



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 84.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, July 09, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

Hon. Angajan Ramanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

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. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Labour

Hon. Johnston Fernando, Minister of Highways and Chief Government Whip

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga, Minister of Tourism

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Mass Media

Hon. Gamini Lokuge, Minister of Transport

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. 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. 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. Sanath Nishantha**, State Minister of Rural and Divisional Drinking Water Supply Projects Development
- Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**, State Minister of Dhamma Schools, Pirivenas and Bhikkhu Education
- Hon. Lohan Ratwatte**, State Minister of Gem & Jewellery related Industries and State Minister of Prison Management & Prisoners' Rehabilitation
- 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. 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**
- Hon. Tissa Attanayake**
- Hon. Hector Appuhamy**
- Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**
- 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. 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. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
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. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Palani Thigambaram
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
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. Charles Nirmalanathan

Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
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. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Uddika Premarathne
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Sudath Manjula
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. 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. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Gamini Waleboda

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. C.V. Wigneswaran
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Madhura Withanage
Hon. Heshu Withanage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. Samanpriya Herath
Hon. Marjan Faleel

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 : (1) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Reports and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Land Reclamation & Development Corporation for the years 2016 and 2017 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Urban Development & Housing.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Highways presented the —

- (i) Annual Performance Report of the District Secretariat — Trincomalee for the year 2020;
- (ii) Performance and Accounts Report of the District Secretariat — Ratnapura for the year 2020;
- (iii) Performance Report and Annual Accounts of the District Secretariat — Anuradhapura for the year 2020;
- (iv) Annual Performance Report of the District Secretariat — Moneragala for the year 2020;
- (v) Annual Performance & Accounts Report of the District Secretariat — Kandy for the year 2020;
- (vi) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Census and Statistics for the year 2020;
- (vii) Performance Report of the State Ministry of Rural Housing and Construction & Building Materials Industries Promotion for the year 2020;
- (viii) Annual Performance Report of the State Ministry of Estate Housing and Community Infrastructure for the year 2020; and
- (ix) Annual Performance Report of the State Ministry of Internal Security, Home Affairs and Disaster Management for the year 2020

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

(3) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the State Ministry of Canals and Common Infrastructure Development in Settlements in Mahaweli Zones for the year 2020.

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

(4) The Minister of Labour presented the Annual Report of the National Institute of Labour Studies for the year 2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Labour.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Labour presented the Annual Performance Report of the State Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotions and Market Diversification for the year 2020.

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

(6) The Minister of Foreign presented the Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Leader of the House of Parliament for the year 2020.

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

(7) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Reports of the State Development & Construction Corporation for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Highways.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Report of the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Health.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Report of the Selacine Television Institute for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Mass Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

(10) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Power for the year 2020.

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

(11) The Minister of Highways presented the —

- (i) Annual Performance Report of the District Secretariat — Trincomalee for Annual Reports of the Gem and Jewellery Research and Training Institute for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019;
- (ii) Annual Reports of the BCC Lanka Limited for the Financial years 2016/2017 and 2017/2018; and
- (iii) Annual Report of the National Design Centre for the year 2018

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(12) The Minister of Highways presented the —

- (i) Performance Report of the Department of Public Enterprises for the year 2020;
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Project Management and Monitoring for the year 2020; and
- (iii) Annual Performance Report of the State Ministry of Money & Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms for the year 2020.

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

(13) The Minister of Public Security presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Multipurpose Development Task Force for the year 2020.

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

2. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 04.03.2021 from Mr. B. K. S. Jayarathne of Kachchagoda, Palayangoda, Payagala; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 13.03.2021 from Mr. K. L. Lakshman of No.61/1, Mangalasiripura, Bellapitiya, Horana.
- (2) Hon. Anura Dissanayaka presented a petition dated 01.03.2021 from Mrs. B. K. A. Siriyawathie of No.27, Keselgamukanda, Vidulipura.
- (3) Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 08.04.2021 from Mrs. P. R. S. D. W. M. Niluka Lakshmi Palipana of No. 70/3, William Gopallawa Mawatha, Kandy; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 08.04.2021 from Mrs. R. D. W. K. Anuruddhika of Kotagaloluwa, Hondiyadeniya.

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

3. Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka : The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance presented,—“Bill to Establish the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka; to regulate market institutions, certain public offers of securities, market intermediaries; to protect investors and to provide for enforcement measures; to deal with market misconduct; and to overcome the challenges encountered by securities market regulators and to repeal the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 36 of 1987 and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Monday, July 19, 2021, be printed and be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

4. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1) : The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the Parliament shall sit on Monday, July 19th, 2021, the hours of Sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2) : The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.00 a.m. on Monday, July 19th, 2021.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Adjournment : The Minister of Highways moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 12.07 p.m. adjourned by the Speaker until 10.00 a.m. on Monday, July 19, 2021 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.