



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 82.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, July 07, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

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. 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. Douglas Devananda, Minister of Fisheries

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. Wimal Weerawansa, Minister of Industries

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

Hon. M .U. M. Ali Sabry, Minister of Justice

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. 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. 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. (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 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. 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. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
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. Govindan Karunakaram
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam
Hon. Faizal Cassim
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. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan

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. 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. Niroschan 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. R. M. Ranjith Madduma 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. 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. 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. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha 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 announcement:—

“I wish to inform Parliament that the Secretary-General of Parliament has received the Letter of Resignation from the Hon. Ketagoda Gamage Jayantha Perera, Member of Parliament in terms of Article 66(b) of the Constitution. The Letter of Resignation will now be read out to this august assembly by the Secretary-General of Parliament.”



ජයන්ත කැටගොඩ (පා.ම.)
ஜயந்த கெட்டகொட (பா.உ.)
Jayantha Ketagoda (MP)
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அரசாங்கக் கட்சி பிரதி முத்தரகோலாசான்
Deputy Government Whip

The letter of
resignation was
handed over today
in person and was
accepted by me
in my official chamber
this day,
4/7/2021
10.45 a.m.

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2021.07.06

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මා පාර්ලිමේන්තු මන්ත්‍රී ධුරයේ දිවුරුම් දුන් දින සිට මෙතෙක් මා වෙත දක්වූ සහයෝගය
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අංක 13/16, නෙල්ම් ප්ලේස්,
ජයන්තිපුර, බත්තරමුල්ල.

- පිටපත් - 01. අතිගරු ජනාධිපති තෝරාගත් රාජපක්ෂ මැතිතුමා
02. ගරු අග්‍රාමාත්‍ය මහින්ද රාජපක්ෂ මැතිතුමා
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04. සභාපතිතුමා - මැතිවරණ කොමිෂන් සභාව
05. අනු ලේකම් - ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රජාතාන්ත්‍රික සමාජවාදී ජනරජයේ පාර්ලිමේන්තුව,

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සම්බන්ධීකරණ කාර්යාලය : අංක 13/16, නෙල්ම් ප්ලේස්, ජයන්තිපුර, බත්තරමුල්ල
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2. Presentation of Papers: (1) The Minister of Highways presented the—

- (i) Performance Report of the Prime Minister's Office for the year 2020;
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Finance Commission for the year 2020;
- (iii) Annual Performance Report of the Public Service Commission for the year 2020;
- (iv) Performance Report of the Excise Department of Sri Lanka for the year 2020;
- (v) Performance Report of the Department of Legal Affairs for the year 2020;
- (vi) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Management Services for the year 2020;
- (vii) Performance Report of the Department of Development Finance for the year 2020;
- (viii) Performance Report of the Department of Trade and Investment Policy for the year 2020;
- (ix) Performance Report of the Department of Imports & Exports Control for the year 2020; and
- (x) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing for the year 2020.

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

(2) The Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation presented the—

- (i) Annual Performance Report of the State Ministry of Wildlife Protection, Adoption of Safety Measures including the Construction of Electrical Fences and Trenches and Reforestation and Forest Resources Development for the year 2020; and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation for the year 2020.

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

(3) The Minister of Ports & Shipping presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Ports & Shipping for the year 2020.

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

(4) The Minister of Justice presented the Annual Reports of the National Authority for Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses for the years 2018 and 2019 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Justice presented the—

- (i) Performance Report of the Department of Prisons for the year 2020; and
- (ii) Performance Report of the State Ministry of Prison Management and Prisoners Rehabilitation Affairs for the year 2020.

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

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Susil Premajayantha, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Anura Priyadarshana Yapa, Chair of Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on Orders under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 which was referred to the Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa, Member of the Committee on behalf of the Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Regulations made under section 52, read with section 23 of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act (Chapter 351); and
- (ii) Annual Report and Financial Statements of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University for the year 2018

which were referred to the Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. C. B. Rathnayake presented a petition dated 05.03.2021 from Mr. B. M. R. K. Senanayake of “Priyantha Niwasa”, Pallewela, Roopaha, Udupussellawa.
- (2) Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera presented a petition dated 23.02.2021 from Mr. S. Janaka Chaminda of No. 63/14 A, Baseline Road, Dematagoda.
- (3) Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara presented a petition dated 10.03.2021 from Mr. C. H. M. Palitha Chandrasekara of “Susil Sewana”, Wewa Ihala Mawatha, Wariyapola.
- (4) Hon. Vijitha Berugoda presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 04.04.2021 from Mr. K. A. Kapila Kithsiri Kumara of Challenger Educational Institute, Wellawaya; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 23.01.2021 from Mrs. R. M. Priyani Wasantha Ariyadasa of 03rd Mile Post, Kalugahawadiya, Nannapurawa, Bibila.
- (5) Hon. Faizal Cassim presented a petition dated 11.02.2021 from Mr. W. W. Jayasiri Wickramasinghe of No. 200/A, Temple Road, Ganemulla.

- (6) Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe presented a petition dated 22.03.2021 from Mr. H. T. Premarathne of S.P. 44/B, Gemunupura, Ampara.
- (7) Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe presented a petition dated 05.04.2021 from Mr. S. A. Wajira Amarasinghe of No. 825/1, Siyambalape Watta, Delgoda.

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

5. Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.1) : 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, regarding on CESS Levy, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2219/15 of 15th March 2021, which was presented on 23.06.2021, be approved.

(At 1.30 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Public Security moved,— That Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.57 p.m. Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna took the Chair.)

The Minister of Public Security moved,— That Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.13 p.m. Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Education moved,— That Hon. Ajith Rajapakse do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.26 p.m. Hon. Ajith Rajapakse took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.2) : 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, regarding on CESS Levy, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2219/36 of 17th March 2021, which was presented on 23.06.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Adjournment (Increased Opportunities for Youth at Election Nominations) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 5.18 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member until 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, July 08, 2021.