyanage of No. 657, Zone 2, Millenium City, Athurugiriya.

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

6. Leave to introduce Bill (No. 1) : Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka seconded by Hon. Waruna Liyanage moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Balapitiya Sri Rahularama Purana Viharastha Samanera Akalpa Sangwardena Bikshu Vidyalaya.”

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 Education for report.

7. Leave to introduce Bill (No. 2) : Hon. Uddika Premarathne seconded by Hon. Asanka Navarathna moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Sethsada Yoga Nikethanaye Karya Baraya.”

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 Youth & Sports for report.

8. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance : The Minister of Trade on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 11.02.2021, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2202/5 of 17th November 2020)

(At 12.01 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan seconded by Hon. H. Nandasena moved,—That Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.30 p.m. Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Coconut, Kithul and Palmyrah Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing & Export Diversification moved,— That Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.00 p.m. Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna took the Chair.)

The Minister of Water Supply moved,— That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.06 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation moved,— That Hon. Ajith Rajapakse do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.35 p.m. Hon. Ajith Rajapakse took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1) : The Minister of Trade on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1), 6 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2209/18 of 05th January 2021, which were presented on 09.02.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2) : The Minister of Trade on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by the Acts, Nos. 48 of 1985 and 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2198/2 of 19th October 2020, which were presented on 12.02.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act : The Minister of Trade moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to CESS Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2202/6 of 17th November 2020, which was presented on 09.03.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Adjournment (Certified Fair Price for Paddy and Rice) : The Minister of Highways moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

And it being past 5.30 p.m. Parliament was at 5.35 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2021.