



*(Ninth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 81.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, July 06, 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

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**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. 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. (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. 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 and State Minister of Digital Technology and Enterprise Development

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

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

**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. 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. 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. 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 Production, Supply and Regulation of Organic and Natural Fertilizer

**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. 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. 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. 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. Amarakeerthi Athukorala**

**Hon. Kapila Athukorala**

**Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala**  
**Hon. Sampath Athukorala**  
**Hon. Tissa Attanayake**  
**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**  
**Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**  
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**Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan**  
**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**  
**Hon. Tiran Alles**  
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**Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi**  
**Hon. M. Udayakumar**  
**Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura**  
**Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda**  
**Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna**  
**Hon. Akila Ellawala**  
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**Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren**  
**Hon. Govindan Karunakaram**  
**Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka**  
**Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam**  
**Hon. Faizal Cassim**  
**Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda**  
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**Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda**  
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**Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri**  
**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**  
**Hon. Velu Kumar**  
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**Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda**  
**Hon. Mano Ganesan**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi**

**Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene**  
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**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**  
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**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. S. B. Dissanayake**  
**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. S. Noharathalingam**  
**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. (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. Ajith Mannapperuma**  
**Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff**  
**Hon. Mohomad Muzammil**  
**Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa**  
**Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara**  
**Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka**  
**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. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan**  
**Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam**

**Hon. Waruna Liyanage**  
**Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe**  
**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. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan**  
**Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**  
**Hon. John Seneviratne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne**  
**Hon. Rauff Hakeem**  
**Hon. Abdul Haleem**  
**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. Announcements by the Speaker :** The Speaker made the following announcements:—

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“I wish to announce that I have received the determination of the Supreme Court in respect of the Bill titled ‘Coronavirus Disease 2019(Covid-19) (Temporary Provisions)’ which has been challenged in the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121 (1) of the Constitution.

A three Judge Bench has adjudicated on the matter and two Judges have determined as follows:—

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 10 of the Bill read together with the definition of ‘Covid-19 circumstance’ in Clause 12 of the Bill are inconsistent with Articles 3 and 4(c) of the Constitution and could be validly passed only with the special majority Provided for in Article 84(2) of the Constitution and approved by the People at a referendum;

However, the inconsistency would cease if the definition of ‘Covid-19 circumstance’ in Clause 12 is amended as opined by the Court and may be passed with a simple majority in Parliament.

Clause 4 of the Bill is inconsistent with Article 136 read together with Article 4(c) of the Constitution and could be validly passed only with the special majority provided for in Article 84(2) of the Constitution.

The inconsistency of the above Clause would cease if amended as per the proposed amendment tendered to the Court and may be passed with a simple majority in Parliament.

Clauses 5, 6 and 7 of the Bill are inconsistent with Article 12(1) of the Constitution and could be validly passed only with the special majority provided for in Article 84(2) of the Constitution.

Other provisions of the Bill are not in conflict with the Constitution and may be passed with a simple majority in Parliament. However, with regard to Clause 3(1) of the Bill, a provision may be made as opined by the Court.

The determination of the other Judge is as follows:—

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Bill read together with the definition of “Covid-19 circumstance” in Clause 12 of the Bill are consistent with Articles 3 and 4 (c) of the Constitution and could be validly passed with a simple majority in Parliament.

The definition of ‘Covid-19 circumstance’ could however be amended owing to the fact that sub-clause (b) is an example of sub-clause (c).

Clause 4 of the Bill is inconsistent with Article 136 read together with Article 4 (c) of the Constitution and could be validly passed only with the special majority provided for in Article 84(2) of the Constitution and the inconsistency would cease if the Clause is amended as per the proposed amendment tendered to the Court and may be passed with a simple majority in Parliament.

Clauses 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Bill are consistent with Article 12(1) of the Constitution and could be validly passed with a simple majority in Parliament.

Other provisions of the Bill are not in conflict with the Constitution and may be passed with a simple majority in Parliament.

I order that the determination of the Supreme Court be printed in the official report of today's proceedings.”

## II

“I wish to inform that I have under the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, endorsed the certificate on the Bill entitled ‘Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation (Amendment)’ on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.”

**2. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Report of the National Housing Development Authority for the year 2017 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Urban Development & Housing.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Highways presented the—

- (i) Performance Report of the Comptroller General’s Office for the year 2020;
- (ii) Performance Report of the Department of External Resources for the year 2020;
- (iii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of National Planning for the year 2020;
- (iv) Performance Report of the Department of Management Audit for the year 2020;
- (v) Performance Report of the Department of National Budget for the year 2020;
- (vi) Performance Report of the Department of Information Technology Management for the year 2020;
- (vii) Annual Performance Report of the State Ministry of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness for the year 2020; and
- (viii) Performance Report of the Ministry of Finance for the year 2020.

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

(3) 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 presented the Note on Supplementary Allocations from the Supplementary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities Project appearing under Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget for the period from 01.05.2021 to 21.06.2021 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 7 of 2020.

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

(4) The Minister of Highways presented the—

- (i) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 relating to WelcomHotels Lanka (Private) Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2229/2 of 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021; and
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 relating to Avic International Hotels Lanka Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2229/3 of 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021

and moved that those Orders be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Performance Report of the State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre-Schools & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services for the year 2020.

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

(6) The Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government presented the Annual Performance Report & Accounts of the Ministry of Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local Government for the year 2020.

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

(7) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Government Printing for the year 2020.

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

(8) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Reports of the National Gem & Jewellery Authority for the years 2017 and 2019 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industries.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Justice presented the Annual Report of the Superior Courts Complex Board of Management for the year 2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice.

Question put, and agreed to.

**3. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** Hon. M. U. M. Ali Sabry, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Code of Criminal Procedure Act No. 15 of 1979 (Amendment) Bill;
- (ii) Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment Act No. 22 of 1994 (Amendment) Bill;
- (iii) Regulations 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 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 ;
- (iv) Annual Report and the Audited Accounts of the Superior Courts Complex Board of Management for the year 2017;
- (v) Annual Report and the Audited Accounts of the Superior Courts Complex Board of Management for the year 2018;
- (vi) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute for the year 2016; and
- (vii) Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Rehabilitation of Persons, Properties & Industries Authority for the year 2016

which were referred to the Committee.

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

**4. Presentation of Public Petitions :**

- (1) Hon. Tissa Attanayake presented a petition dated 27.07.2020 from Mr. L. A. U. U. Weerasinghe of “Siri Niwasa”, Warana Road, Thihariya.
- (2) Hon. Vijitha Herath presented —
  - (i) a petition dated 09.03.2021 from Mr. A. H. Pemasiri of Lidagawatta, Godellawela, Thangalle;
  - (ii) a petition dated 15.03.2021 from Mr. H. A. S. Hettiarachchi of No. 63/A/73, Bandarawatta Estate, Weera Keppetipola Mawatha, Bandarawatta, Gampaha;
  - (iii) a petition dated 29.03.2021 from Mrs. L. A. Chandrika Athukorala of No. 336/A, Walgama, Malwana and another; and
  - (iv) a petition dated 19.03.2021 from Mr. R. R. S. Medawela of No. 09, Park Road, Hatton.
- (3) Hon. Amarakeerthi Athukorala presented a petition dated 25.03.2021 from Mr. Janaka Don Batagoda of No.180/03, Dangahawatta, Ananthagoda, Katuwana.
- (4) Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara presented a petition dated 12.03.2021 from Mr. W. G. Samarasinghe of No. 442, Wewewatta, Danthure.

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

**5. Motions for leave of absence :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Member of Parliament for Kaluthara Electoral District be granted leave under the Article 66(f) of the Constitution, to be absent from the Sittings of Parliament for a period of three months from June 23, 2021.

Question put, and agreed to.

**6. Leave to introduce Bill :** Hon. Madhura Withanage seconded by Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Pharmaceutical Society of Sri Lanka.”

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 Health for report.

**7. Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill :** Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Justice moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 12.33 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of Plantation moved,— That Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 12.43 p.m. Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna took the Chair.)

(At 1.31 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products moved,—That Hon. Isuru Dodangoda do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.21 p.m. Hon. Isuru Dodangoda took the Chair.)

Hon. Nimal Piyathissa seconded by Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake moved,— That Hon. Samanpriya Herath do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.15 p.m. Hon. Samanpriya Herath took the Chair.)

(At 4.22 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Justice moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

*(In the Committee)*

The Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Hon. Mujibur Rahuman proposed an amendment to leave out line 9 in page 1 and insert the following in Sinhala text:—

“43 (අ). (1) පොලිස් ස්ථානවල, ත්‍රස්තවාදී විමර්ශන අංශයේ, අපරාධ පරීක්ෂණ දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව සහ අනෙකුත් රැඳවුම් මධ්‍යස්ථානවල අත්අඩංගුවේ”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and negatived.

The Hon. Mujibur Rahuman proposed another amendment to leave out line 17 in page 1 and insert the following in Sinhala text:—

“පිහිටා ඇති සෑම පොලිස් ස්ථානයකට ම, ත්‍රස්තවාදී විමර්ශන අංශයේ අපරාධ පරීක්ෂණ දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවේ හෝ අනෙකුත් රැඳවුම් මධ්‍යස්ථානයකට ම යටත්”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and negatived.

The Hon. Mujibur Rahuman proposed another amendment to leave out lines 20 and 21 in page 1 and insert the following in Sinhala text:—

“(2) (1) වන උපවගන්තියේ කාර්යය සඳහා, පොලිස් ස්ථානය හෝ රැඳවුම් මධ්‍යස්ථානය වෙත පැමිණෙන මහේස්ත්‍රාත්වරයා විසින් -”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and negatived.

The Hon. Mujibur Rahuman proposed another amendment to leave out line 24 in page 1 and insert the following in Sinhala text:—

“එම සැකකරු එම පොලිස් ස්ථානයේ හෝ රැඳවුම් මධ්‍යස්ථානයේ”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and negatived.

Question that the Clause stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3 was agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported without Amendments.

The Minister of Justice moved,— That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

**8. Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.**

The Minister of Justice moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Justice moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

*(In the Committee)*

The Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported without Amendments.

The Minister of Justice moved,— That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

**9. Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act :** The Minister of Justice moved,— That 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 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020, which was presented on 23.03.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**10. Revision of Salaries and Allowances accorded to the Members of the Office on Missing Persons :** The Minister of Justice moved,— That Whereas in order to exercise and discharge of the powers and functions vested in the Office on the Missing Persons as per Section 10(1) of Part II of the Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) Act, No. 14 of 2016 and in terms of Section 4(1) and 6 of the above Act, 07 Members have been appointed and one of such Members has been appointed as the Chairman;

And whereas in terms of Section 20 of the Office on Missing Persons Act, No. 14 of 2016, the salaries of the Members of the aforesaid Officers shall be determined by Parliament and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund;

And whereas on the basis of the approval granted by the revised Cabinet Decision No. 18/0689/705/001 dated 05.06.2018 and as per the motion passed in Parliament on 04.09.2018, it is entitled in case of the Chairman of the Office a monthly allowance of Rs.100,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 10,000/- and fuel allowance of 225 litres per month, while it is entitled in case of the rest of the Members, a monthly allowance of Rs.75,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs.8,000/- and a monthly transport allowance of Rs.25,000/- subject to a maximum distance limit of 350 kilometres from home to office and in case of such distance equals or exceeds 350 kilometres, a monthly transport allowance would be of Rs.50,000/-;

And whereas salaries of the Members of the Office for Reparations that comes within the purview of the Ministry of Justice is also determined by Parliament and in pursuance of the motion passed on 20.09.2019, the salaries of Members of the Office for Reparations have been revised and accordingly, it has been increased;

And whereas decision to pay salaries and allowances with effect from 30.11.2020 in respect of Members and Chairman of the Office on Missing Persons in terms of Section 20 of the Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) Act, No. 14 of 2016 as per the manner indicated below, approval of the Cabinet of Ministers No. Cab Memo/21/0362/330/022 dated 08.03.2021 was granted to present the same to Parliament:—

- (a) To increase the monthly allowance presently accorded to the Chairman of the Office on Missing Persons up to Rs.135,000/- from Rs.100,000/- in addition to the payment of fuel allowances and telephone allowance presently accorded;
- (b) To pay an monthly allowance of Rs. 50,000/- to the Chairman in compliance with the Public Enterprise Circular No. PEDI/2015(i) for and on behalf of the use of private vehicle of the Chairman in such instance where an official vehicle is not provided to the Chairman; and
- (c) To increase the monthly allowance presently accorded to the Members of the Office on Missing Persons up to Rs. 90,000/- from Rs. 75,000/- in addition to the payment of fuel allowance and telephone allowance presently accorded.

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines to pay above mentioned monthly salaries and allowances of Members and Chairman of the Office on Missing Persons and to be charged on the Consolidated Fund as per Section 20 of the Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) Act, No. 14 of 2016.

Question put, and agreed to.

**11. Adjournment (Discipline and Proper Conduct of Police Officers) :** The Minister of Highways moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Public Security moved,—That Hon. Isuru Dodangoda do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.50 p.m. Hon. Isuru Dodangoda took the Chair.)

And it being past 5.30 p.m. Parliament was at 5.45 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 07, 2021.